

Toft Parish Council

I hereby give notice that the 835th meeting of Toft Parish Council will be held on Monday 13 April 2026 in the People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm

The Public and Press are invited to be present. Members of the Public are welcome to attend and may speak under the Open Public Session only

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the Meeting as set out hereunder

Ben Stoehr

Mr Ben Stoehr, Clerk, 08/04/26

AGENDA

Comments and observations from members of the public on items on this agenda only and reports from the District and County Councillors

- 1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests**
 - 1.1 To receive written apologies and reasons for absence
 - 1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda
 - 1.3 To receive written requests for dispensations and to grant any dispensations
- 2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting**
- 3. To consider any matters arising from the last or a previous meeting including**
 - 3.1 (3.1) Dogs in fields signs – to consider arrangements for installation
 - 3.2 (3.2) Disposal of Asset of Community Value – update and to consider valuation ^(MY)
 - 3.3 (3.4) Finding Fitness – update ^(ST)
 - 3.4 (3.5) Speeding in the High Street and to consider the purchase of 20 mph and 30 mph speed limit wheelie bin stickers and how they should be made available ^(ED)
 - 3.5 (3.6) Proposal for a new bin at the junction of Church Road and Comberton Road along with “No dog fouling “ signs on lamp posts ^(ED)
 - 3.6 (3.0.8) Website – to consider header photograph ^(ED)
- 4. To consider correspondence received requiring the Council's attention**
 - 4.1 Toft Speed Watch Co-ordinator – update on formation of Speed Watch group and request for assistance with the purchase of an improved speed gun device
- 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
 - 5.2 To receive play inspection reports and consider any work required ^(MY)
 - 5.2.1 To consider purchase of Bark for the playground ^(MY)
 - 5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety
- 6. To consider any Planning or Tree works applications or related items received**
 - 6.1 Planning applications received – to be considered
 - 6.2 Planning applications for which a response has been made between meetings using delegated powers – to be noted
 - 6.3 SCDC planning decision notices and appeal notifications and applications for information only
 - 6.4 Tree works applications
 - 6.4.1 26/0263/TTPO – 1 Preston Close
 - 6.4.2 26/0269/TTCA – 4 Eversden Close
 - 6.4.3 26/0270/TTCA – 4 High Street
 - 6.4.4 26/0286/TTCA – 65 High Street
- 7. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated**
 - 7.1 Village Maintenance ^(MY)
 - 7.2 Highways ^(ED)
 - 7.3 Toft People's Hall ^(ST)
 - 7.4 Footpaths ^(EM)
 - 7.5 Defibrillator report ^(ST)
 - 7.6 Birdlings liaison ^(AC)
 - 7.7 Lot Meadow ^(MY)
- 8. Closure of meeting**

Clerk report to Toft Parish Council meeting on 13 April 2026

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 2 March – attached
 3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 (3.1) Dogs in fields signs – to consider arrangements for installation
Cllr Darbyshire writes:
“I am pleased to inform you I have received the sheep field signs. Let’s have a think when to install them. I think we need to meet and look at the sites and make a plan.”
 - 3.2 (3.2) Disposal of Asset of Community Value – update and to consider valuation ^(MY)
The Chairman to report. The Clerk had sought a valuation from the Valuation Office Agency but they have unfortunately replied that “Unfortunately, due to current workload and resourcing pressures, we are unable to take this instruction on at this time. You can find chartered surveyors on the RICS website here that may be able to help you.” [RICS Find a Surveyor](#)
 - 3.3 (3.4) Finding Fitness – update
A further email of support has been received, bringing the number of responses in favour to four, which includes the comments of a young resident who writes:
“I think that this would be really fun. The playground is good at the moment but it doesn't have as much for bigger children and so my little sister and brother are ok but I get bored quicker. My friends and I would really like a climbing wall, it would give us good exercise, problem solving and fun.”
 - 3.4 (3.5) Speeding in the High Street and to consider the purchase of 20 mph and 30 mph speed limit wheelie bin stickers and how they should be made available ^(ED)
“Regarding speed limit stickers for bins which we discussed on Monday, I had a look on line and there are things like this:

https://wheeliestickers.com/products/twentys-plenty-wheelie-bin-sticker-sign?variant=40008439201969&country=GB¤cy=GBP&utm_medium=product_sync&utm_source=google&utm_content=sag_organic&utm_campaign=sag_organic&srltid=AfmBOopblzCTpZf5QvNe75OvDxPRNXNH8uHxZfUsx0-gL7kHqvHVL3yqrhE

