

## MINUTES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - FOSTON ON THE WOLDS

At 1900 hrs, 19 July 2012, in Foston Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mr J Tickle</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
	<b>Mr T Sellers</b>	
	<b>Mr K Tate</b>	
	<b>Mrs J Foreman</b>	
	<b>Mr R Watts</b>	
	<b>Mr RL Mole</b>	<b>Clerk</b>

### **Public Representation**

The Vice Chair welcomed all assembled and resolved to receive the public participation before progressing with the Agenda.

Discussion covered matters related to the Common at Gembling including interests, map, representation, drainage and maintenance, registration, legal implications, drainage reports and Inspectorate decision, and schemes. Reference was made to the position of the Parish Council in regard to the Common, this having been clearly stated at previous meetings, and reproduced here (*italics*):

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#### ***FOSTON ON THE WOLDS***

***At 1900 hrs 07 December 2011 in Foston Village Hall***

*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

### **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.*

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*4. The Chair went on to make clear that, any representation from the Commoners' Committee in the future required them to submit a Rules of Procedure for that organisation to the Parish Council beforehand, thus ratifying their true representative authority.*

The Vice Chair concluded the discussion, the weir being on the Agenda for the next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 1 – Election of Chair/Vice Chair**

1. Election of Chair: Mr J Tickle.

**Proposed:** Mr Watts  
**Seconded:** Mr Sellers  
**Agreed:** Unanimously

2. Election of Vice Chair: Mrs J Foreman

**Proposed:** Mr Watts  
**Seconded:** Mr Sellers  
**Agreed:** Unanimously

3. The Acceptance of Office form was signed and will be sent to Democratic Services.

**Action:** Clerk

#### **Agenda Item 2- Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**

Member's declaration on any item of business concerning what they are required to register in Part A or Part B of the Register of Interest Form.

4. Mr Sellers declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 Planning, 12/02843/PLF Town Farm Foston.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Action Points Parish Council Meeting 06 June 2012**

5. The Action Points of the non-quorate Council meeting on 06 June 2012 were read and agreed a true record.

6. The following decisions were ratified and noted:

Foston PCC Gates refurbishment – Mr Watts stated work in progress, 4-5 weeks completion target, requirement to adjust hangings.

Energy Saving and Oil Co-ops for Residents – Mr Watt to continue co-ordination, initial contact to be made by 25 Jul 12. Updates through Foston Focus. To continue whilst interest remains.

Jubilee Tree – £192:00p Foston Nurseries (tree) & £29:00p Farnsworth (plaque)  
Cheques signed – delivery by Clerk.

PCs Cluster Meeting Invitation - interest submitted, attendance Mr Watts & Mrs Foreman 26 Jul 12.

Membership HWRCC – rejected, confirmed

Northern Powergrid Defibrillator – Foston Focus responses are nil. No interest so item dropped.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Code of Conduct**

7. The options appended to the Agenda were considered, including the explanatory letter from Democratic Services relating to prejudicial interests. After discussion:

It was resolved that the Code of Conduct, as adopted by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 4 April 2012, be adopted to take effect as of 1 July 2012, subject to review following receipt of further information from the Monitoring Officer/ERYC in relation to pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

**Proposed:** Mrs Foreman

**Seconded:** Mr Watts

**Agreed:** Unanimously

8. The Clerk brought the meetings' attention to a significant checklist of follow up material, and will itemise these requirements as they are completed. All current members filled in their Register of Interest forms, less Mr Tate who has one to complete (by 28 Jul 12).

**Action:** Clerk

### **Agenda Item 5 – Planning**

9. 12/02716/STPLF 60m met wind mast 24 months Outgates Gembling. It was noted that this was the precursor to an application for 4 wind turbines, notification of which

had been received (April, Agenda Item 10). It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds of:

- a. Strategic density of wind turbines, being directly adjacent to the Lissett wind farm.
- b. The proximity of the proposal to residential buildings.

**Action:** Clerk

10. 12/02904/PLF Dwelling after demolition of existing Cruckley Farm Foston. All Councillors had had the opportunity to review this application before the meeting. The loss of a prominent building within the Parish was regretted by some members. It was agreed to support the application on a vote of three members to two. It was requested that the following was added to the response:

- a. Building materials detail is provided before application accepted.
- b. Tie the new build to the agricultural holding as currently configured.

**Action:** Clerk

11. 12/02980/PLF Two storey extension Lathkil Cottage Gembling. Application supported unanimously.

**Action:** Clerk

12. 12/02843/PLF Change of use agricultural buildings to 3 live/work units Town Farm Foston. Detail and background was given by applicant who then left the building. Application supported unanimously. Applicant returned.

**Action:** Clerk

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Emergency Procedures**

13. The Clerk had reviewed, and explained, the requirements as requested at the last meeting. It was agreed to fulfil the requirements of the shortened form of the plan, and supply details of the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to the Emergency Planning department of ERYC.

**Action:** Clerk

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Lissett Windfarm Annual Review**

14. Mr Tickle had attended the Annual Review and updated the meeting on:

Public benefit criteria themes and parameters  
Match funding %age and max award (£5k) adjustments  
Cluster bid evaluation  
Fund development for the future  
Annual £1k to local Parishes future

### **Agenda Item 8– Nationalgrid Carbon Capture**

15. Additional detail had been passed to the Parish Council, but it was noted that this had been circulated to affected residents. The consultation details were noted.

### **Agenda Item 9- ITDB Use of Noticeboards**

16. The noticeboards within the Parish were used for the ITDB reports.

### **Agenda Item 10 – Matters Communicated by E-mail**

17. The following had been sent by e-mail/distributed since the last meeting:

Rural Services Network 11 & 18 Jun 12  
Clerks & Councils Direct x 2  
ER Parish News

### **Agenda Item 11– Correspondence**

18. School Prize Gembling £75: it was agreed to continue the policy from previous years. Cheque signed and passed to Mr Tate to present to the School.

19. Election update: the Clerk informed the meeting of the notification of the election, timetable and procedure. Notices passed for the notice boards.

20. Mandate – new replacement signatory required. Chair volunteered. Mandate form to be completed and passed to Chair.

**Action:** Clerk

21. Mrs Foreman noted that little had been completed of the General Maintenance Schedule resulting from the Village Taskforce 2012. The Clerk agreed to review and bring to the attention of the Parish Liaison Officer, ERYC.

**Action:** Clerk

### **Agenda Item 12 – Date of Next Meeting**

22. The date of the next meeting is to be **5 September 2012**.

23. There being no other business the meeting closed at 2000 hrs.

**RL Mole**  
**Clerk**

**J Tickle**  
**Chair**