

Minutes of the ORDINARY Meeting of Toft Monks Parish Council held on Monday 31st January - 7.30pm, The Moorings, Toft Monks.

Present: Mrs L.Holland (Chair), Mrs S.Daines (Clerk), Mr M.Matthews, Ms F.Miles, Mr.M.Hurrell, Mrs M.Shipp, Mrs J.Donovan, Mr C.Capps-Jenner, Mr A.Evans.

Apologies: Mrs J.Worsley

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes for the Ordinary meeting held on 22nd November 2023 were read through and agreed by all present.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Planning: Current Enforcements – Field View Barn – Hardstanding for Caravans (Ongoing)
Ref: 2023/3557 – A.R.Freeland Farms – Construction of Reservoir & Removal of Excavated Materials
Offsite: Following on from the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 11th December at Toft Monks Parish Church, the Clerk confirmed that she had submitted a comprehensive reply to SNDC challenging that the application wasn't transparent and that the majority of the parishioners within Toft Monks were apposed to this major project. Mrs Holland and Mrs Daines also attended the Aldeby Parish Council meeting on 3rd January where this application was also discussed at length. Again, they have also submitted a response requested that this application is refused.

Finance & Administration:

Chq.522 - £1736.00 – S.Daines – Clerks Annual Salary & Expenses 23/24

Chq.523 - £434.00 – HMRC – PAYE/NI'er

The clerk confirmed that she had sent in the Precept form for 24/25 – set at £4495.00

Village Greens & Footpaths:

Mardle Green – Thank you to Mr Hurrell for changing the lock to a catch on the village noticeboard. A cheque for £12.87 covering the cost of this will be raised shortly.

Mr Matthews & Ms Miles have kindly offered to clear the sides of the footpath from encroaching grass. The pond overflow pipe is blocked again. Mr Matthews will have a look to see if he can unblock it.

Bulls Green –

Maypole Green –

Footpaths – It was decided that in the spring we will walk all of the footpaths in the village to access their accessibility. The clerk confirmed that she had contacted all of the local farmers to remind them of their obligations and that footpaths have to be kept clear.

Mrs Holland and Ms Miles walked the Bulls Green Lane/Raveningham footpath and collected two full bags of litter.

Highways: Bulls Green Lane remains closed due to the collapse of the road on both sides caused by heavy agricultural machinery during the sugarbeet harvest. This is not likely to be reopened till the end of February.

Parish Church: Julianne reported that over 100 people attended the Christmas Festival at the church – fantastic turnout. There will be an open day soon to display the proposed plans for the restoration and alterations to the church. A workshop has been organised for a professional to come in and teach us how to correctly clean the gravestones and memorial.

Clinks Care Farm will be carrying out the general maintenance in the churchyard this year. Mrs Holland asked if they could pay special attention to the footpath that runs through here.

A.O.B –

Mr Evans informed us that SNDC are soon to be introducing food waste bins to each household.

Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd April 2024 7.00pm (Annual Public Assembly) at Toft Monks Parish Church followed by Ordinary Meeting at 8.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.20pm