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Minutes of the Meeting of Foston Parish Council held on 5th March 2024 at 19:30 at Foston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Christina Lees, John Munro, James Baggaley, Tracey Gardner
District Councillor Paul Wood, J Stanley – Clerk to Council

Public Forum – Nil

Council Session

24016. Apologies and reasons for absence (To receive and resolve reasons for absence in accordance with the requirement of the Local Government Act 1972) – It was

Resolved: that apologies for absence be accepted from Councillor Browne and County Councillor Maughan.

Unanimous

24017. To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in accordance with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 – Nil

24018. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd January 2024 – It was

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Unanimous.

24019. To consider the surface water drainage on Long Street and resolve on any action to be – Report will be made on Fix My Street for investigation by LCC.

24020. To consider Parish Councillor Membership - There are currently two vacancies on the Council.

24021. To consider matters relating to Gorrie Hall and Foston Playing Field – It was

Resolved: that a meeting be arranged with the Village Hall Committee, Parish Council and Scout Group, additionally further proposals for Planning Consultant assistance are to be obtained.

Unanimous.

It was

Resolved: that a contractor be engaged to install the new Defibrillator to be sited at Gorrie Hall.

Unanimous

24022. To consider matters relating to Foston Playing Field and resolve on any action to be taken.

a. Grass cutting and grounds maintenance arrangements for 2024 - It was

Resolved: that Parks and Pitches be engaged to provide grass cutting, weed treatment and football pitch maintenance for 2024.

Unanimous

b. Maintenance of the MUGA - It was

Resolved: that Bingham Ground Services be engaged to weed and moss treatment on the MUGA

Unanimous

c. Use of the football pitch by Long Bennington JFC - It was

Resolved: that the fee for use of the football pitch to 22nd February 2024 be set at £350, the offer of donation of football post by Long Bennington JFC to be kindly accepted subject to the club covering installation costs.

Unanimous

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d. Renewal of the knotweed management plan – No current action, area to be monitored once current growth has been trimmed.

e. Potential climbing wall - It was

Resolved: that Finding Fitness are requested to proceed with support the Council on the potential install of climbing wall play equipment at the Playing Field. Three votes for, one against.

24023. To receive an update relating to permissive access rights to Foston Playing Field and associated property boundaries – Councillors reviewed records of the residents’ responses and correspondence - It was Resolved: that the requested letter be provided to as requested by a resident. Unanimous.

24024. To consider a campaign to report all potholes and highways defects within Foston and resolve on any action to be taken. - It was

Resolved: that Cllr Lees would report pothole issues on Main Street and using FixMyStreet, Cllr Baggaley would cover Marshall Way, Newark Hill, and Chapel Lane. Cllr Browne would be asked to cover Long Street. Unanimous

24025. - To consider Foston Parish Council social media accounts and resolve on any action to be taken. – No action required current usage data noted.

24026. To consider speed indicator devices and resolve on any action to be taken. It was

Resolved: that Cllr Baggaley would install the speed indicator device on Long Street and quotations would be obtained for installation of new posts. Unanimous

24027. To consider Councillor training and resolve on any action to be taken. - Councillors were requested to review the LALC training schedule and advise the Clerk should they wish to attend any session so the relevant booking can be made.

24028. To receive and consider a report from Cllr Gardner on Planning Matters – The Clerk to Council reported on the following planning matters: -

- a. S23/2226 - A1 North Layby Cafe Great North Road– Consultation
- b. S24/0014 - Orchard Cottage Church Street – Consultation

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24029. To consider Financial Matters: -

- a. To receive the Clerks report on payments between meetings.**

Income

Transaction	Payment Date	Type	Payee	Details	Total Payment
81	18/01/2024	INT	MMBS	Gross Interest	£ 58.70
					£ 58.70

Expenditure

Transaction	Payment Date	Type	Payee	Details	Total Payment
80	26/01/2024	FPS	Talk Talk Business	Village Hall Broadband	£ 45.67
82	26/01/2024	CHG	HSBC	Charges to 04 Jan 2024	£ 8.00
83	28/02/2024	DDR	Talk Talk Business	Village Hall Broadband	£ 45.67
84	26/02/2024	CHG	HSBC	Charges to 04 Feb 2024	£ 10.00
85	12/02/2024	FPS	Foston Village Hall	Room Hire	£ 20.00
86	13/02/2024	FPS	PKF	Audit Fee	£ 252.00
90	23/02/2024	FPS	D. Lyne Grounds Maintenance	Maintenance	£ 102.00
					£ 483.34

- b. To review and consider accounts for payment - It was**

Resolved: That Council approve payment of the following items

Unanimous.

Transaction	Payment Date	Type	Payee	Details	Total Payment
87	06/03/2024	FPS	Redacted	Month 10/11 Salary	£ 452.07
88	06/03/2024	FPS	Redacted	Month 10/11 Expenses	£ 49.84
89	06/03/2024	FPS	HMRC	Month 11 Deductions	£ 113.00
91	06/03/2024	FPS	Redacted	Reimbursement	£ 93.87
92	07/03/2024	FPS	London Hearts	Donation - Defribilator	£ 750.00
					£ 1,458.78

- c. To review income and expenditure to 29th February 2024 - Review completed and noted.**

- d. To review bank account reconciliations to 5th January 2024 – It was**

Resolved: That the bank account reconciliation for 5th January 2024 be accepted and approved.

Unanimous

- e. To review bank account reconciliations to 5th February 2024 – It was**

Resolved: That the bank account reconciliation for 5th February 2024 be accepted and approved.

Unanimous

- f. To consider a transfer between HSBC accounts - It was**

Resolved: That a transfer of £2000 from HSBC BMM Account to HSBC Business C/A.

Unanimous

The Clerk to Council reported a transfer of £29,000 was made under delegated powers on 22nd January 2024 from the current to BMM account following the closure of the account held with the MMBS.

- 24030. To consider Foston Parish Council Earmarked Reserves and resolve on any action to be taken – It was**

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Resolved: That following review, no amendments required to earmarked reserves.

Unanimous

24031. To receive and consider reports from County and District Councillors' – County Councillor Maughan provided a written report. District Councillor Wood provided updates on; bin collections, council tax, budget, local plan consultation and planning application S23/2004

24032. To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting on 7th May 2024 – Nil

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:37

Signed

Chairman

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