



ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING FOR TORWORTH

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for Torworth held at Lound Village Hall on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 at 7pm.

- Parish Council Chairman's Welcome
- Parish Council Chairman's Report:

Chair's Report May 2021-2022

This year, almost half of our meetings were suspended due to the continued Covid-19 pandemic and business responsibilities were turned over to our Clerk. Our face-to-face meetings resumed this past September at Lound Village Hall. We were pleased to host a Remembrance event in November to honour the residents who fought in WWII and to unveil our new WWII memorial stone.

We have continued to invest in the playpark by installing a shipping container for storage purposes and have brought electricity to the park for use during festivals. Two councillors attended training on the proper use of weed control, and they will also attend another training course to properly spray weeds using a backpack sprayer. We are also planning on planting trees along the Great North Road (a joint project with Ranskill Parish Council) and around the northern boundary of the play park. We have secured funding for a bench at the south-eastern bus stop, and a glazed shelter will soon replace the brick bus shelter which blew down during a severe storm.

The main topics that occupied the Parish Council this past year include the overdevelopment of Torworth, the small change to the boundary line between Torworth and Ranskill, speeding vehicles and the increase in accidents, and the lack of communication from Bassetlaw District Council regarding enforcement and formal complaints.

Looking forward, we will be hosting the Lighting of the Beacon event on Thursday, June 2nd, and are also supporting the celebrations and street party planned for Sunday, June 5th all as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee national celebrations. We will continue to work with both county and district councillors in securing funding for further play equipment and to reduce speed limits on our rural roads.

Christie Willis
Chair of Torworth Parish Council

- Report from the Allotment Society:

Torworth, Ranskill & Scrooby Allotment Association Report for 2021-2022.

Over the past 12 months the allotments have remained open to plot holders, but all members at times have had to follow the national guidelines in relation to the management of the Covid 19 outbreak.

During the year the allotment group has:

- Reintroduced regular meetings for members.
- Ensured as many members as possible have attend the meetings.
- Reintroduced the regular site maintenance working days.
- Ensured all plots are rabbit proof.

During the coming year the main activity for the allotment users is to investigate the possibility and cost of having the boundary rabbit proof fencing replaced.

At the 2021-2022 AGM held in March 2022 the following people were elected as officers of the Association:

- Chairperson – Rosemary Spray.
- Vice Chairperson – Stephen Cole.
- Treasurer – Richard Spray.
- Secretary – Stephen Saddington.

Presently all plots are rented with a waiting list of 3 local people. To aid the public profile of the allotments the secretary has written a regular article to The Star. This gives a flavour of the activities on the allotments based on a seasonal approach.

The Association has incorporated Scrooby into its title name to reflect the 3 communities.

The breakdown of the allotment holders by community is:

- Ranskill – 8
- Scrooby – 2
- Torworth – 3

Stephen Saddington - Secretary April 2022

- Report from the Burial Board
Chair R Willis reports:

There have been no major changes or developments over the last 12 months. The cemetery has continued to operate as normal. We have completed the safety checks on all the headstones and where possible the responsible person has been notified and repairs arranged, where the responsible person has not been identified the headstone has been laid down for safety. We contracted VIA to conduct a tree survey within the cemetery and any work that has been deemed urgent has now been carried out. The JBC also arranged for hawthorn whips to be planted around the cemetery hedge, this is a project that will hopefully continue this autumn.

Behind the scenes, the JBC is working to update our rules for the cemetery and also the constitution of the join board. Both parishe councils are working to complete the land registry.

Report from the Playing Field Committee:

After almost two years of lockdown, the Playing Field Committee is pleased to be a part of Torworth's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June! As such, we have purchased three (used) PA systems in order to support the live bands, performers, and dog show judges. This is considered an investment as we would have had to rent the equipment for almost the same amount. In effect, should we decide that live performances aren't for future events, then we can sell the equipment to get our money back. We are also supporting the crafting table during the event, as well as selling Jubilee products and a 'guess the name of the bear' in order to raise a little money. However, the enjoyment of the festivities by children and residents alike remains our priority this year.

In the forthcoming months, we are hoping to work with Torworth Parish Council in asking the residents what sort of play equipment they would like to see in the park, as well as applying for funding via the FC Communities foundation grant. We were unsuccessful in last year's round of applications but will revamp our efforts and try again this year.

Sincerely,

Christie Willis - Chair of the Torworth Playing Field Committee

- Any other business
None
- Discussion and general questions
None