MINUTES OF THE 628th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN TOFT PEOPLES' HALL ON MONDAY 6th APRIL 2009

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PRESENT: Councillors S Roberts (Chairman); John Betson; Paul Hercus; and Lucy Jayne. District Councillor Robin Martlew. There were three members of the public in							
attendance.							
Item	Content	Action					
1.	APOLOGIES						
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clive Sinclair,						
	Derek Bilsland and Graham Norgett.						
2.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING						
	• Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd March 2009 (M627)						
	had been circulated. Councillors RESOLVED that these were a correct record and they were duly signed by						
	the Chairman.						
	 Noting that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 11th May 2009, Members 						
	RESOLVED to review and consider the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 th May 2008.	ALL					
3.	OPEN SESSION						
	 It was proposed that the meeting be adjourned to hear 						
	representations from members of the public on items on the agenda,						
	and						
	RESOLVED to adjourn						
	Reference was made by a resident of 25 School Lane to articles						
	published in the Parish Magazine asking landowners to take						
	responsibility for maintaining hedges bordering footpaths & highways.						
	Members were advised that hedges at nos 44-48 School Lane were						
	overhanging the footpath, narrowing it in some places to 60cm. At						
	Brookside, in sections without footpath, walking on the side of the						
	road to face oncoming traffic meant having to walk in the centre of the						
	road. Dog fouling was reported as a problem in School Lane. The						
	Highways Department were reported as having been very helpful						
	when contacted by the resident recently.						
	Mrs Coppin asked when maintenance would commence at the village	КАС					
	green and referred to the re-appearance of the bare patch on the	RAC					
	grass. Mr. Sporkee reported a number of foulty atractlighter at 20 High Street						
	 Mr Sparkes reported a number of faulty streetlights: at 20 High Street and No 11 in the car park. He considered that the signage for 						
	footpaths at Green Lane and Pinfold Well Lane had been incorrectly						
	sited, but was informed that correct siting had already been verified						
	by the Council by reference to a map. He reported that there were						
	potholes on Church Road and that the branches of the guarded tree	KAC					
	on the small green were being chafed by the guard. He mentioned						
	that the kerb outside number 4 High Street was not being cleared						
	properly and there was a discussion about the difficulties experienced						
	by the operator in maneouvering the cleaning machine at that location						
	and thought to be the reason that a small area remained uncleared.						
	Finally, he mentioned that a large growth of ivy on a tree stump in the						
	garden of the property at the corner of School Lane/Brookside had						
	begun to fall over rather badly. Members of the public were thanked						
	for their comments and it was						
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	RESOLVED to reconvene.		
4.	FEED BACK FROM CIRCULATION & CIRCULATION		
	• The Chairman referred to a number of items received in the Councillor's circulation pack. An item about increased burglaries was suggested as appropriate for publication in the Parish Newsletter. Reference was made to details of the recent Parish Forum and information about the next one was passed to Councillor Hercus. The		
	Clerk was asked to undertake a response to Mr Steve Hawkes, in connection with Travel Plans for the Comberton Village College and it was	KAC	
5	RESOLVED to note the Chairman's comments with thanks. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS		
5.	• District Councillor Martlew referred to a recent decision by the District Council to refuse planning permission for proposed development in Comberton next to the Village College. As he considered that the decision should be to permit, he was pursuing the matter. He considered that "Consent Street Status" should not be applied on a District wide basis and that individual town and parish councils should be at liberty to determine whether fast-food vans should be permitted to take up position for the longer term in their communities. It was therefore		
6.	RESOLVED to note the District Councillor's report with thanks. PLANNING		
	 Members were asked to consider arrangements for response to consultation documents on the draft SPDs for Biodiversity and Listed Buildings, required by the District Council by 14th April 2009 and RESOLVED with thanks that Cllr Jayne would look at these and comment on the Council's behalf. Members were asked to consider a recommendation for the District Council in respect of an application for work to a willow tree at 15/17 Comberton Road, Manor House Farm and it was RESOLVED to recommend approval with no further comment. Councillors were asked to consider a response to an additional consultation on the Inspectors Larger Site Option for the North West Cambridge Area Action Plan, comments about which had been requested by 20th April 2009. Individual comments were encouraged and it was RESOLVED to make no comment on the Council's behalf. In connection with the Parish Plan, Cllr Betson reported that a meeting was planned by the Steering Group for 23rd April; that the appointed editor was to be introduced to the Group then; and that a draft would likely be produced within two weeks of the meeting. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks and to look forward to the opportunity of review of the first draft. 	LJ KAC	
7	HIGHWAYS		
	 The Chairman told the Council that Mr Martin Sebborn had contacted her to express an interest in volunteering for the Speedwatch initiative. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks and to await any further expressions of interest from volunteers, before contacting other local councils in the area in connection with this. 		

8.	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE					
	 In connection with the annual village litter pick, it was 					
		ED that the Clerk would contact the Brownies to make				
	arrangements and to look forward to receiving details.					
	The Clerk reported that no response had been received in connection					
	with a request to the Council's contractor for estimates in respect of					
	village maintenance items outstanding. It was therefore					
		ED that Mr Koran Collett might be contacted to enquire	whether he			
	were interested in undertaking the work to benches & noticeboards, as well					
		ree guard mentioned in the open session.		KAC		
9.	TOFT PEOPLE'S HALL					
	The Chairman advised Members that minutes of the meeting held on					
	12 th January 2009 had been placed in circulation and it was					
	RESOLVED to note this with thanks.					
10.	FINANCE					
	The Clerk	presented the following cheques for signature:				
	Cheque	Details	Amount			
	No					
	1649	NALC – DIS Subscription	£150.00			
	1650	CPALC – Annual Subscription	£166.46			
	1651	Toft People's Hall – Rent	£10.00			
	1652	K Cameron – Clerk's Salary	£183.80			
	n/a	HMRC – Clerk's Tax	£53.60			
		ere was no report about the Council's expenditure & inc	1			
		Clerk and it was therefore				
	RESOLVED to look forward to a report at the next meeting.					
	 Members were advised that the annual accounts of the Council for the 					
	financial year ended 31 st March 2009 were being prepared for					
	presentation at the next meeting; that arrangements had been made					
	for internal audit; and that details of external audit arrangements had					
	been received. It was therefore					
	RESOLVED to note this with thanks					
11.		PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF TH				
		onnection with the Annual Parish Meeting, taking place				
	on Monday 11 th May, Members advised that invitations should be sent					
	to the Local PCSO, Governors of the Primary & Secondary Schools, to District & County Councillors and to representatives of the People's Hall Management Committee and the Toft Charities.					
		mbers were advised that at the Annual Meeting of the	,			
	preceding the Parish Meeting, Members would be asked to elect their Chairman; appoint a Vice Chairman; and appoint representatives to various organizations and activities in connection with the Council's					
		iness. It was therefore		KAC		
12.	DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING					
	• Mo	onday 11 th May 2009, Toft People's Hall, 7.00pm.				