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Limited-Stickers-Waterproof-adhesive-Highways/dp/B07XVC1KBP?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref_=fplfs&smid=A1RT1H62QX7VEQ&th=1

https://uk.royaldeals.co.uk/product/lt-easiyl-10pcs-speed-limit-sign/B0DPLX3WV7/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22438561674&gbraid=0AAAAA-Z9Rw6TqIUuS2wlRn_nYg4bO8e&gclid=EAlaIqObChMI4trJ7OFkwMVMaRQBh3YxRn1EAQYBiABEqlsPFD_BwE
- The Parish Council to consider how many to purchase or whether to place a note in the Calendar and recommend people buy one to stick on their bin as a useful suggestion.
- 3.5 (3.6) Proposal for a new bin at the junction of Church Road and Comberton Road along with “No dog fouling “ signs on lamp posts
Deferred pending any effect arising from the installation of the laminated signage.
 - 3.6 (3.0.8) Website – to consider header photograph
Cllr Darbyshire to report.
Parish Online have said:
“Colour and images are easily changed by yourselves or us.”
4. Correspondence

4.1 Toft Speed Watch Co-ordinator – update on formation of Speed Watch group and request for assistance with the purchase of an improved speed gun device

The Speed Watch Group has asked for financial assistance with the purchase of a new speed gun. They have written:

“We now have a few confirmed volunteers.

The speed gun required is currently listed on Amazon for £144.00 and is the same model as we previously used in Norfolk.

The other items including fluorescent jackets and signage is in place, we also have designated places in the village at which to conduct the speed watch sessions. So the speed gun is the only expense required.

Nick Cole is our designated contact with the police, sessions will be recorded and reported as per previous arrangements.”

Other to note:

(3.3) 20 mph application

Cllr Darbyshire has submitted the application which has been circulated to members for information.

(7.1) QPJ area

The soil/sand for the QPJ area is to be delivered on Saturday 4 April. The cost of £76.00 previously requested was for 0.5 cu m, rather than 1 cu m, but the resident has confirmed that 0.5 cu m should suffice for the area, so the items have been ordered within the agreed budget.

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

Attached

5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety

None at the time of writing.

6. Planning Applications received

* NB Some planning applications may not be specifically listed on this agenda but may still be considered by the Parish Council due to the time constraints of making a recommendation to the District Council.

The planning portal for new applications can now be found at <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>

The Parish Council may choose its own wording to show whether it agrees with an application or not and can now both support/approve or object/ refuse etc parts of the same application

The Parish Council should include material planning reasons why the Council take this stance via its comments.

The Parish Council *does/does not** request that the application be referred to the District Council Planning Committee *(please delete)

Material planning reasons:

Planning reasons:

6.1 Planning applications - to be considered

None at the time of writing.

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 at the time of writing.

6.4 Tree works

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TOFT PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Apr-26

Summary of previous month

Balance brought forward 101,659.69

Adjustments

LGS SERVICES	ADMIN SUPPORT	0.11
SALARIES		-0.01

Expenditure approved at previous / between meetings

SALARIES		-336.7
UNITY TRUST	SERVICE CHARGE	-6.00
LGS SERVICES	ADMIN SUPPORT	-510.92
TOFT PEOPLES HALL	ROOM HIRE	-15.00
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FRIENDS OF BOURN BROOK	GRANT	-600.00
UNITY TRUST	SERVICE CHARGE	-7.00

Total Adjustments -1,490.52

Balance revised after adjustments 100,169.17

Bank Reconciliation to latest statement

Account	Funds	Statement	Outstanding
Unity Trust Bank	61,965.23	61,965.23	0.00
Nationwide BS	38,203.94	38,203.94	
Total	100,169.17	100,169.17	0.00

Expenditure for approval

		£
SALARIES		
TOFT PEOPLES HALL	ROOM HIRE NOV25	15.00
TOFT PEOPLES HALL	ROOM HIRE DEC 25	15.00
SUFFOLK CC	STREETLIGHTING ENERGY	383.29
CREATE SIGNS	A3 SIGNAGE	204.00
CAPALC	AFFILIATION FEE	370.50

987.79

Balance C/F 99,181.38

Ben Stoehr
Responsible Financial Officer

Notes:

Late invoices will be brought to the meeting