

**Minutes of the 835th meeting of Toft Parish Council
Held on Monday 13 April 2026 in The People's Hall, Toft at 7.00 pm**

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

In attendance: 1 member 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)

A resident asked whether there was any news about an additional street light in School Lane. The Parish Council explained that this had not yet been agreed.

It was noted that the road sweeper was in School Lane earlier in the day.

- 1. Apologies for absence and declaration of interests**
 - 1.1 To approve written apologies and reasons for absence
None. Cllr Tebbit was not present.
 - 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 2 March 2026**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 2 March 2026 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 fields signs – to consider arrangements for installation
RESOLVED to note that that the signs had been received, and that Cllr Harrison should put them up at the three entrances to the field, at the kissing gate, at Pinfold Well Lane and at Green End. (Prop EM, 2nd GH, unanimous)
 - 3.2 (3.2) Disposal of Asset of Community Value – update and to consider valuation
Cllr Yeadon reported on the Community Meeting on 9 April, which was well attended by residents. Forty-five response forms had been completed, indicating general support for the community acquiring the former Methodist Church, but there had been some concerns about the difficulties of finding volunteers and the potential cost, which was not yet known. The next steps would depend on the Methodist Church and Cllr Yeadon will write to them to enquire about the intended way forward. It is likely that another meeting would be held to decide whether to proceed, in which case it would be necessary to set up a charity and bank account, and obtain surveys. Quotations for a condition survey and a valuation had been obtained and the Parish Council would be asked to cover the cost of this expenditure.
 - 3.3 (3.4) Finding Fitness – update
RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.
 - 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
RESOLVED to await the outcome of the 20 mph application, which has been submitted.
 - 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
RESOLVED, noting that the laminated sign was still in place, to close this item.
 - 3.6 (3.0.8) Website – to consider header photograph
RESOLVED that Cllr Darbyshire should share the photographs with other councillors in order to decide between them.
- 4. To consider correspondence received since the last meeting 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
RESOLVED to approve the request for funding of £144.00 for the purchase of a speed gun for the new Speed Watch group.

- 4.0.2 Anti-social dog fouling
The Chairman raised residents concerns received about anti-social and intimidating behaviour involving dogs being off their leads and jumping up at people, and dog fouling. RESOLVED that the Chairman should report the anti-social behaviour to the Police.
RESOLVED, following the reports from residents, to write to two residents asking them to keep their dogs on leads/under control and to pick up their dog waste.

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 Silverton (Sand and seed) £94.98, MD Landscapes (Grass cutting) £525.00 and Information Commissioner's Office (Data Protection) £52.00.

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| Salaries | | £192.50 |
| Toft People's Hall | Room hire Nov 25 | £15.00 |
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| Suffolk County Council | Street lighting energy | £383.29 |
| Creat Signs | A3 signage | £204.00 |
| CAPALC | Affiliation fee | £370.50 |
| Silverton (Madingley Mulch) | QPJ Supplies | £94.98 |
| MD Landscapes | Grasscutting | £525.00 |
| ICO | DPA Registration | £52.00 |

- 5.2 To receive play inspection reports and consider any work required
RESOLVED to note that all was in order.
- 5.2.1 To consider purchase of Bark for the playground
Stratagem had offered to carry out laying of bark and would be able to so in June.
RESOLVED to purchase two bags of bark at a time to be advised by the Chairman.
- 5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety and relates to Council property
RESOLVED that Cllr Miles should report an overgrown hedge at the Birdlings which was scratching the faces of passersby.

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
- 6.4.1 26/0263/TTPO – 1 Preston Close
RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no comments.
- 6.4.2 26/0269/TTCA – 4 Eversden Close
RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no comments.
- 6.4.3 26/0270/TTCA – 4 High Street
RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no comments.
- 6.4.4 26/0286/TTCA – 65 High Street
RESOLVED that the Parish Council make no comments.

7. Members items and reports for information only unless otherwise stated7.1 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report.

7.2 Highways

Cllr Darbyshire reported that the 20 mph application had been submitted and the outcome should be known by October. The limit requested was village wide and supporting evidence was provided.

RESOLVED that a list of CCC lamp posts should be provided to decide where to move the MVAS equipment.

7.3 Toft People's Hall

Nothing to report.

7.4 Footpaths

Cllr Miles reported that a large tent had been dumped in the cow field and bottles had been found there. The items had been cleared.

7.5 Defibrillator report

Nothing to report.

7.6 Birdlings liaison

Nothing to report.

7.7 Lot Meadow

Nothing to report.

7.0.8 Community Policing Team

RESOLVED that Cllr Darbyshire should be the liaison member and to ask that she be included in their communications.

7.0.9 East West Rail

RESOLVED to note that the EWR consultation would be commencing on 14 April for two months.

Cllr Yeadon reported on changes to the plans, including moving the Cambourne station 700m westwards. A tunnel will be constructed under Caldecote and Bourn Airfield. Green bridges will also be constructed.

RESOLVED that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

8. Closure of meeting

The next meeting on 11 May will be the First and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

SignedChairmandate.