

FOSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Foston Parish Council held on 7th January 2020 at 19:30 in Foston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Christina Lees, Tracey Gardner, Emma Marshall, Claude Preira, John Munro. Richard Litchfield, David Guy, County Councillor Alexander Maughan, District Councillor Paul Wood.
1 Member of the Public, J Stanley – Clerk to Council

Public Forum – The changes to the appointment booking system, specifically the open surgery, at Long Bennington Surgery were discussed in detail. District Councillor Paul Wood reported that the matter had also been discussed at the meeting of Long Bennington Parish Council on 6th January 2020. Long Bennington Parish Council have agreed to write to the Surgery to ask the following questions: -

Why have the Surgery decided to make the changes to the open surgery?
What other options have been considered?

It was suggested by District Councillor Wood that Foston Parish Council also write to the surgery and ask the same questions which was agreed by the Parish Council Members.

County Councillor Maughan advised he had raised the issue with County Councillor Woolley and had enquired as to the required consultation process.

District Councillor Paul Wood gave his report at this point on matters relating to SKDC specifically the recruitment process for the new Chief Executive and the SKDC Budget. SKDC are currently proposing to increase their share of the Council Tax by £5 per Band D equivalent property

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2020001- Apologies for Absence – Nil

2020002 - To receive Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in accordance with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 – Nil

2020003- To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th November 2019 - It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: - that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th November 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Unanimous.

2020004- To consider Foston Parish Council – Use of Social Media – Cllr Litchfield gave an update on the progress made with creation of a Facebook page for Foston Parish Council, a number of themes were being created for review at the next Parish Council meeting.

2020005 - To consider actions required to provide an additional defibrillator– It was proposed, seconded and Resolved: - that the Clerk submit a funding application to Awards for All to attempt to secure the funds required for an additional defibrillator. Unanimous.

2020006 - To consider concerns regarding discarded nitrous oxide canisters at Foston ford – Issues have been raised with Grantham Police; residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to the Police dialling 101.

2020007 - To consider and approve the Council Precept request for 2020/2021– It was proposed, seconded and Resolved: - that the Foston Parish Council Precept request from 2020/2021 be £11,000. Unanimous.

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2020008 - To consider the use of Parish Council HP Printer – No action required, matter to be carried forward and discussed at the next meeting.

2020009 - To consider Community Speedwatch / Interactive Speed Notices / speed of traffic in Foston – Councillors to further review circulated information, further discussion to be held at the next meeting.

2020010 - To consider and discuss problems with dog fouling in Foston – Councillors reviewed, discussed and noted correspondence received from residents regarding problems with dog fouling. A supply of printed copies of the Dog Walking Code would be investigated.

2020011 - To consider correspondence received regarding poultry farm traffic. – Councillors reviewed and noted correspondence received regarding poultry farm traffic, the Clerk advised the issues has been reported to SKDC and is being investigated under reference ENF19/0216 any further issues should be reported to SKDC using this reference.

2020012 - To consider Good Neighbour Schemes and potential for use in Foston. Community Lincs have agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to present further information of the benefits and uses of a Good Neighbour Scheme and would be able to support the creation of a scheme in Foston.

2020013 - To consider Community Transport Schemes. – Could be incorporated with a Good Neighbours Scheme, further information on similar schemes maybe obtainable.

2020013 - To consider mushrooms / obstructions on Highways land. – Councillors discussed areas where items had been placed on Highway verges by residents, the Clerk would write to the affected properties to advise the of the requirement to gain permission from LCC to site anything on Highways land.

