

Foston Parish Council (FPC) Newsletter Issue 4, 2017

Best Kept Village Competition

We are proposing to enter the Best Kept Village Competition in 2018. The first round of judging will take place in May 2018 and continue over the summer months. We encourage everybody to get involved to keep verges and front gardens neat well-trimmed and tidy. If you have any spare time we will be looking for volunteers to help residents who struggle to keep their own verges and front gardens tidy.

We will need to keep all public space tidy which includes the Church Yard, Village Hall and Playing Field and to keep everywhere clear of litter and we do not have much time to do it! For residents that have difficulty with their gardens we hope there will be plenty of friendly help coming from friends and neighbours. The project is to be led by Cllr David Guy.

The Big Clean team



A Big Clean team from South Kesteven District Council came to Foston in September to have a go at tidying up some of the not so tidy areas of the village. The Parish Council hopes that everybody will pull together to keep Foston tidy now that Foston is looking quite good at the moment.

We would be grateful if you would try not to park on the grass verges. With the winter weather upon us and as the grass is not growing, some areas are already beginning to look a little rough. This may lead to the verges not recovering in time for the judging in May for the Best Kept Village.

Dog excrement and litter

We are sorry to report that the dog fouling problem is getting worse again so this is a polite reminder to dog owners. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 states that Authorised officers of the district council are able to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to anyone found letting a dog under their control foul in a public place and not clean up after it. The same applies to litter dropped. This includes all public footpaths, pavements, verges, roads and woodland.

Please keep Foston clean and tidy.

Fireworks and New Year's Eve

Animals can become very distressed by the sound of fireworks. If you are having your own party please let your neighbours know.

The law says you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public place.

It is a common misconception that you can only let fireworks off on or around 5th November. You can let fireworks off any time of year and any day of the week including Sundays. You must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for - Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight. On New Year's, Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am

Neighbourhood Watch

Individuals and businesses are being warned to watch out for cold calls and online contact from fraudsters offering victims the opportunity to apply for Government grants for an advance fee.

Also scam emails purporting to be from HM Revenue & Customs include a sub heading 'You may be able to get a tax rebate'. Be aware HMRC never use text or email to inform you about a tax rebate or penalty.

30mph wheelie bin stickers

The Parish Council now has some more 30mph wheelie bin stickers so if you would like some for your bins, please contact Christina Lees. You can have 2 stickers for each bin but you do have to sign to confirm that you will not leave your bins out all week.

Foston Parish Council's website

The Parish Council website continues to grow and we hope that most of the information that you require can be found on the site from "Useful Information" to Planning decisions and everything in between.

We have a Foston Business section so if you are running a business from Foston you are most welcome to have a free brief description and your contact details on the website <http://www.fostonpc-lincs.uk/> please contact Christina Lees or the parish clerk James Stanley, thank you.

Parish Council Emailing List

To keep residents informed the Parish Council publishes 4 Newsletters a year plus a few additional emails if and when there is important information to share with the village.

If we have not got your email address please fill in the form below and drop it through the door to our Chairman or one of the Parish Councillors on the list opposite or email it to cmlees@btinternet.com thanks!

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| Name |
| Address |
| Email address |
| Please drop off at Western House Main Street Foston |

**Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year from
Foston Parish Council**

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Potholes, report to Highways on 01522 782 070 or Lincolnshire County Council **website** - click on "Report" and keep clicking until you get to the Fault Location.

Parish Council Meetings 2018

Tuesday 2th January 2018 at 7.30pm,
Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm.

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<http://www.fostonpc-lincs.uk>