

# Foston Parish Council (FPC) Newsletter Issue 1, 2015

**Foston's**

**Annual Parish Meeting**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Foston Village Hall**

**Wine and nibbles see you there**

## **Big Society Lottery Grant**

Cllr. Paul Wood our County Councillor and a District Councillor has awarded Foston Parish Council £400 via the Big Society Lottery Grant. Foston Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Paul Wood for the award and for his support and help with County and District Council issues that he has taken on board for us.

## **New facilities for playing field**

The old footballers hut was demolished some time ago and the Parish Council has been looking at possible ways to procure suitable facilities on the field that would benefit the Parish, the footballers and the Scouts. We are looking for changing facilities, showers, toilets, kitchen and a small reception area.

Since the publication of the Parish Plan the footballers changing facilities has been an issue and we had hoped to have it replaced by now. We were expecting LK2 a Lincolnshire based Development Company to take on our project but unfortunately that was not to be the case.

The Parish Council will soon be looking at a business plan to get the project underway when the Neighbourhood Plan is completed. We have already got a basic feasibility study and a lot of support via the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire.

## **Goosegate Public Footpath**

The large field closest to the village on the Goosegate Lane footpath is currently being prepared to take livestock. Dog walkers will therefore need to take extra care when walking their dogs and it has been stressed many times before; dogs must be kept under control and ideally on a lead when there are livestock in the field.

## **Parish Council Elections**

Parish and District Council elections will be held at the same time as the General Election. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please contact Christina Lees or our Parish Clerk Wendy McCallin who have the nomination documents. Deadline for nominations to be handed in at SKDC, Grantham is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please come to the Annual Parish meeting if you would like an informal chat about what is involved.

## **Squirrels**

Natural England Government advice regarding squirrel damage and control can be found here:

<http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/33015?category=9001> or phone the Lincoln office Tel: 0300 060 4734



## **Dogs fouling**

SKDC is continuing to work with dog owners to help reduce animal fouling in the district with the help of a new dedicated

webpage:

[www.southkesteven.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/dogfouling) is now the place to report fouling issues for residents across South Kesteven.

The council's environmental health team is promoting responsible behaviour among owners and publicising the need to pick up mess animals create in public spaces.

Litter in the community is a bug-bear for most of us. To help keep Foston clean, the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers undertake a litter pick each. Recently it was the Beavers' turn (children aged 6-8) and it is a good opportunity for them to learn about the

environment and the dreadful impact rubbish has on it. Unfortunately they came across more than they bargained for. Many of them managed to tread in dog poo and one child even found a filled dog poo bag.

This all happened on the main paths around the village - particularly bad is the point where Main Street, Long Street and Chapel Lane converge. Some was even found on a front garden near to the bus stop where numerous children walk daily. Foston Parish Council have been made aware recently of issues on the Viking Way, Main Street, Church Street and Highfield Close please watch what your dog is doing and pick up after it.

We know most dog owners are very responsible and we need to pass on the message so that every dog owner always picks up after their dog at all times. Dog fouling bags are available to pick up free of charge from SKDC offices in Grantham.

### Email addresses

The Parish Council has been collecting email addresses for several years so that important information can be circulated quickly within the village this includes 4 newsletters per year. This information is emailed out as blind carbon copies.

We have a large proportion of the village covered by this method although we are still short of about 50 email addresses. If we have not got your email address we would be grateful if you would fill in box below or email your email address to Christina Lees so that you can be kept up-to-date with important village news and information.

Name
Address
Email address
Please leave at Western House, Main St Foston, thank you

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