2020014 - To receive a report on a meeting between Foston Parish Council and 1st Foston Scout Group and to resolve actions required to provide a community building to replace Gorrie Hall.

a. Minute 2018070 - To consider the potential for acquisition of land adjacent to Foston Playing Field – The Clerk to Council confirmed that correspondence and a location plan has been sent to the appropriate land owner, a response is awaited.

b. Community consultation survey has been closed; 203 completed surveys were received. A draft report has been received from Focus that is currently being reviewed.

c. To consider decision making protocol for the project - It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: - that all decisions relating to any potential project be made by the Council

Unanimous

2020015 - To receive and consider a report from Cllr Marshall regarding the playing field and MUGA

a. To considers quotations received for fencing at the Playing Field / Gorrie Hall – Councillors reviewed a number of quotations for supply and installation of fencing, further quotations required for supply only and costs for installation to be obtained from local tradesmen.

b. To consider proposals from Long Bennington JFC for use of Foston Playing Field - It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: - that the Foston Playing Field be hired to Long Bennington JFC for the 2020/2021 season at a cost of £500

Unanimous

c. To review and confirm charges for use of Foston Playing Field - - It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: - that the cost of hire of Foston Playing Field for a 2-hour session be set at £25.

Unanimous

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2020016 - To receive and consider a report from Cllr Guy regarding the Best Kept Village Competition – No response to date from the Best Kept Village organisers on the marking query raised, Council may seek to organise a tidy-up weekend on a date to be confirmed. Residents are encouraged to report Highways issues using Fix My Street online.

2020017 - To receive and consider a report from Cllr Gardner on Planning Matters

- a. S19/1710 – The White House, Newark Hill – Permission Granted
- b. S19/1240 - Viking Farm, Fallow Lane- Permission Granted

2020018 -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 – Ongoing matter – carried forward.

2020019 - 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
24/11/2019	DDR	Talk Talk	Village Hall Wifi	£32.34
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- b. To review and consider accounts for payment - It was proposed, seconded and Resolved: That payment of the accounts be approved by Council.

Payment Date	Chq No / DDR	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
07/01/2020	BACS	Foston Village Hall	Hall Rental	£16.00
07/01/2020	BACS	Environment SK	Grass Cutting	£52.22
07/01/2020	BACS	Glendale Countryside	Grass Cutting	£37.39
07/01/2020	BACS	Japanese Knotweed Ltd	Maintenance	£239.00
07/01/2020	BACS	K Renshaw	Replace lost cheque	£100.00
07/01/2020	101171	Salary, Allowances	Reimbursement	£399.25
07/01/2020	101172	HMRC	P9 PAYE	£76.00

- c. To review budget, income and expenditure to 31st December 2019 - Councillors reviewed and noted the budget, income and expenditure to 31st December 2019, no action required

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2020020 - To consider LCC Highways matters affecting Foston–

- a. Marshall Way Footpath – LCC reference number 4137787 *Completed*
- b. HGV's on Goosegate Lane – LCC reference number 4131840 - *It is anticipated that this sign repair will be completed by 01/02/2020*
- c. Flooding on Goosegate Lane – *Awaiting update from LCC investigations*
- d. Provision of bus services for Foston - *Update from County Councillor Maughan provided*
- e. River barrier at Foston ford – LCC reference number 4126606- *No date as yet for completion*
- f. The requirement for an extended footpath from the end of Marshall Way to Foston Lodge and potential funding sources – To consider a proposal to send correspondence to LCC in support of an extended footpath. It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: - that in principle the parish council would contribute the sum of £20000.00 towards the building of an additional stretch of footpath around the double bend on Marshall Way. Unanimous
- g. Relocation of 30mph Speed Limit Sign – Newark Hill – *In backlog of requests for review*
- h. Hedgerow and Bushes – Marshall Way -LCC FS-Case-164598281. – *Call raised No date as yet for completion*

2020021 -To receive and consider reports from County and District Councillors’ – Cllr Maughan reported on LCC matters including; budget for 2020/2021 and traffic regulation orders.

2020022 - 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 2020023 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

2020023 - To confirm grass cutting arrangements and contract for 2020 - - It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: that Glendale be appointed maintenance contractors for 2020, cutting to include the Playing Field only, no additional verge cuts to be made in 2020. Unanimous

Date and time of next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:55

Signed

Chairman