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Dear fellow councillors,

# **Foston Parish Council Report - September 2025**

Going forward I want to try and encourage community self-help to ensure concerns are addressed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

I am committed to supporting community projects, so if there is anything going on, litter picks, clean ups, repairs, DIY projects or anything that benefits the community please let me know and I will see if I can help.

The most effective way to raise and escalate issues is by reporting them directly through the council's online services. These reports and complaints go straight to the operational teams who are responsible for investigating and resolving issues, and they are able to track and prioritise them appropriately.

There are a number of ways to do this, depending on the nature of the concern and escalation routes using the links below.

https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faults-maintenance

#### **FixMyStreet**

https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/comments-feedback/make-complaint/2

If a more immediate response is needed, you / they can contact LCC by telephone on: 01522 552222

In many cases, you as Parish Councils are also well placed to help with local concerns and can often resolve matters quickly at a community level. If you can encourage friends and neighbours to raise issues with you in the first instance, alongside using the online reporting tools above that would be very much appreciated.

https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?bcr=1

Of course, I will continue to monitor all issues impacting our area, and if you feel that a resident or community matter is not being properly addressed after using the above reporting systems, and you have exhausted Parish level tools, please do let me know so I can follow it up.

# **Local Updates**

Flooding on Goosegate Lane - Ongoing. Alternative solutions still being investigated by LCC.

# Repairs Efficiency, Speeding and Parking

I have received several complaints around this, with residents confused as to why some repairs are treated, but not others, when they are in the same village, in some cases on the same street. In respect of speeding and parking, again this is a widespread issue, so I am looking at what we can do to try and improve this.

As you can imagine there are a lot of policies that have been in place for some time, which I am trying to understand and challenge to ensure they work in the best interests of Hough residents and the best use of taxpayer money.

I will continue to investigate as I am not happy with the way road and pathway repairs are currently managed, which is not isolated to any specific village.

In terms of individual cases, all repairs are part of a bigger programme of works that is managed by the LCC Highways department, so the best way to raise concerns or obtain updates is by contacting them directly using the aforementioned methods.

# **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - Public Events**

Events near you | Shaping the future of Greater Lincolnshire | Let's Talk Lincolnshire

# **LGR - More Information**

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Thank you for your service and your continued vigilance in the community, we need everyone's eyes and ears to help ensure our area remains a safe and well cared for place to live.

Best regards,

Councillor Ken Bamford

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