

Toft Newton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

10th February 2026

Toft Newton Village Hall, Washington Drive, Newtoft, nr Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, LN8 3NN

Members Present:

Councillor R Nelson, Chairperson

Councillor R Gibbs, Vice-Chairperson

Councillor B Carpenter

In attendance:

Michael Lewis, Parish Council Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer, Proper Officer

Natalie Mellors, Playground Warden

There were no members of the public present.

Meeting started at 18:02

Part A – Public Meeting

Agenda Item Number

Resolutions / Actions

The Clerk informed Councillors that he felt really ill, so tonight's meeting was going to be a brief update session, with parts of the meeting being deferred.

1 Attendance

As noted above.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 from:

Councillor J Roson

Councillor C Roson

3 Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were received from any of the Parish Councillors present.

4 Public Participation

As there were no members of the public present, there was no public participation section.

- 5 Minutes**
The Clerk apologised that due to illness, he has not finished typing the minutes from the previous meeting but said he would distribute them ASAP. Clerk to distribute minutes
- 6 Report from The Chairman of the Parish Council**
There was no update from the Chairman of the Parish Council on Council issues.
- 7 Report from West Lindsey District Council Ward Councillors**
There were no District Councillors present, so no update was provided.
- 8 Report from Lincolnshire County Council**
The County Councillor was not present, so no update provided.
- 9 Parish Update**
The Clerk gave a brief update on maintenance issues that have been reported by local residents.
- 10 Asset of Community Value, Land off Alexandria Road, Colloquially known as The Big Wood**
The discussion and resolutions were deferred until March 2026. Deferred
- 11 Planning**
There is nothing to report planning application WL/2025/00687, the proposed poultry farm at Faldingworth.
- 12 Playground / Football Field Update: Playground / Park:**
There was nothing to update on the Playground due to the wet weather no maintenance has been possible.
- Football Field:**
Due to the wet weather, no football matches have been played since December.
- 13 Village Hall Update**
There was nothing to update.
- 14 Proper Officer Update**
The Proper Officer provided a brief update on the Local Government Reorganisation and the various options that were put forward by the different Lincolnshire Councils.
- 15 Co-option of Additional Councillors**
There were no applications for Co-option.
- 16 Adoption of Standing Orders**
Deferred until March 2026. Deferred
- 17 Report By The Responsible Financial Officer**

The Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that he had submitted the Precept claim – as agreed by e-mail he claimed £10,608.00, which was 2% higher than during the previous year.

There was nothing to report on the 2024-25 AGAR following the request for further information in November 2025.

18	Adoption of Financial Regulations Deferred until March 2026.	Deferred
19	Update on Bank Accounts Due to not all Councillors being present, it is not possible to get all of the required signatures on the bank mandate.	Deferred
20	Emergency Plan Deferred until March 2026.	Deferred
21	Events Councillors were asked to note the calendar circulated which includes the dates of the meetings for 2026.	Noted
22	Exclusion Of The Public and Press As there were no members of the public present, there was no need to resolve to exclude the public and the press.	

Meeting ended at 19:20

Part B – Confidential Section

Meeting started at 19:20

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1	Confidential Staffing Report The Clerk provides an update on his deteriorating health and states that he wishes a new Clerk to be appointed ASAP.	Noted by Councillors

Meeting ended at 19:30

Approved by:
(Chair's signature)

Date: