



**MINUTES OF THE TORWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOUND VILLAGE HALL
Tuesday July 4th, 2023 at 7pm.**

PRESENT

Chair: Councillor C. Willis (CW)

Vice-Chair: Councillor J. Helliwell (JH)

Councillors: R. Willis (RW),

County Councillor: T Taylor

District Councillor: D Bamford

Clerk: C. Challener (CC)

Members of the public: 0

01/0623

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

02/0623

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The chair opens the meeting welcoming everyone.

03/0623

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

04/0623

CRIME REPORT

Police data from the PC Pickersgill received.

1 Criminal damage / arson on Huntsman Place

1 other theft on Danehill Road

05/0623

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County reported topics:

HIVE planning application update

Devolution update

Road Speed reduction consultation

New Mapping tool being introduced for road repairs in the Autumn

District reported topics:

The Street Name sign is to be moved for better visibility at Billy Button Lane following a request from a resident and subsequent review.

A call for volunteers will be placed through social media for a community Speed Watch group.

Please contact your District or County councillor direct for further information on the issues reported or to raise issues direct with them.

06/0623

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as accurate and as a true record of proceedings.

07/0623

COUNCILLOR RAISED ITEMS, MATTERS ARISING DURING THE MONTH & ONGOING MATTERS

The risk assessments circulated for review prior to the meeting are taken as read and readopted for the current period.

Cllr C Willis to purchase first aid box replacement items as necessary.

It is resolved that the playing field booking form is to be amended to state that equipment must not be moved, toilets serviced within 5 days post of the event and that failure to comply with all terms and conditions will result in the bond being lost. A proposed layout plan must be receipted 1 month prior to the event.

A chairman allowance is discussed. The current expence policy allows for councillors to claim for mileage and other incurred expences. Other councils to be approached to see what is included within their expence policies for the chairman.

A request for Netball nets has been made by a local community group in the Playing field. Following discussion is resolved to progress.

£300 grant fund is requested from County Council for the purchase of playground equipment.

08/0623 FINANCE

The Bank Reconciliation is passed for review.

Payments presented and approved for the period:

2Nd Ranskill Scout Donation	£(75.00)
Yu Energy	£(30.68)
Fast Host. Website	£(14.39)
Poppy Appeal - Lamp post poppies	£(50.00)
Village Hall Rental	£(150.00)

Receipts

Cashback & Refund	£1.19
VAT Refund	£3083.52

9/0623 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

The playing field boundary reinstatement is to commence during the summer. Where some boundary creep has occurred, owners/executors to be contacted and informed of the works.

It is resolved to purchase a ex hire 1 trip storage container for the playing field. £3.5k earmarked.

Solar lighting at the park to be purchased £500 earmarked. Cllr R Willis to progress.

Clerk to get quotes for pink and white Hawthorn and Ceanothus for the September meeting.

A estimate for the reinstatement of fence 2 of £700 has been given. Works agreed to be progressed.

10/0623 PLANNING ISSUES DECLARED BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING

Planning Applications on consultation:

None

Determinations from previous Applications:

None

11/0623 CORRESPONDENCE AND CORRESPONDENCE TO BE CIRCULATED

Rural prosperity Grant expression of interest – interest expression to be made for sewage and water.

12/0623 UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

JBC – the Ranskill Chair has been appointed as the Joint Burial Committee chair for the period. The constitution review is to be progressed between the 2 Parish Council chairs.

13/0623 INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING & ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Beacon Quote

14/0623: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 5th September at 7pm

Signed as a true record: _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Position: _____

For more information, or queries please contact the clerk on the below or a Parish Councillor direct.
Parish Clerk: Mrs Claire Challener
parishcouncil@torworth.org.uk

Action List from previous meetings:

The wardens are to be instructed to address the **boundary on the playing field**, reinstating the fence back to its original position. £250 is earmarked.

A member of the public requests a **bench on the Great North Road**. It is agreed to purchase an armed and backed bench. Sites to be considered and then highways to be contacted for permission. Cllr R Willis/ J Helliwell to provide the what 3 words for VIA location approval. District grant to be requested. £600 agreed. **The Muslim charity have approved the purchase of a bench**. Highways to be contacted for approval and progression (JH/RW all agree)

The Millennial Sign is in disrepair. Replacement costs are coming out circa £200-£300.
Various Grants/funding being looked into.

Village Hall: a community survey is to be completed to ascertain whether there is a requirement for a village hall. To be progressed in 2023.

Volunteers or a Village warden is required to keep on top of monthly jobs. A repertoire of volunteers to be put together. CW to send out a list of jobs to everyone.

Action CW

Trees to TPO: a walk around has been completed. The information to be digitally mapped out, any highways trees to be removed.

Action CW

The area near the container for the base of the toilets is to be chipped.

Action CW/contractor

An area to be concreted in preparation for the purchase of a new container. £300 earmarked.

Action CW/contractor

Ratchet straps and tarpaulin to secure the container/toilets in place to be purchase.

Action CW

Quote for the moving on the Beacon to a preferred location.

Action CW

Clerk to look into the LIS Grant for a container and other grants for playground lighting.

Following a review of the suggested changes to the Burial Board constitution and terms by both Ranskill and Torworth Parish Councils it is resolved to earmark £2k towards solicitor fees/independent arbiter to progress the matter to a satisfactory and independent outcome. It is to be suggested that both chairs meet to progress the matter.