

MINUTES ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

FOSTON ON THE WOLDS

02 May 2012 in Foston Village Hall directly following the Annual Parish Meeting

Present:	Mr R Watts	Chair
	Mr D Watt	Vice Chair
	Mr T Sellars	
	Mr K Tate	
	Mrs J Foreman	
	Mr J Tickle	
	Mr RL Mole	Clerk

Apologies: **Mr P Farnsworth**

Agenda Item 1 - Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on **4 April 2012** were read and agreed a true record.

Proposed: Mrs Foreman
Seconded: Mr Watt
Agreed: Unanimously

Agenda Item 2 – Elections

2. Election of Chair. Mr Watts put himself forward for appointment, and after discussion, Mr Watt was also proposed. A vote was held in the absence of the two candidates, the result being a majority decision in favour of Mr Watt. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was duly signed for submission to the ERYCC.

3. Election of Vice Chair. Mr Tickle was proposed as Vice Chair, and was elected unanimously.

4. Vote of Thanks. A vote of thanks was then proposed by all present to Mr Watts for all his care, consideration, and service during his time as Chair, and was agreed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Matters Arising

5. Mr Tickle, having been absent from the last meeting, asked:

a. Was the expression relating to Cruckley Farm in the last Minutes “....wished him well for his project....” an endorsement of that project. The discussion that had been held was reiterated for Mr Tickle’s benefit, the plans yet to be presented to Council, and the position clarified as a one of polite good wishes.

b. For an update on the replacement of the weir wood stolen from the water outlet of

the Gembling pond. As this was on the Agenda it was dealt with here. Mr Hostick had kindly replaced the wood and fitted a padlock to prevent further theft, keys being available to himself and the Clerk. Mr Sellers said he had visited the site and spoken to one parishioner who had objected to the locking of the weir and its presence at all. The Clerk clarified the technical background to the installation as follows:

(1) The height and location of the weir as designed by Mason Clarke Associates (Drainage Engineers) facilitates:

- Overflow from the pond over the weir should water level demand it. Possession of a key and removal of any of the boards is not essential to safe operation of the concept.
- The weir naturally leaks to allow flow at a very low rate.
- The weir, by its presence, maximises capacity of the pond to reduce flow into the vulnerable low point in the drainage network.
- The vulnerable low point from which flooding is initiated is the road between the pond and the old dyke on the north side. The new connection under the road (taking water from the old dyke on the north side to the new dyke on the south side) is prioritised over the pond outflow by the weir. This is necessary to facilitate limited drop in level/reduced flow under the road and limited capacity of the new dyke on the south side due to necessary levels.
- The old piping under the road to the old dyke on the north side gives hydrostatic balance. This explains the little variation in pond water level even in extreme events.
- Bluebell Cottage's outfall is through enlarged piping into the pond. The weir would breach well before pond capacity was critical.
- Hill Top Farm is not affected by any of these considerations.

6. After discussion it was agreed to ask Bluebell Cottage if they were prepared to hold a key.

Action: Mr Tate

7. An acknowledgement from House of Commons had been received.

8. Foston PC Jubilee Memorial – Gate Refurbishment St Andrews. A letter from the PCC accepting the PC offer had been received. Mr Watts kindly agreed to pursue the issue to conclusion. (Afternote: contractor contacted, completion date in 9 weeks).

9. An application for a grant from the PCC for annual maintenance of the Church Clock to the sum of £199:20p was considered and agreed unanimously.

Action: Clerk

10. Reminder for the following: Standard of Conduct Training selected Clerk – Drifffield 14 May 2012 and Chair/Mr Watts - Bridlington 21 May 2012.

11. Energy Saving and Oil Co-ops for Residents – Update from the Chair: up to 5 suppliers have agreed to participate; the process was discussed and a draft letter was

considered and agreed.

12. Jubilee Tree – Mr Farnsworth had ordered the tree and the plaque. Final arrangements for planting on the Jubilee weekend to be arranged by the Chair and Mr Farnsworth.

