

FOSTON PARISH COUNCIL (FPC)

Minutes of the FPC meeting held on 4 July 2017 at 7.30 pm

Public Forum: Two members of the public were present. Items raised were:

- a) the litter and fly tipping at Fallow Ford; b) verge safety and blackthorn encroachment; c) the stopping up of land outside Black Horse Cottages,

The Parish Council meeting started at 7.45 pm

Present: Cllrs Christina Lees, Tracey Gardner, Cllr Ian Hesford, Cllr David Guy, Malcolm Smith, County Cllr A Maughan and the Clerk Wendy McCallin

40/17 Apologies were received from District Cllr P Wood.

41/17 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: None

42/17 Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 May 2017: were unanimously accepted by Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

43/17 Stopping up land outside Black Horse Cottages Council noted residents' comments from the informal consultation via the Parish Newsletter. Consultation by LCC starts on 5 July 17 when FPC will formally consult with residents. Council will ask LCC for a white line to show the stopping up area. Ongoing concerns of safety at the corner were noted, regardless of the stopping up.

44/17 Playing Field and MUGA

- a) Options for clearing up the fallen tree were discussed and due to insurance concerns a local contractor will be asked to remove the tree.
- b) Council resolved to write to WREN regarding a combination padlock for the MUGA.
- c) A locked storage cage remains a priority. Council resolved to find a metal fabricator to make a metal lid.
- d) Notices to say 'No Studded Boots please' and arrangements for tennis playing times will be displayed.
- e) Foston Playing Field deeds are with the Chairman. Council expressed their disappointment that the decision to retain the status quo regarding the village hall and new community building was taken solely by the Village Hall committee and residents were not asked for their views. Council resolved to email the Village Hall committee with an offer of help including funding for a consultation.
- f) Quotes awaited for playing field and gate, picnic bench hardstanding. There are currently no football clubs wanting the Foston pitch.

45/17 Roads and Footpaths:

- a) Council resolved the purchase of LCC 3 Poultry Farm signs £1140 – document circulated
- b) Council resolved to ask LCC for the provision of 2 wildlife signs on Newark Hill
- c) Council resolved to map verges needing grass cutting with a view to getting a quote
- d) Council resolved to ask Highways England for a sign for Foston on A1 at Long Bennington North bound and sign from A1 on Main Street entrance saying 'No admittance for Poultry Farm traffic'

46/17 County Councillors' report was received from Cllr Maughan.

47/17 Defibrillator

Council agreed to remove the BT logos and put up the defibrillator stickers. The code will be given to medically trained Foston residents.

48/17 Community and Scout Building

Council deferred this until the next meeting. See also minute 44/17 e).

49/17 Finance:

Council approved payments of

S137 grants and awards: Foston Scouts £100, Girl guiding Grantham North District £100, Conservation group £50,

- Grant to Foston PCC £500 LG Act 72; Grant to Village hall £300 LG Act 72
- £150 to LCC for their overpayment
- £250 to Foston Scouts for half year community cleaning payment
- £52.00 to Foston Village Hall for meeting charges
- £252.00 to LOL Contracts Ltd for defibrillator electrics
- £8 to LALC for training
- £223.41 for staff wages and £66.97 to HMRC
- £134.43 for staff expenses (total £357.84)
- £70.49 mowing costs to Glendale and future mowing costs
- £1140 to LCC for 3 Poultry Farm signs
- Transfer of £8000 to MMBS
- Talktalk direct debit, and £360 to P Baker for sign erection (already paid)

50/17 Emergency Planning

- Council resolved to contact LCC for suggested dates to implement the next stage of the plan following stage 3 and 4 training

51/17 Neighbourhood Plan

Council congratulated the working group on the overwhelming vote in favour of the Plan at the Parish referendum. SKDC has now adopted the Foston Neighbourhood plan. Foston has only one of 6 plans adopted in Lincolnshire to date. Council resolved to have a celebratory village event on the weekend of 23/24 September in the Village Hall.

52/17 CCTV

Council resolved to contact the St Peters' PCC regarding potential use of the church tower as CCTV receptor for Foston.

53/17 Best Kept Village Competition

Council received the marking criterion and an overview of the village. Council agreed to draft an email out to residents and village groups to engage support and involvement.

54/17 Urgent Matters Cllr Claude Pereira has resigned as a Parish Cllr.

55/17 Council resolved to exclude the Public and Press and go into closed session

56/17 Clerk vacancy

Council resolved action to interview applicants and the appointment of clerk.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5 September 2017

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Signed_____

Chairman of FPC

Date_____