

**MINUTES OF THE 634th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN TOFT PEOPLES' HALL
ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2nd 2009**

PRESENT: Councillors S Roberts (Chairman); P Hercus; L Jayne; J Betson; & C Sinclair. District Councillor Robin Martlew, County Cllr F Whelan & one member of the public in attendance.

Item	Content	Action
1.	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillors Bilsland & Norgett.</p>	
2.	<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND ACTIONS OUTSTANDING Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2009 had been circulated, following their informal approval by the Chairman. Reference to the post box in the open session, it was noted, should state Edward VII and not II as recorded. Subject to this amendment, therefore it was RESOLVED that the minutes were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.</p>	
3.	<p>OPEN SESSION A member of the public having indicated that she wished to address the meeting, it was proposed that the meeting adjourn and RESOLVED so to do. Mrs Coppin of 4 High Street reported that one post had been knocked down on the green and that there was one leaning on the small green. Mrs Coppin was thanked for her report and it was RESOLVED to reconvene.</p>	
4.	<p>FEED BACK FROM CIRCULATION & CIRCULATION ARISING The Chairman referred to an invitation to a South Cambs District Council Cabinet Meeting on 25th November 2009, to which Parish Councils were invited, at Cambourne. The District Councillor advised Members about the aim of these meetings. It was therefore RESOLVED to circulate the information to Members.</p>	
5.	<p>COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County Councillor gave a report. She had been looking at Community Transport, which was looked after by District Council. There was no standard applicable county-wide. Some districts used Dial-a-Ride, but the service was patchy. A review was in progress by South Cambs District Council, since data gathered in 2007 was now out of date. Grantchester was a good example, where changes in infrastructure since then were marked, ie shop and post office had closed etc. Members were asked to provide information about similar changes in Toft. <p>On the subject of Bus Services, Members heard that the school service bringing children back from school was experiencing delays owing to work on Silver Street. Stagecoach was looking at possible route changes. Members were encouraged to let her know their views. Regarding travelers, the County Councillor had attended a Cabinet meeting where this was discussed. There was not likely to be an impact on Toft. Cambourne was not recommended by County Council as a suitable site owing to limited space at schools.</p> <p>Members heard that the County Council had applied for funding to improve congestion in Cambridge. The congestion charge remained a contentious issue. £25M had been applied for to redevelop Chesterton Station. A remaining £500M required was dependent upon</p>	

