

TORKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 14TH March 2023
At 7.30pm
St Peter's Church Main Street

Public Forum

Sustrans are surveying a route from Saxilby to Torksey Viaduct via Sykes Lane.

The intention is to apply for the route to be designated a "Quiet Route" (Lane).

Modifications would include passing points for vehicles, pedestrian pathways, cycleways, and a general up grading of the road whilst retaining the road width and general look of the route. Final stages of the route would have to use Station Road down to the viaduct access, which Sustrans would also improve to accommodate all of the above.

A large part of the funding for the project would come from the Department of Transport.

The Parish Council will be advised of developments and will assist the process as and when needed.

07.01 Those Present.

Cllr F. Bridges.

Chairman.

Cllr N. Large.

Cllr L. Levitt.

Cllr S. Scawthon.

Cllr J. Carman-Mobbs.

Cllr R. Ford.

Mr R. Pilgrim.

Parish Clerk.

Members of the Public

Representative Sustrans.

Cllr Butroid. LCC.

Cllr Ellis WLDC.

07.02 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr D. Emmott: Having been informed of the reason for her absence, Council approved her apologies for absence.

07.03 Declarations of Interest.

None received.

07.04 Approval of the Minutes.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday 6th February 2023, be approved as a true record.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

07.05 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

None received.

07.06 Amendments to the Agenda by resolution,

None received.

07.07 Fund Raising for Parishes. (Cllr Bridges).

Whilst Councillors accepted the need for installing a clothes bank from ASTCO, the siting has to be considered carefully so that the Bank is easily accessible by members of the public.

Cllr Bridges will approach the doctors practice to see if they would allow the Bank to be sited in a corner of the car park at Torksey.

07.08 Emergency Plan. (Cllr Carman-Mobbs).

The plan is in its final stages and will be produced in due course.

08.09 Monthly Surgery.

Councillors in attendance: Cllr Bridges and Cllr Ford.

Next Surgery: Saturday 15th April 2023

08.10 Information Kiosk. (Cllr Levitt)

The Kiosk will be cleaned and painted as soon as the weather allows.

Details of the defibrillator from West Lindsey District Council will be forwarded to the Clerk by Cllr Levitt.

Cllr Levitt to contact Gladwin Electrical Contractors for a test to see if power has been left to the Kiosk.

08.11 Planning.

None received.

08.12 Village Green.**a. Monthly inspection.**

Tripping Hazard on Staging: Cllr Bridges will obtain the Checker Plate – 2m x 600mm x 3mm.

Maximum spend will be £150.00.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

b. Pollarding of the Willow Tree:

The tree has now been pollarded. It is suggested that the tree is inspected every couple of years, which councillors accepted. However, as Council is not having the tree removed there is no reason to plant a replacement, which Council also accepted.

c. Parish Council Sponsored Event on the Village Green: Saturday the 15th July 2023 has been agreed as a possible date. Councillor Ford will contact Guiding Sparkes Circus to confirm the date.

d. Extra Planting in The Orchard Area: Cllr Bridges and Cllr Ford completed the planting of three Bramley trees.

e. Purchase of Grass Seed: The area around the Willow Tree has been badly disturbed by the Pollarding of the tree. Cllr Levitt will purchase enough seed to cover the area.

Resolved: Cllr Levitt will purchase enough seed to cover the area. Maximum spend £100.00.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

f. Quotation for Village Green Maintenance 2023.

Resolved: That the quotation supplied by Continental landscapes be approved.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

g. Croquet Club Lawn Treatment: The club would like to treat the lawns at the end of the year, possibly September 2023. So that all their good work is not ruined by pedestrian walking across the area they would like to erect some form of fencing. The fencing will stay in place only whilst the treatment takes effect and will then be removed.

Resolved: That Council agree to the above, providing the fencing does not become permanent.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

h. Maintenance of the Play Fort: (Cllr Large). Ongoing. Hopefully the work can be completed before the 15th July 2023, when the event on the Village Green is to take place.

08.13 Highways Issues. (Cllr Scawthon).

a. Position of the verge “Gates”: Cllr Scawthon and Cllr Butroid will liaise to see if the gates can be moved from a previously agreed position to a point nearer the bend. Also, they will investigate if there is a case for installing “countdown signs” on the eastern verge now that movement of the Roundels has been refused.

08.14 Traffic Calming.

There are three electors who would be willing to undertake training and join the CSW group.

The Clerk will contact Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership for details of the next training sessions.

0815 Health and Safety.

a. Village Green. No issues reported.

b. Cemetery: No issues reported.

c. Play Area: No issues reported.

08.16 The Parish.

Deferred to a later date.

09.17 Facebook.

Content will be uploaded as and when needed.

09.18 Finance

a. Financial Statement.

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

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

b. Clerk’s Salary & Expenses.

£367.07

Resolved: That the Clerk’s Salary & Expenses be approved for payment..

Proposed. Seconded. Caried unanimously.

c. Invoices for Payment.

HMRC PAYE	£70.00
Pelican Trust.	£85.00
Reedman Services.	£1686.24
Glendale Countryside.	£435.59
Torksey Parochial Church Council.	£80.00
Hamilton A	£500.00
West Lindsey DC	£63.37

Resolved: That the above expenditure at 09.18.c be approved for payment.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

d. Website Management Service.

Resolved: That Council purchase 10 hrs @ £170 for the 2023-2024 year.

Proposed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

09.19 Correspondence.

No comments.

09.20 Future Agenda Items.

None received.

09.21 Dates for Future Meetings.

Tuesday 11th April 2023.

Tuesday 17th May 2023.

Tuesday 13th June 2023.

09.22 Closure of the Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.15 hrs (9.15 pm).

Approval of the Minutes.

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