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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Toft Newton Parish Council held by zoom on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 6.00pm

Those present: Councillors D Pavia, R Nelson, M Colbourne, B Kent, R Gibbs, L Bebbington – Colbourne, S Orr

In attendance: J Waite (Clerk)

**1To receive apologies and reasons for absence Ref** **21/05**

none

**2To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or** **non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members’ Register of Interests. Ref 21/06**

None

**3 To approve draft minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 5th January 2021. Ref 21/07**

Resolved to approve as a true record.

Proposed Cllr R Gibbs. Seconded Cllr M Colbourne. All in favour.

**4 Public Questions Ref 21/08**

None

**5 Clerk’s report Ref** **21/09**

New websites provided by LCC is now available to view, although there are still items to be added. Any photos of the village and surrounding are can be emailed to the Clerk for inclusion on the site. Any extra hours over usual weekly amount to be notified by Clerk for payment at next meeting.

A request has been made for more grit bins around the village – councillors have identified 3 sites around the village. Quotes for 350 litre bins to be sought.

Fix my Street reports - street lights now working and the drain cover is in the process of being replaced.

Handyman / playground vacant post to be advertised at 2 hours per week at min wage.

An event is to be arranged for after restrictions end to bring the community together and thank those who have been supporting residents during this time.

Council resolved to set up a facebook page fpr communication with residents. Clerk and L Bebbington – Colbourne to administer.

Proposed Cllr L Bebbington – Colbourne. Seconded Cllr S Orr. All in favour.

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**6. Financial Matters Ref 21/10**

**To be paid by BACS**

Salaries £312.76

Clerks Expenses and Disbursements £54.30

Office Friends £28.04

LALC Annual Membership Fee £153.64

**To be paid by cheque**

None

Resolved to approve payments.

Proposed Cllr M Colbourne, Seconded Cllr B Kent. All in favour.

**7 Planning applications and decisions received Ref 21/11**

None received.

**8 Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action Ref 21/12**

A) Grounds Maintenance - no issues to report.

Quotes for grass verge cutting next season 2021 have been received,

Quote 1 at £ 75.50 per cut.

Quote 2 at £130.00 per cut.

Proposed to accept quote 1 for the 2021/22 season.

Proposed Cllr L Bebbington – Colbourne . Seconded Cllr S Orr. All in favour.

B) Allotments - There is only 1 plot available. One payment for 20/21 is still outstanding – one more reminder to be sent. Invoices for 21/22 to go out.

C) Play area – litter has been picked up from the field but is an ongoing problem. Inspection role to be re advertised. The quote for the ROSPA repair work is to be accepted, taking out the bark replacement as the council already has this.

Proposed Cllr M Colbourne. Seconded Cllr R Gibbs. All in favour.

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**9 To receive general comments from members for consideration on the next agenda. Ref 21/13**

Handyman / inspection post

Invoice for Village Hall rental

**10** **Date and Time of next meeting -**

May 4th 2021 – Annual Parish Council Meeting at 6.00pm in the community hall.

Meeting closed 6.50pm.