

TORKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

To be held on Monday 15TH September 2025, beginning at 7.30 pm.

At the White Swan Torksey Lock

Members of the public and press are cordially invited to attend

140. **Those Present**

Cllr Connelley

Chairman

Cllr Burke.

Cllr Ford.

Cllr Large.

Cllr Levitt.

Cllr Pearson.

Cllr Scawthon.

Mr R. Pilgrim

Parish Clerk. District Councillor.

141. **Apologies for Absence.**

None received.

142. **The Chairman will now suspend the meeting for a period of 15 Minutes to allow for a public forum.**

A Wasps nest on the village green has suddenly become very active, and a number of people and dogs have been stung.

West Lindsey District Council will be contacted with a view to treating the nest. (RAP)

143. **Declarations of Interest.**

None received.

144. **Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Pearson Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.

145. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

(Not included in this Agenda)

None received.

146. **Amendments to the Agenda by Resolution.**

Croquet Club Parking. It was proposed and agreed that a maximum of eight cars could be parked at the eastern end of the Village Green, parallel to the Marton Drain. Preference should be given to the blue badge holders.

Assertion 10. All Parish Councils are now required to complete: -

- An Audit of GDPR related material.
- Move to Gov.UK email addresses for the Parish and for individual Councillors.
- All Councillors will be required to complete GDPR related training.

147. **Venue for meetings.** Discussion.

Resolved. That future meetings should be held at the White Swan, Torksey Lock.

Proposed Cllr Ford Seconded Cllr Burke. Carried unanimously.

148. **Hume Arms. Future of. For Discussion.**

A number of sand bags have been used to block the entrances to the car Park. It must therefore be assumed that work to start clearing the site and securing it against fly tipping and illegal parking will commence shortly.

A member of the public has made the point that the site needs developing. It is an eyesore and needs to be sorted out. However, there is very little that can be done whilst the owner continues to refuse to develop the site or maintain it in reasonable condition.

149. **Current Projects. Progress Reports.**

Chairman to ask Mation Kinch if the Parish Council can use the Paddock for siting a Christmas Tree.

Remembrance. Display poppies in the parish. Possibly The standing soldiers. The British Legion site will be used for information on the purchase of the above. (RAP).

150. **Emergency Plan Review.** Remove from the Agenda.

151. **Information Kiosk. Future of. For Discussion.**

Cllr Levitt. £1000.00 to shot blast and prime the kiosk.

Two residents have offered to look after the kiosk. Initially, cleaning, painting and developing as an information centre or book exchange.

The Parish Council has the paint and will contact the electors for further discussions. (RAP).

152. **Torksey Viaduct Report.**
Attached to these Minutes.

Resolved: That Mr A. Green purchase the wood needed for maintenance and pass the receipt to the Clerk for reimbursement.

Proposed Cllr Ford Seconded Cllr Large. Carried unanimously.

153. **Refurbishment of the Torksey Sign at Torksey Bridge. Report.**
All satisfactory and approved.

Cllr Scawthon to look at the sign at the northern end of the village, which needs clearing of Ivy

154. **Village Green.**

a. Monthly Inspection.

It was agreed that the tree lined walkway on the northern boundary of the village green, and the walkway at the eastern end of the village green should be included in the annual contract for 2026.

b. Repair to fencing on the eastern side of the play area.

It was decided that the repair to the fence should wait until the new bench has been installed.

c. New information board. The board was approved pending one correction where the corner of one of the information squares encroaches on nearby text. Once this has been corrected the board can be completed and reinstalled on the Village Green..

d. Pond Water Level.

The water level is stable at the moment.

e. New bench for the play area

The bench was approved and will be ordered for delivery as soon as possible.

It was suggested that the bench could be delivered to the surgery, where it could be stored until installation.

155. **Highways Issues.**

Anglian Water, after a site meeting, said that works to correct the sinking repair next to the Church would be completed in six weeks. To date nothing has happened and no road closure notice has been received.

The Clerk will ask for a progress report.

156. **Traffic Calming.**

Data downloaded from SIDs

Cllr Large to send details of average speeds and maximum and minimum speeds to the Clerk. Any extremes will be reported to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

157. **Health and Safety.**

a. Village Green. No issues reported.

b. Play Park.

A local child minder has requested permission to apply some extra security to both gates whilst looking after Autistic children.

It was decided that rather than modify the existing gate catches it would be preferable if she could bring a small chain or other loop to put over the gate and the gate post to secure the exits whilst she is in the Play Park.

c. Cemetery. Mole activity is now evident in both the Cemetery and the Village Green. A mole catcher will be contacted to deal with the problem. (RAP).

158. **Facebook.**

Information will be uploaded as and when required.

159. **Finance.**

a. Financial Statement for August 2025.

Resolved. That the Financial Statement be approved as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Pearson Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.

Chairman.....Date.....