

# **All residents of Foston are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting**

**On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**7.30pm,**

**Village Hall, Church Street, Foston.**

This is a chance to have your say

To express your views and ask questions or make suggestions.

To meet and chat to neighbours and friends over a  
complimentary glass of wine or two.

## **AGENDA**

Welcome by, Chairman of Foston Parish Council.

Notes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting 24 May 2016.

### **Guests Speakers**

Cllr Paul Wood, Foston's County Councillor (up for re-election this May)

Rev' Harriet Orridge (Vicar for St Peters Church and the Saxonwell Church Group)

### **Village Groups**

Foston's Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group

Community Groups updates

Foston Parish Council, brief Annual Report – Cllr Christina Lees.

Comments, questions and suggestions from residents.

**Refreshments – including wine and soft drinks.**

**Children Welcome**

**We look forward to seeing you there**

*The Annual Parish Meeting is not a council meeting. It is a meeting of the parish electors and a legal requirement that has to take place between 1 March and 1 June annually. Electors can contribute to the agenda and these meetings often celebrate local activities and debate current issues within the community.*

# **FOSTON PARISH COUNCIL (FPC)**

## **Minutes of the Foston Annual Parish Meeting on 24 May 2016 at 7.30pm in Foston Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs C Lees, (Chairman), M Smith, County/District Cllr Wood and 11 residents.

Apologies: Cllrs I Hesford, T Gardner,

1. Minutes of the Parish meeting of 24th March 2015 were approved and signed.

Reports were given from the following groups and organizations:

2. District and County Council – Cllr Paul Wood. Cllr Wood gave a report on the proposed devolution of Greater Lincolnshire.
3. Book club report was given by Lucy Bliss. 8 members regularly meet and new members are welcome.
4. Neighbourhood Plan - Lucy Bliss. The Plan is almost at the final draft stage. Residents were thanked for their input and responses to consultations and questionnaires.
5. Foston Scout Group. Jenny Wynn updated residents that 65 scouts from different groups meet regularly at Gorrie Hall. The hall has been in situ since 1978 and a replacement hut will be needed in 5 years. The scout group requested that Foston Parish Council make it a higher priority. The group continues to litter pick throughout the parish and were thanked for making a difference.
6. Conservation Group was given by Jenny Wynn. The group are establishing a wildlife garden in raised beds on the playing field with the help of a grant from LCC. Village walks have been a great success.
7. The Hedgehog welfare hospital report was given by Janet Peto. The hospital has now been running for 32 years and hedgehogs are taken in from the area from Retford to Sleaford to Stamford.
8. Foston Parish Council - Cllr Christina Lees. The new Foston website is now live with free listing for village businesses. Future initiatives include purchasing a picnic table for 12 on the playing field, three bespoke village entrance signs and 'Check Your Speed 30 mph' wheelie bin stickers. All residents were encouraged to give their preferred choice of village sign colour.
9. Other items discussed
  - a) Foston Parish Council was thanked for all their work as well as all those who ran groups and clubs in the village.
  - b) A defibrillator was requested in the phone box

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.