

**Minutes of the 833rd meeting of Toft Parish Council
Held on Monday 2 February 2026 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

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

In attendance: 3 members of the public and Mrs C Newton (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

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

Two residents expressed a preference for a new street light in Stoney Lane.

Two residents expressed their support for a 20mph limit and asked why there was a road closure next week from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. It was explained that patching was taking place in preparation for resurfacing in 2027.

It was reported that tree trimming had taken place in School Lane today.

A resident reported a large puddle and fallen leaves/vegetation near the playground. The drain needed clearing and had been reported several times. Cllr Darbyshire undertook to report the drains in the High Street.

A resident outlined the arguments for a 20mph limit, The Parish Council explained that Comberton and Barton were part of the Greenways scheme which had helped to secure their 20mph limits, but Toft was not part of the scheme and did not have a school. The Parish Council had applied for the CCC 20mph limit scheme and should hear the outcome in October.

Cllrs Yeadon and Darbyshire will ask Barton about their successful bid.

1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests

1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Harrison (work commitment).

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 5 January 2026

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 5 January 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

3.1 (3.1) Dogs in field notices – update

Cllr Darbyshire reported that she had obtained a quotation for £195.00 plus VAT for three A3 signs and has asked the supplier for a mock up of the design.

Cllr Yeadon reported that he had not yet heard from the Historical Society.

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

3.2 (3.2) Overgrown cycleway – to consider response from County Councillor if received

RESOLVED, noting that nothing had been heard, to write a letter of complaint at the lack of response.

3.3 (3.3) Disposal of Asset of Community Value – update

Cllr Yeadon reported on a discussion with the Supervisor of the Methodist Church.

A meeting had been arranged with the Guide and Scout leaders to discuss fundraising.

A village meeting may take place in the future.

3.4 (3.4) To consider arrangements for website and emails and IT Policy

RESOLVED, noting Cllr Yeadon's proposal to proceed with Parish Online, to delegate to the Chairman and Clerk to make the final decision regarding the new website provider.

RESOLVED to adopt the IT policy to take effect after the new website and email system is live.

- 3.5 (3.5) Street lighting survey – to consider any responses from Calendar article and CCC replies
RESOLVED to note that no response had been received from the Calendar article but an acknowledgement had been received from CCC.
RESOLVED to wait until all other remedial works had been completed before considering the quotation from Balfour Beatty.
An ash tree in Millers Road had been cut back to allow works to take place on the light.
- 3.6 (3.7) 20 mph application – update
RESOLVED to note that Cllr Darbyshire had submitted the application.
- 3.7 (3.8) LHI/MVAS application update
RESOLVED not to submit an application this year.
- 3.8 (7.0.8) SCDC Free Trees Offer (deadline 31 January) update on application
Cllr Yeadon reported that he had applied for a wild cherry tree, which will be delivered in February, to be planted on the Recreation Ground.
- 3.9 (3.2 of 1.12.25) Finding Fitness - update on any responses received if any and next steps
RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 3.10 (3.5 of 3.11.25) Musical equipment action – to consider any further action necessary
Foam had been added to the equipment to deaden the sound. A complaint had been received that the equipment was not loud enough.
RESOLVED not to take any further action or revisit this item unless raised again.
- 3.11 (3.9 of 3.11.25) To consider Police speed van visit/fixed speed camera
RESOLVED that Cllr Darbyshire should contact the Police.
- 3.12 (3.8 of 6.10.25) To consider the grassing of the QPJ area
Cllr Yeadon reported that the area looked good at present. The existing grass may just need re-seeding.
- 4. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting requiring the Council's attention**
- 4.1 Friends of Bourn Brook – funding request
RESOLVED to approve the request for financial support of £600.00 for the purchase of consumable items for laboratory testing. (Prop MY, 2nd ED, unanimous)
- 4.2 Haslingfield Parish Council – Potential East West Rail working group
RESOLVED to approve a contribution of £50.00 per annum to Haslingfield Parish Council towards the cost of meetings and clerk time for East West Rail meetings. (Prop EM, 2nd MY, unanimous)
- 4.3 Cambridgeshire ACRE membership
RESOLVED to take out membership of Cambridgeshire ACRE for a fee of £74.50.
- 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, plus TPCC (Calendar) £264.18, Haslingfield Parish Council (EWR meetings contribution) £50.00 and Cambridgeshire ACRE (Membership fee) £74.50. (Prop MY, 2nd EM, unanimous)
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| Salaries | | £192.50 |
| Community Heartbeat Trust | VETS system Yr8 | £120.00 |
| LGS Services | Admin support | £518.15 |
- 5.2 To receive play inspection reports and consider any work required
RESOLVED to note that the gate latch had been repaired.
- 5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety and relates to Council property

An email had been received from a resident regarding signage on the cycle path.
RESOLVED that Cllr Darbyshire should ask CCC to improve the signage.

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

None.

6.4 Tree works applications

None.

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

7.1 Village Maintenance

It was reported that a window pane in the bus shelter had been shattered.

RESOLVED to ask James Tebbit to replace it.

It was noted the Map sign only says Toft Parish Council rather than what it is for.

RESOLVED to check this on the village walkabout.

7.2 Highways

Cllr Darbyshire reported that potholes had been fixed and a hole between Toft and Comberton will be filled by CCC.

7.3 Toft People's Hall

The update, including chairs, paint colours and moving the door was noted.

7.4 Footpaths

Repair work on the wire on the wooden footbridge was approved on 14 January and will be completed within 12 weeks.

7.5 Defibrillator report

The defibrillator had been checked and all was in order.

RESOLVED that Cllr Tebbit should arrange for training.

7.6 Birdlings liaison

Nothing to report.

7.7 Lot Meadow

Nothing to report.

7.8 Proposal for a new bin at the junction of Church Road and Comberton Road along with "No dog fouling" signs on lamp posts

A discussion took place about more signage and another bin in Church End and also near Toft Wood.

Cllr Darbyshire should take a look at dog fouling signs in Kingston.

RESOLVED to defer this item to the March meeting.

7.0.9 MVAS data

Data from the speed camera was provided by Cllr Yeadon.

RESOLVED that Cllr Yeadon should check whether it is possible to move the camera to the other end of the High Street, at the shop end facing down the hill.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.31 pm.

SignedChairmandate.