

## **FOSTON PARISH COUNCIL (FPC)**

Minutes of the FPC meeting held on 28 February 2017 at 7.30 pm

**Public Forum:** 2 members of the public were present. The planning for Black Horse Cottages was presented by the owners who requested a site visit to agree a suitable fence line for the cottages adjacent to the highway. Consultation with all user groups of the area was suggested and it will be on the next agenda.

The Parish Council meeting started at 7.50pm

**Present:** Cllrs Christina Lees, Tracey Gardner, Ian Hesford, Malcolm Smith (left meeting 8.45pm), County/District Cllr P Wood and the Clerk Wendy McCallin

**12/17 Apologies** were received from Cllr David Guy and Cllr Claude Preira and reasons given. Council resolved to accept the reasons for absence.

**12/17 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** None

**13/17 Minutes of the meeting held on the 3 January 2017:** were unanimously accepted by Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **14/17 Playing Field**

- a) Council resolved to ask for quotes to remove the remainder of the fallen tree on the playing field. Residents were thanked for their help and the clerk will write.
- b) The area of car park area adjacent to the hedge will be looked at again with a view to levelling the soil, putting grass down and mowing. Cllr Gardner agreed to look at the levels and soil condition
- c) The quote for laying the slab for the picnic bench was accepted. Cllr Smith will ask the contractor if the price is still valid.
- d) Council resolved to get the MUGA sprayed around the inside with weed killer to prevent further encroachment by the grass.

### **15/17 Roads and Footpaths:**

- a) Council agreed to follow up with LCC suggested HGV signage for chicken farm lorries.
- b) Council resolved to ask SKDC Environmental Health regarding Nitrous Oxide levels by the A1.
- c) Council resolved to pursue highways issues with LCC to include: waste bin permission opposite North End Farm and junction of Goosegate Lane; HGV sign on Goosegate lane; re-instatement of grass verge
- d) Council will ask SKDC for more bins as well as litter pick on A1 Northbound Foston lay-by.

### **16/17 Advisory Skills Register**

Council resolved to keep details of volunteers on an advisory skills register for a period of 2 years. 3 replies have been received to date.

### **17/17 First Aid training**

Council resolved to ask Newark First Aid for further training and Foston Parish Council will pay hall costs.

**18/17 Finance:**

a) Council resolved to purchase:

HP Office Jet pro 8715 £149.99 with £25 cashback, 3 year guarantee

b) to approve payments of

- £10.50 to S Peto for printing costs
- £250 for Scouts Community Cleaning
- £273.70 for staff wages
- £233.52 for staff expenses (total £507.22)
- £24 for Toddler Hire of Village Hall
- £25.65 to Cllr Guy for training travel expenses
- £8 LALC for training course
- £65 to LALC for annual training scheme
- £40 to A Jackson for LRSP passive signs erection
- Talktalk direct debit, (already paid)
- receipt of £540.49 Toddler cessation funds for safekeeping, £1 Gorrie Hall rent

**19/17 Defibrillator**

Cllr Smith will continue discussions with Community Heartbeat Trust regarding fixings to the phone box for the defibrillator.

**20/17 Trees on River Witham**

Council will write to Environment Agency regarding trees on the River Witham

**21/17 Annual Parish Meeting**

Council confirmed Tuesday 4 April, 7.30pm in Village Hall

**22/17 Clerk's report**

SKDC have received the Examiners report and are asking for FPC's response. A working party meeting will be arranged. River Witham water testing has been completed and results awaited.

**23/17 County and District Councillors' reports** was received from Cllr Wood who outlined LCC unitary plans and consultation.

**Date of next meetings:** Tuesday 2 May 2017

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of FPC

Date \_\_\_\_\_