

## **MINUTES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **FOSTON ON THE WOLDS**

**At 1900 hrs, 1 February 2012, in Foston Village Hall**

**Present:**

<b>Mr R Watts</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Mr D Watt</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
<b>Mr T Sellars</b>	
<b>Mr P Farnsworth</b>	
<b>Mr K Tate</b>	
<b>Mrs J Foreman</b>	
<b>Mr J Tickle</b>	
<b>Mr RL Mole</b>	<b>Clerk</b>

**In Attendance:**

**Cllr J Evison**  
**Cllr J Owen**

The Chair introduced the ERYC Councillors and welcomed them to the meeting, and also the members of the public in attendance, primarily for Agenda Item 5.

Mr Farnsworth apologised for his absence at the last meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 1 - Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on **04 January 2012** were read and agreed a true record.

**Proposed:** Mr D Watt  
**Seconded:** Mrs J Foreman  
**Agreed:** Unanimously

#### **Agenda Item 2 - Matters Arising**

2. Salt Bin Brigham – the PC funded bin is in place with the ERYC bin. It is assumed the variation in colour (yellow and green) determines the funding status.

3. Dyke cleaning request - position had been sought from ERYC as a follow up to the expectation of an engineer's visit communicated to us on 13/12/11. The Clerk had responded with a request for information on 17/01/12 to be available for this meeting but had not received a response. The ERYC Councillors kindly agreed to clarify the situation on the meeting's behalf.

#### **Agenda Item 3 – B&NH Internal Drainage Board Rates Notice, Show advertising, Book Club for notice boards**

4. These notices were distributed for display, except for the Book Club which required more detail and would be best served within the Foston Focus.

**Action: Clerk**

**Agenda Item 4 – Annual Report ERVAS**

5. The Annual Report was distributed, and the meeting was informed of the partnership with HWRC.

**Agenda Item 5 – Lissett Windfarm Grants Round**

6. Documentation for the next (annual) round of grant from the Lissett Windfarm was distributed.

**Agenda Item 6 – Alma Printers Invoice (Foston Focus)**

7. The Clerk presented the invoice from Alma Printers for £75:00p in respect of the latest edition of the Foston Focus, one edition of which the Parish Council had agreed to fund. The cheque was signed. It was unanimously agreed that the quality of the magazine was excellent.

**Agenda Item 7 - Hull Core Strategy Consultation**

8. Details of the Hull Core Strategy, and the opportunity to make comments, were distributed.

**Agenda Item 8 - Planning**

9. **11/05891/STPLF Wind Turbine Elm Tree Farm Brigham L Foster & Son** (On circulation between meetings). The Chair introduced the item with a background to the application and the response of the Parish Council, submitted to ERYC Planning Department. Acknowledgement from ERYC to the Clerk as follows, for convenience:

Comments were submitted at 8:50 AM on 19 Jan 2012

**Application Summary**

Address: Elm Tree Farm Main Street Brigham East Riding Of Yorkshire YO25 8JW

Proposal: Erection of a wind turbine (height of 50m to hub and 78m to blade tip) and associated infrastructure

Case Officer: Miss Samantha Hodgson

**Comments Details**

Commenter Type: Parish Council

Customer made comments neither objecting to nor supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comments: If planning permission is granted we would like assurance that grass verges and damage to property if caused by the transport of the turbine through the village, is repaired. The last part of the access is a farm track - this is shared by two others for access to fields, besides the applicant. Damage to this access must be corrected. The overall view of Councillors is that, if Brigham residents don't object, then nor do they. The repair of damage is a key observation, however.

10. Numerous issues were discussed and Mr Foster gave a summary of the application and expressed his willingness to answer any questions posed. The Chair brought the attention of the meeting to a response by the applicant's agent (Rachel Fisher) to two letters of objection from neighbours, relating to electromagnetic interference. It was noted that this concern would be addressed as part of the Application conditions, and these were read out by the Chair. A useful height comparison of the installation was also shown to the meeting by the Chair, and Mr Foster confirmed that the turbine was at the upper edge of the middle range.

11. During the discussion the Chair invited contribution from the members of the public present on any item relating to the application including noise, access, shadow flicker, and collateral damage, and Mrs Foreman described her contacts with other members of the community not present at the meeting. Comparison was made with the impact of the Lissett installation.

12. After a final confirmation of any questions to be addressed to the applicants, the item was closed and the members of the public left the meeting.

13. **12/00063/PLF Grain Store Gembling House Gembling.** The application was circulated and discussed. There was unanimous support for the application.

**Action:** Clerk

14. **11/05937/TCA Foston cemetery hedge maintenance.** This application has been agreed by ERYC.

#### **Agenda Item 9 - Matters Communicated by E-mail**

15. Rural Services Network 09 and 16 Jan 12 & 30 Jan 2012 **Information**  
Election of Chair Community Partnerships – **call for volunteers**  
Driffield Neighbourhood Police Team Report 6 Jan 12 **Information**  
Urgent request re proposal to empower Town and Parish Councils **Response**  
Draft Affordable Warmth Strategy **5pm Friday 16 March 2012**  
Draft Housing Assistance Policy and Draft Affordable Rent Policy **Friday 9 March 2012**

16. Updates were discussed on the above. It was agreed that any opportunities for assistance from government or non-government agencies would be published in the Foston Focus. ERYC Councillors pointed out the process of transition from grants to the Green Deal (loan based) by October 2012, their understanding of the rationale for this move (alternative energy and environmentally based).

17. **Oil Co-Operative.** Mr Watt passed around a draft letter for consideration. It was agreed to modify the draft to include LPG and add the possibility of electric at a later stage. It was unanimously agreed that this development was a good one, and

expressions of interest will be the next stage. Mrs Foreman and the Clerk agreed to pass around the completed forms in their respective neighbourhoods.

18. It was unanimously agreed to add the support of the PC to the *Urgent request re proposal to empower Town and Parish Councils*.

**Action:** Clerk

### **Agenda Item 10 - Correspondence**

19. The following were distributed:

Clerks & Councils Direct  
ER Parish News January  
CPRE Planning Booklet

20. A brief discussion relating to the plans for Jubilee celebrations organised by the Village Hall committee included:

Pub Night/Sports based on the Village Hall from approx 1600 hrs.  
Live music if possible.

21. A PC initiative was discussed, and options covered (afternote: an e-mail suggestion from Mr Farnsworth after the meeting for consideration) –

*Having just been to admire Jason Webb's work on the Grave Yard fence I noticed that the gates to the Grave Yard are in a very poor state of repair. They may be repairable or may need replacing. Could this be done to mark the Jubilee with an appropriate plaque to mark the occasion? I am not sure whose property they belong to....the Church or ERYC??*

*Maybe you would like to have a look when passing.  
Thankyou*

### **Agenda Item 11– Date of Next Meeting**

22. The date of the next meeting is to be **7 March 2012**.

23. There being no other business the meeting closed at 2015 hrs.

**RL Mole**  
**Clerk**

**R Watts**  
**Chair**