

## FOSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Foston Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 19:30 in Foston Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Christina Lees, Tracey Gardner, Emma Marshall, Claude Preira, David Guy  
County Councillor A Maughan, District Councillor P Wood  
2 members of the public was present J Stanley – Clerk to Council

### Public Forum

A resident gave a report to the Council of matters for potential investigation by the Council with specific reference to; hedges, A1 traffic noise, A1 footbridge and dogs

**2019025- Apologies for Absence** - It was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: - that apologies for absence be accepted from Councillor Smith. Unanimous.

**2019026 – To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in accordance with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 – Nil**

**2019027 - To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2019** - It was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: - that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Unanimous.

**2019028- To consider the issues raised from light aircraft crash into garden on Main Street Foston-** Further clarification to be sought from James Baggely as to the future operation of the airfield and any plans to move the runway further away from the village. Correspondence has been sent to Mr Baggely but no response received to date.

**2019029- To consider a proposal to make a request for a stop sign at the T junction in Long Bennington before the Marshall Way roundabout.** Cllr Wood confirmed that the matter had been raised at Long Bennington Parish Council, who supported the suggestion. County Cllr Maughan confirmed he had raised the request with LCC Highways and also request the lining works committed to in 2017 also be completed.

**2019030 - To consider matters relating to Western Power Distribution –** Councillors reviewed and noted correspondence received regarding power interruptions, no action required at present, but Councillors will continue to monitor.

Cllr Lees gave a report on the Western Power Distribution Annual Stakeholders Workshop held on 14th Feb 19; WPD aim to average 20 minutes of power outages every 2 years, WPD by law have to give 2 days' notice of planned maintenance however as a matter of course always give 4 days' notice. - it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: - that correspondence is sent Western Power Distribution to request that a minimum to 2 weeks' notice is given for all planned maintenance of planned power outages. Unanimous.

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### **2019031- To consider issues with dog fouling in Foston–**

- a) Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) application for Foston Playing Field. – Evidence is required to be captured to support any application made to SKDC for a PSPO. A short resident survey may be useful to capture information and evidence to support the application, a draft survey would be presented for the Council to review at the next meeting.
- b) To consider correspondence received regarding dog fouling – Councillors reviewed and noted the contents of recent correspondence received. Any residents who witness dog fouling not being picked up should report the matter to SKDC, Cllr Less will add the details to the next newsletter. Cllr Preira to liaise with Mark Jones at SKDC regarding wording for potential new notices.
- c) To consider installation of additional dog waste bin – Cllr Guy to install the additional dog waste bin opposite the junction of Long Street and Goosegate Lane.

**2019032 - To consider correspondence received regarding the supply of illustrated parish map –** Councillors reviewed an offer received for the production of an illustrated parish map, it was agreed no action required but enquires to see if large scale maps could be obtained from SKDC.

**2019033 - To consider the purchase of a laptop and appropriate software from funds received from the NALC Transparency Fund.** - it was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: - that the Parish Council purchase a laptop and appropriate software. Unanimous

**2019034 - To consider issues raised about increased amount of roadkill on A1 and Marshall Way –** Councillors discussed recent incidents of roadkill seen on the Parish, no immediate action was required but the situation to be monitored.

**2019035 - To review the results from the 2019 water testing and resolve further action.** No further action was required following reviewed of the results from the water testing, it was noted however that the water quality was reducing and will need monitoring.

### **2019036 - To consider highways issues on Newark Hill and Marshall Way**

- a) Surface Treatment works – Councillors and LCC Highways continue to monitor the highway to ensure that the mitigation actions out in place by LCC and Contractors are maintained. Cllr Lees reported that she has received to date 48 reports of issues with the surface dressing.
- b) To consider correspondence received regarding problems with hedges – Correspondence as been received regarding overgrown hedging causing issues for drivers, this has been raised with LCC who advised that the first cause of action is to request the landowner to cut back the hedges.

### **2019037- To consider issues raised by residents at the Annual Parish Meeting**

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- a. A1 – Traffic noise and resurfacing – Council is currently waiting for a full response from Highways England regarding the issues raised, the response received is: -

“I’ve made enquiries for you with our scheme programming team. Some resurfacing was carried out in 2017/18 on the northbound carriageway. No work was done on the southbound carriageway. The work in our forward maintenance programme is predominantly VRS, lighting renewals and fencing. However, we’ve passed this onto the relevant inspector to check out to see if there is any immediate works that need to be carried out. He does monitor the carriageway on his safety patrols and so he would take note of this if there was any problem”

- b. Proposal for the Council to accumulate earmarked reserves to contribute towards a cycle/footpath from Marshall Way to Foston Lodge and consideration for resident’s offer of 5-year interest free loan – Council is awaiting information from County Councillor Maughan as to where this project currently sits in the programme of LCC work and the cost of the work