Agenda Item 4 – Invitation from PCC

13. The invitation to the special service on 11 May 2012 had been sent by e-mail, and some Councillors were to attend.

Agenda Item 5 – PCs in E Wolds & Coastal Ward Meeting Invitation

14. The invitation to a PC meeting from the Conservative Group requiring a response by 31 May 12 was accepted.

Action: Clerk

Agenda Item 6 – Finance

15. Annual Accounts had been sent for consideration by e-mail. They were:

- completed for year 2011/12
- Internal Audit approved
- Signed off accounts book and Excel equivalent
- Governance signed off
- Agreed that the repeat payment to Clerk be a Standing Order
- Confirmed receipt of Precept £2330 for this fiscal year

Proposed: Mrs Foreman

Seconded: Mr Watts

Agreed: Unanimously

Agenda Item 7 – Matters Communicated by E-mail

16. The following had been circulated:

RSN 16 Apr 12; 23 Apr 12

Biodiversity Partnership Meeting 14th May 2012 at Carr House Farm - Mr Sellers to attend.

Driffield and Rural Update for March 2012 Humberside Police

LEADER Coast, Wolds, Wetlands & Waterways AGM Driffield 25 Apr 12 - Clerk & Mr Watts had attended and reported the event.

Bridlington & Driffield Community Partnership – noted.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - received

Village Task Force Walkabout 11 May 2012 – Mr Tate Gembling 1000 hrs, Mr Farnsworth (if available, Chair to discuss) Foston 1030 hrs, Mrs Foreman Brigham 1100 hrs.

Agenda Item 8 – Verges and their maintenance in the Parish – Biodiversity (Mr Tickle)

17. In light of the above Biodiversity meeting Mr Tickle wished to raise:

- Excessive “tidiness” of road side verges in the village/Parish. Often grass cutting scraped the uneven surfaces.
- Spraying around trees.
- Appreciation of a balance between maintaining sight lines and moderation of execution.
- Possibility of approaching contractors/streetscene.
- Maintenance of road drains/gullies, some parishioners having cleaned their own.
- Road surface throughout Foston, particularly near Church.

18. It was agreed to mention all these items to the Village Task Force.

**Action: Clerk
Mr Farnsworth (from Chair)**

Agenda Item 9 – Planning

19. 12/01385/PLF Two wind turbines Manor Farm Kelk Middlewood. After some discussion it was agreed to object to this application. The response submitted was:

At their meeting on 02 May 2012 the PC strongly objected to this development. This was based on the existing and proposed similar developments in the immediate neighbourhood exceeding a reasonable density viz Lissett, Wind Energy Proposal – Land East of Gembling, gaohenergy, 11/05891/STPLF Wind Turbine Elm Tree Farm Brigham, and others in the vicinity.

20. 12/01901/PLF Single storey extension Green Close Gembling McNelis

The response submitted was:

No observations

Agenda Item 10 – Correspondence

21. Parish News was distributed.

22. ERYC Rural Strategy Consultation was noted.

23. Windfarm Trust: Mr Tickle briefed the meeting:

- £60k value of applications, to £50k available funds. £9k dismissed relating to speed signs due to ERYCC highways comments. All others agreed.
- Includes new room screen for Foston Village Hall with VHC contribution.
- Application trends analysed, diminishing grant applications, possibility of including research items (consider Frodingham/Foston history of drainage, Mr

Tickle to speak to Clerk), £5k cap on grants allocated.

- Carryover of grant funds between financial years considered.
- Repeat grants of £1k to adjacent PCs may be removed.
- Persistent spending of this repeat grant on the Foston village hall may be unacceptable.
- AGM 21 Jun 12.

24. Gembling Lane had been selected for surface dressing in May 2012.

Agenda Item 11 – Date of Next Meeting

25. The date of the next meeting is to be **06 June 2012.**

26. There being no other business the meeting closed at 2100 hrs.

RL Mole
Clerk

D Watt
Chair