

**Minutes of the 830th meeting of Toft Parish Council
Held on Monday 1 December 2025 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

Present: Councillors: M Yeadon (Chairman), E Miles and S Tebbit.

In attendance: 2 members of the public and Mr B Stoeher (Clerk).

Public participation on agenda items and matters of mutual interest (includes reports from County and District Councillors and representation by members of the public)

A resident spoke about the signage for the meadow and the moving of the grain store. The landowner was happy with the proposed wording but as it did not fully address the issue of professional dog walkers, further discussions may be necessary before confirming the position. The landowner may be open to having a fenced-off dedicated dog walking/exercise area if there is demand from the village.

The resident also presented their plans for the grain stores, which will need to be moved as they are on the proposed East West Rail route. The Councillors in attendance raised no objections.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Darbyshire (out of parish), Cllr Coghlan, Cllr Harris and Cllr Harrison.

1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

None.

1.3 To receive written requests for dispensations and to grant any dispensations

None.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 3 November 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes of 3 November 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

3. To consider any matters arising from the last or a previous meeting including

3.1 (3.1) Overgrown cycleway – to consider response from County Councillor if received

No response had been received.

3.2 (3.2) Finding Fitness – update on responses received from residents and next steps

Cllr Tebbit reported that a note would be placed in the January edition of the Calendar seeking the views of residents.

3.3 (3.4) Dogs in field notices – update and report on meeting including

3.3.1 Wording for the sign for the sheep field

3.3.2 The idea of a separate dog walking area

3.3.3 The re-positioning of the landowner's grain barn

Taken earlier under the public session.

3.4 (3.6) Youths on motorcycles – report on meeting with Comberton Parish Council

Cllr Tebbit reported that they were still trying to arrange a meeting with Comberton Parish Council. It was noted that there might be less of a problem now that it was cold and dark.

RESOLVED to hold this matter in abeyance pending further developments.

3.5 (4.2) Disposal of Asset of Community Value – to consider the next steps

RESOLVED to note that there was a moratorium in place until 8 April. Details of the valuation were awaited. It was noted that the utilities had been disconnected. The Chairman undertook to keep abreast of developments.

3.6 (4.4) Winter gritting volunteers – update

RESOLVED to note that no volunteers had come forward.

3.7 (5.4) To consider draft IT policy and arrangements for website

RESOLVED to obtain quotations from website providers.

RESOLVED, having considered the draft policy, to review Clauses 5 and 6 and consider this again at the next meeting.

- 3.8 (3.3 of 6.10.25) Street lighting survey – to consider response from SCDC and CCC price for an additional light

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

4. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting requiring the Council's attention

None.

5. Finance, Procedure and risk assessment and use of delegated powers

- 5.1 To consider the finance report and approve the payment of any bills

RESOLVED to receive the financial report and check the invoices and bank statements before the payments were approved. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

Salaries		£579.19
LGS Services	Admin support Oct	£510.74
LGS Services	Admin support Nov	£503.12
MD Landscapes	Grass cutting	£525.00

The Chairman reported that he had bought three awards for approximately £80.00 plus engraving at a cost of £20.00 and a small box of chocolates. He had also placed the Council's Christmas greeting in the Calendar.

RESOLVED that the expenses should be paid on receipt of the receipts.

- 5.2 To receive play inspection reports and consider any work required

None.

- 5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety and relates to Council property

It was noted that the bins near the Chinese takeaway were attracting rats.

RESOLVED that Cllr Miles should report this.

- 5.4 To review the budget for FY2026 and consider arrangements for any outstanding projects or spending and also the earmarked reserves

The current budget to date was reviewed against actual payments to date.

- 5.5 To consider and approve the budget for FY2027

RESOLVED having considered the draft budget, and made provision of £500.00 for advertising (Calendar and website), £500.00 for elections, £2000.00 for street lighting improvements, £200.00 for tree works, £750.00 for Speed Watch, and £200.00 for the village website, to approve the budget for FY2027. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

- 5.6 To set the precept for FY2027

RESOLVED to set and demand the precept for FY2027 at £19,314.22, as being the amount required by the Parish Council to balance its budget, which will maintain the Band D equivalent rate that residents pay. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)

6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications or related items received

- 6.1 Planning applications received – to be considered

None.

- 6.2 Planning applications for which a response has been made between meetings using delegated powers – to be noted

None.

- 6.3 SCDC planning decision notices and appeal notifications and applications for information only

- 6.3.1 25/00193/FUL – Land to the north of the B1046 – Change of use of land and the siting of 5 visitor accommodation pods – Permission refused by SCDC.

- 6.4 Tree works applications

- 6.4.1 25/1252/TTCA – Manor Cottage, Church Road

Noted.

7. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated

7.1 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report.

7.2 Highways

RESOLVED to note Cllr Darbyshire's previously circulated feedback and written report.

7.3 Toft People's Hall

Cllr Tebbitt reported that she had attended a meeting on Friday, where plans for the proposed improvements were on display. Cllr Tebbitt reported on the plans which will be circulated when received.

7.4 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

7.5 Defibrillator report

Nothing to report.

7.6 Birdlings liaison

Nothing to report.

7.7 Lot Meadow

Nothing to report.

7.8 Toft Village Hero Award - update

RESOLVED, having considered the nominations received, to make awards to two members of the community. (Prop My, 2nd EM, unanimous)

RESOLVED that Cllr Yeadon should present the awards at the Christmas Meal.

RESOLVED that the other nominations should be carried forward to next year and to add this item to the October agenda next year to begin discussions.

8. Closure of meeting

RESOLVED that the Local Plan Consultation should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

SignedChairmandate.