### **2019038 - To receive and consider a report from Cllr Smith regarding the playing field and MUGA**

- a) To consider the 2018 Playground Inspection Report – it was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: - that the quote from Mr Richard Pick to complete the remedial work at the Playing Field be accepted and Mr Pick also be requested to remove the goal nets. Unanimous
- b) To consider a “no boots with studs” notice for the MUGA - it was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: - that a “no boots with studs” notice for the MUGA be purchase for the MUGA, Mr Pick to install once received. Unanimous
- c) To consider playground fencing – it was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: - that Bingham Ground Services be appointed to install fencing at Foston Playing Field, arrangements to be confirmed at a site meeting Unanimous

### **2019039 - To receive and consider a report from Cllr Guy regarding the Best Kept Village**

**Competition.** – Cllr Guy suggested that an adopt a verge scheme be set up in the village to assist towards the competition entry, Cllr Guy would prepare some details for the newsletter. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: - that clean up weekends be held on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June. Unanimous

### **2019040- To receive and consider a report from Cllr Gardner on Planning Matters – Nil**

### **2019041 - To receive a report from Cllr Gardner regarding potential CCTV in Foston and to consider community consultation on installation of CCTV to support potential funding applications.** – 1

supplier quotation has been received, further quotes are awaited along with advice from SKDC. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: - that Council begin to consider community consultation on the matter to support any funding requirements, Cllr Gardner to prepare a short questionnaire. Unanimous

### **2019042 - To receive a report from Clerk to Council on ongoing matters**

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- a. Minute 2018048 – Review of standing orders – Ongoing
- b. Minute 2018070 - To consider the potential for acquisition of land adjacent to Foston Playing Field – Address of potential land owners required
- c. Minute 2018093 - To consider replacement bin at the junction of Main Street and Long Street – It was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: - that Council purchase a replacement litter bin with a closing lid for the junction of Main Street and Long Street, Mr Pick to install once received. Unanimous
- d. Minute 2019005 - Issues raised from the accident involving a pedestrian on the A1 - Correspondence sent to Highways England, awaiting response.
- e. Minute 2019006 - Provision of a Christmas tree / Christmas decorations – Contact at the PCC now received to enable correspondence to be sent.
- f. Minute 2019008 - The provision of an additional litter bin at Foston Playing Field. – It was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: - that Mr Pick to install the additional litter bin once received. Unanimous
- g. Minute 2019008 -Relocation of Grit Bins. – *Request sent to LCC*
- h. Minute 2019016 - Relocation of the 30mph speed sign on Newark Hill - *Request sent to LCC*

### 2019043 - To consider Financial Matters

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

The Clerk reported on the following payments that were made between meetings for items due:

Payment Date	Chq No / DDR	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
24/01/19	DDR	Talk Talk	Village Hall	£30.00
24/02/19	DDR	Talk Talk	Village Hall	£30.00

- b. To review and consider accounts for payment.

Payment Date	Chq No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
05 Mar 19	101137	Foston Village Hall	Room Hire	£16.00
05 Mar 19	101138	RG Pick	Handyman	£96.00
05 Mar 19	101139	Japanese Knotweed Ltd	Maintenance Contract	£478.20
05 Mar 19	101140	ALS Environmental	Water Testing	£150.00
05 Mar 19	101141	HMRC	Income Tax Deduction	£73.60
05 Mar 19	101142	Salary, Allowances	Reimbursement	£394.42

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- c. To review and consider approval reconciliations of bank statements to 5th February 2019 - It was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: That bank statement reconciliations to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr Lees Unanimous
- d. To review budget, income and expenditure to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Councillors reviewed and noted the budget, income and expenditure to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, no action required

### **2019044 - To receive and consider reports from County and District Councillors' –**

County Councillor Maughan reported on LCC matters including NHS Healthy Conversation 2019, Heritage Services Consultation and the 2019/20 Budget. Cllr Maughan confirmed that the following highways maintenance activities would be in place for 2019/20; 2 full cycles of weed spraying, 3 rounds of safety grass cutting and a full cycle of gully cleaning.

District Councillor Wood reported on SKDC matters including the SKDC budget and Council Tax, it is proposed that the SKDC increase will be £5 for a Band D property. The SKDC elections take place in May 2019, Cllr Wood advised he will be standing for re-election. The SKDC Local Plan has been submitted for assessment.

**Date and time of next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm**

**2019045 - Items of a confidential nature to be debated in the absence of the press and public. {As per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960}** - It was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of minute no 2019046 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act. Unanimous

**2019046 - To confirm grass cutting arrangements and contract for** - It was proposed, seconded and  
Resolved: that Environment SK be appointed maintenance contractors for 2019, cutting to include the Playing Field and all verges in the Village. The appointment subject to review of the price per cut for the Playing Field, delegated powers be given to the Clerk to confirm arrangements. Unanimous

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:45

Signed

Chairman