	<p>acceptance of a congestion charge. As this was unlikely to be available in 2010/11, County was focussing on the initial bid. A14 improvements were a factor affecting outcomes. If East Chesterton station were to be developed, hard stone could be brought in there for the A14 project. Alternative local extraction pits might result in local amenities and might provide opportunities for funding for local projects.</p> <p>In Comberton, plans for the sixth form were going ahead. Once the plans had been submitted, a public meeting was planned to discuss various matters such as a Travel plan. Toft and Comberton would both be affected by changes and comments were being gathered locally. Flooding in Comberton in the last five years was a factor for consideration. Local school places were rapidly diminishing owing to increasing annual intake at Comberton. 422 children from Cambourne currently attended Comberton and 60-plus who couldn't be accommodated were being bussed to Cambridge. No school was planned yet for Cambourne. This was dependent upon release of land intended for a primary school by developers and South Cambs District Council's permission for additional housing resulting in community funding necessary for a secondary school. Since sixth form was likely to become compulsory by the time the current year seven is year eleven, this meant increasing pressure for existing facilities. A focus group was being established to look at the lack of places at schools and to improve safer travel to school. Members from all villages were encouraged to contribute to the discussions.</p> <p>With reference to gritting, County's review was considered disappointing since it was not completed before winter and it had resulted in little difference between what was gritted last year and what would be done this year. She mentioned that Parish Councils could purchase grit bins for £147 and that County Council would fill them for free.</p> <p>There were 97 new family houses planned for Caldecote, situated in the field opposite primary school, 40% of which would be affordable housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District Councillor reported that he had foreseen the problem of decline in available school places. He mentioned that there had been a change to Chairman's delegation arrangements for planning. Providing the District Councillor now supported the recommendation of the Parish Council, planning applications could be considered by Development Panel. It was therefore <p>RESOLVED to note the reports with thanks.</p>	
6.	<p>PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were asked to consider a recommendation in respect of planning application reference S/1409/09/F, extension at 34 School Lane, Toft, by Mr & Mrs Balcombe and it was <p>RESOLVED to recommend approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noting that comments were requested in respect of Supplementary Planning Documents for Affordable Housing, District Design Guide & Landscape in New Developments it was <p>RESOLVED to place this in circulation and for Councillors to respond as individuals.</p>	<p>KAC</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members considered an offer by BT for the Council's adoption of the local telephone kiosk. Use was considered significant, since 85 calls had been made in the last twelve months. The meeting heard that mobile telephone service was very poor in Toft, despite a claim in the correspondence that the area had full mobile network coverage. Members considered that BT's aim was to pass responsibility for maintenance to the local council. In conclusion it was RESOLVED to write to BT and object to removal of the telephone box, since it was a service that the Council wished to be maintained. Members were asked to consider a recommendation in respect of planning application reference S/1161/09/F (amended). The Council had previously recommended approval, but had expressed concern about safety of access. Access appeared safer as a result of amendment, which included proposals to cut back hedgerows and relocation of the entrance to the outer part of the bend in the road. It was therefore RESOLVED to recommend approval. Members were asked to consider a recommendation in respect of planning application reference S/1416/09/F, Conservatory at 67 High Street, Toft, by Mr Reeves & Ms Smith. It was RESOLVED to recommend approval. 	KAC
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7.	FOOTPATHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council heard that Cllr Sinclair had nothing to report. Footpath 1 had not had any work done to cut back encroaching hedge and the rabbits were still digging holes in the footpath, despite Cllr Sinclair's correspondence with Mr P Tebbit. It was therefore RESOLVED to note this with thanks. 	
8.	HIGHWAYS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Betson mentioned that a fence considered in private ownership on the left of the High Street when approaching Caldecote had been knocked down. Following reports in connection with posts on the green in the open session, it was RESOLVED that this matter should be reported to the Highways Officer for action. 	KAC
9.	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members heard from the Chairman that a bin on the High Street was the subject of complaints by the Council operatives emptying it, since it was being used as a depository for dog waste. This was also a problem for the houseowner outside whose property the bin was situated. To remedy this, it was RESOLVED that the bin should be removed and those using it encouraged to use the one opposite and that South Cambs District Council should be asked to install a dog waste bin on Church Road to replace one vandalized and never replaced. It was further RESOLVED that South Cambs District Council should be reminded about the need for a bin with a lid at the Green. Members noted that the Woodland Trust had arranged for restricted vehicle access to Toft Wood and that arrangements were required for contractor access. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk would continue to liaise with the Woodland Trust to ensure suitable access for contractors could be maintained. 	KAC
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In connection with plans to renew the goal posts at the recreation ground, it was noted that the old ones would require removal and RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact South Cambridgeshire District Council for assistance with removal and establish any work required when the old ones were taken out. 	KAC																					
10.	<p>TOFT PEOPLE'S HALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman reported that there had been no meeting during October and it was RESOLVED to note this with thanks. 																						
11.	<p>FINANCE The Clerk presented the following cheques for signature:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1666</td> <td>Huck Nets, New Goals</td> <td>£800.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1667</td> <td>Toft People's Hall, Rent</td> <td>£10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1668</td> <td>K Cameron, Clerks Salary</td> <td>£114.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>n/a</td> <td>HMRC, Clerk's Tax</td> <td>£75.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1669</td> <td>K Cameron, Replacement cheques 1661/2</td> <td>£306.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>n/a</td> <td>PWLB, Loan Interest and Repayment</td> <td>£1162.42</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk presented an Income & Expenditure report showing receipts to date (including reserves) in the amount of £39,828.30, expenditure in the amount of £13,281.06 and a balance available in the amount of £32,917.76. Receipts totaling £2486.87 had been credited to the Council's account in payment for verges cutting by the County Council. In response to a proposal that the Council should donate £50 to Cambridgeshire Victim Support, it was RESOLVED so to do. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimates of Income and Expenditure 2010-11 were presented and the Council RESOLVED to consider these further in December and January prior to applying for precept. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual calendar indicated that a review of the Clerk's salary and terms of employment was due. Members RESOLVED that a review should be conducted following completion of the Clerk's appraisal. 	Cheque No	Details	Amount	1666	Huck Nets, New Goals	£800.64	1667	Toft People's Hall, Rent	£10.00	1668	K Cameron, Clerks Salary	£114.32	n/a	HMRC, Clerk's Tax	£75.60	1669	K Cameron, Replacement cheques 1661/2	£306.92	n/a	PWLB, Loan Interest and Repayment	£1162.42	<p>KAC</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>KAC</p>
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12.	<p>DATE AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING 7th December 2009, 7.00pm at Toft People's Hall. Councillor Sinclair to report on the status of work carried out at Toft Wood.</p>																						