

FOSTON PARISH COUNCIL (FPC)

Minutes of the Foston Annual Parish Meeting on 4 April 2017 at 7.30pm in Foston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs C Lees, (Chairman), D Guy, I Hesford, County/District Cllr Wood and 21 residents.

1. Minutes of the Parish meeting of 24th May 2016 were approved and signed.
2. District and County Council - Cllr Wood gave a report on the role and work of a County Councillor.
3. Rev Harriet Orridge, Vicar for St Peters Church, thanked all for their part in the running of the church and described plans to increase access and future use of the church.
4. Neighbourhood Development Plan - Lucy Bliss. The Plan is now at the final stage and will go to referendum on 4 May. The plan has 21 policies to give Foston a say in the future development of the village.
5. Book club report was given by Lucy Bliss. 8 members regularly meet on the third week of each month and new members are welcome.
6. Foston Scout Group. Jenny Wynn updated residents that 100 scouts, aged 6-18, meet regularly at Gorrie Hall. The hall remains in need of replacement. The group continues to litter pick throughout the parish and were thanked for making a difference. Along with the Conservation group, the Scouts have been awarded a Co-op Community Champions grant for up to £5000.
7. Conservation Group was given by Janet Bray. With help from the Scout group and others, the group have established a wildlife garden in raised beds on the playing field. An Autumn Village walks is planned following the success of previous walks.
8. The Hedgehog welfare report was given by Janet Peto. Tips on encouraging hedgehogs and a design for hedgehog boxes are available. An e-newsletter is available for all interested.
9. Foston Parish Council - Cllr Christina Lees. Volunteers are invited to help with the 'Best Kept Village' competition. Discussions and joint meetings have now started regarding the future of all Foston community buildings. The new Foston website is now live with free listing for village businesses. The defibrillator is due to be installed in the near future and 3 Village entrance signs will be erected soon.
10. 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) Road signs to direct lorries to J B Blasting were requested
 - c) Recent playing field mowing has left heaps of grass; action was requested.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed

Date