

MINUTES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

FOSTON ON THE WOLDS

At 1900 hrs 07 December 2011 in Foston Village Hall

Present: **Mr R Watts** **Chair**
 Mr T Sellars
 Mr P Farnsworth
 Mr K Tate
 Mrs J Foreman
 Mr J Tickle

Mr RL Mole **Clerk**

Apologies: **Mr D Watt** **Vice Chair**

Agenda Item 1 - Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 02 November 2011 were read and agreed a true record.

Proposed: Mrs Foreman
Seconded: Mr Tickle
Agreed: Unanimously

2. . The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council at 1900 hrs, 10 November 2011, in Foston Village Hall were read and agreed a true record.

Proposed: Mr Tate
Seconded: Mr Tickle
Agreed: Unanimously

Special Agenda Item –Introductory PCSO Claire Watson

3. PCSO Claire Watson paid the Council an introductory visit. After introducing herself and outlining the organisational changes that have lead to a redistribution of Police assets the following was discussed:

Farm Watch and Neighbourhood/Community Watch & Reporting pads
Vigilance
Interference/theft of grazing equipment, and its prevalence
Cold calling and the process of banning this within an area
Exchange of relevant contact details
Agreement to hold a “surgery” within the Parish.

4. With regard to the surgery it was agreed that holding one every month before a Parish Council meeting would probably exceed demand. It was decided to hold one on 1 February 2012 at 1815 hrs in the Village Hall prior to the Council meeting, to be

advertised in the Foston Focus. Services on offer will include crime reduction through:

Home & Vehicle Security marking
Equipment engraving
Community safety
Personal safety

Action: Clerk

5. The Chair thanked PCSO Watson for attending the meeting and looked forward to February 2012.

Agenda Item 2 - Matters Arising

6. Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 10 November 2011: Statement re Gambling issues. The Minutes of this meeting (see paragraph 2 above) were consulted. The Chair then directed the meeting into **closed session**.

7. The Chair directed the meeting into **open session**. The decision of the Council was to issue the **Policy Statement dated 7 December 2011** appended to these Minutes.

Proposed: Mr Tickle

Seconded: Mr Sellers

Agreed: Unanimously

8. Salt Bins: one has been sited by the pump in Brigham, and will be funded/maintained by the ERYC. It is the only one of the three applied for that has been granted this status. It was agreed that:

a. The Clerk apply to ERYC for a further bin in Brigham sited nearby the Chairs' residence (as applied for previously), on a repayment basis.

Action: Clerk

b. In the short term two bags of salt have been obtained by Mr Tickle to allay the access concerns of a resident nearby who has to negotiate the hill up from the end of Mill Lane. An application has been made by that resident for a salt bin.

Agenda Item 3 — Insurance Renewal

9. The Zurich Insurance renewal has been received. All conditions and cover remain the same, and the Invoice was for £225:00p. It was noted that last year the cost was £222:87p. This cover was agreed and the cheque signed.

Action: Clerk

Agenda Item 4 – Parish Council Election Charges

10. The Invoice for the Parish Council Election Recharges to the sum of £116:68p

was received. The Invoice was agreed and the cheque signed.

Action: Clerk

Agenda Item 5 – Carbon Capture Update

11. Some members had received the letter from the National Grid 8 November 2011 – An Update on Plans for Carbon Capture – and had accessed the website for further details. The letter was circulated.

Agenda Item 6 – Matters Communicated by E-mail

12. It was accepted that member's access e-mails at varying frequency depending on occupation, and that this complicated satisfying ever-reducing deadlines for the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk will try to flag up specific items that require a response and the nature of that response, and that individual members could be asked to respond on behalf of other members on certain issues.

13. The following had been received and circulated since the last meeting:

Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy Further Consultation 6 events (2 representatives at one meeting – nil attendance)

Local Development Framework Further Consultation – Consultation, Summary, Sustainability Appraisal and background documents on housing and employment that accompany the consultation document. Consultation closes on 19th December (no submissions).

Networking and Information Event Cass Hall Drifffield 7 December 2011 - 6.00pm - 9.00pm – informed of our PC Meeting.

