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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Toft Newton Parish Council held in the Community Hall on Tuesday 3rd March at 6.30pm

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

In attendance: J Waite (Clerk) 2 members of public.

**1To receive apologies and reasons for absence Ref** **20/05**

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 20/06**

None given

**3To approve draft minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 7th January 2020. Ref 20/07**

Resolved to approve as a true record.

Proposed Cllr R Nelson Seconded Cllr D Pavia. All in favour.

**4 Public Questions Ref 20/08**

none raised

**5 County Council Report Ref 20/09**

No councillor present.

**6 District Council Report Ref 20/10**

No councillor present

**7 Clerk’s report Ref** **20/11**

Mr Bill Kent and Mr Russell Gibbs spoke to council as to why they have applied for the 2 vacant councillor posts.

Resolve to co opt both nominees

Proposed Cllr Nelson. Seconded Cllr Pavia. All in favour.

Both nominees co opted to council, the clerk to issue paperwork required and inform WLDC.

**8. Financial Matters Ref 20/12**

**To be paid by BACS**

Salaries £382.17

Clerks Expenses and Disbursements £30.00

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**To be paid by cheque**

None

Resolved to approve payments.

Proposed Cllr M Colbourne. Seconded Cllr S Orr. All in favour

The cheque from last month for the donation to Green Spaces has come back as the account name was incorrect. Clerk to obtain bank details and pay by BACS.

It was proposed to make donations of £100 to the church in Toft Newton, and £200 to the community Spirit Magazine which is local to the parish.

Proposed Cllr Nelson. Seconded  Cllr Colbourne. All in favour.

Clerk to email for details of account names.

It was agreed to accept the quote for Green Grass Contracting to cut the field this year.

Proposed Cllr Colbourne. Seconded Cllr S Orr. All in favour.

**9 Planning applications and decisions received Ref 20/13**

Application 140555 – no comments or objections

**10 Parish matters – To receive any report or consider any appropriate action Ref 20/14**

A) Grounds Maintenance - Cllr R Nelson met with tree officer from LCC to look at planting 16 trees around the village last month and some of these have now been planted. The dog waste bin on Washington Drive has been removed, when is it to be replaced.

B) Allotments - Clerk to send invoices for rent 20/21 and to register any interest in the last 3 remaining.

C) Play area - The field is very wet and the bark chippings on the playarea will be added when the conditions improve.

A reminder to residents that push bikes and dogs should not be on the field.

The Green Spaces Community Group have some new bushes and will fill in any gaps in the existing hedge.

**11 To receive general comments from members for consideration on the next agenda. Ref 20/15**

End of Year accounts

Insurance quote

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

Tuesday 12th May 2020 at 6.00pm – Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 6.45pm.