Code of Conduct Training for Town/Parish Councillors and Clerks Feb/Mar 2012 – replacement of existing and mandatory requirements from Localism Bill – noted.

The Big Tree Plant – March 2012 deadline noted.

Rough Sleeping in the East Riding on Tuesday 15th November 2011. Deadline Friday 25 November 2011 – responses: Cllrs Farnsworth, Watt, Watts.

National Government - Community Infrastructure Levy – Deadline 30 December 2011

Survey on Neighbourhood Planning – Rural Services Network (individual responses).

East Riding of Yorkshire draft housing strategy – Deadline 6 Jan 2011 to be reviewed by Mr Tickle

Flood Liaison Group Meeting 10 February 2012 (one representative, Mrs Foreman).

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Work Programmes for 2012/13 received.

Update from the Driffield Neighbourhood Police Team received. Mr Farnsworth briefed the meeting on the role and powers of the PCSO.

Agenda Item 7 - Dyke cleaning request to ERYC

14. The procedure and requirement for dyke cleaning by riparian owners and the owner of Gembling Common was discussed. No notification had been received from ERYC, so it was agreed the Clerk write to ERYC.

Action: Clerk

Agenda Item 8 – Chairman’s Request – wider role of the Parish Council

15. At the Chairman’s request the following items had been initially researched by the Clerk for consideration at this meeting.

Participatory Budgeting
The Localism Act
Oil Buying Cooperative

16. The possibilities and limitations of this selection were discussed, and it was agreed that, over the next few months, the members be provided with briefs on their possible application within the Parish. Models from other areas will be introduced for comparison. Expressions of interest could be requested through Foston Focus at the relevant time.

Action: Clerk

Agenda Item 9 - Correspondence

17. Mr Sellers asked about the telephone box adoption scheme from BT, having received an enquiry from a resident, and in view of the failing maintenance of the boxes. The Clerk indicated that the adoption scheme was still open, and that direct application by the individual to BT was the way ahead.

18. East Riding Parish News made available.

19. A funding request from the Citizen’s Advice Bureau was considered and rejected.

20. An ER Age UK initiative to give free advice in Bridlington was noted and a leaflet appended to the notice Board.

21. The Conservative Group letter on the Parish Pond project (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust) was circulated for comment and it was agreed to publish details in the Foston Focus.

Action: Clerk

22. ERYC Chairman’s Awards issued to the Chair.

23. The Chair outlined the details of the Fuel Poverty meeting attended by the Clerk

and himself on 2 December 2011 at the Drifffield Rugby Club, hosted by H&WRCC. This item was linked into the Oil Co-operative initiative (see Paragraph 15 above).

Agenda Item 10 - Date of Next Meeting

24. The date of the next meeting is to be **04 January 2012**.

25. There being no other business the meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

Policy Statement 7 December 2011 (see paragraph 7 above)

The Chairman and Members of Foston Parish Council are acutely aware of the strong feelings and longstanding sensitivities connected with the management and use of Gembling Common.

In commissioning the new drainage dyke the Council has endeavoured to act impartially to alleviate a proven flooding problem which affected several adjacent properties. The Council hopes that the works already undertaken might be sufficient to forestall any future flooding, but the system has yet to be fully tested by an extreme weather event. Further measures may yet be deemed desirable but no decision has been taken.

The Council acknowledges that the Clerk, by living next to the Common, has a direct personal interest in associated issues. Accordingly, the Parish Council wishes to demonstrate its impartiality by issuing the following statement:-

The Council will not discuss, or take any action, on issues relating to the Common unless they appear on an agenda published prior to a meeting.

Should, after due consideration, some matter arise, such as further drainage work, which would materially affect the Common, the rights of those grazing the land, or the benefits of the neighbourhood, then a public meeting will be held prior to any further action being taken.

It is accepted that the Council has an ongoing obligation to maintain the new dyke in a fit condition and will do so with due consideration to the views of those currently exercising grazing rights and the neighbourhood.

RL Mole
Clerk

R Watts
Chair