**Minutes of the Meeting of Foston on the Wolds Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th January 2025.**

**Held at 7pm at Foston Village Hall**

Present: Cllr. B Fleming Chair

Cllr. R Watts

Cllr. T. Sellers

Cllr. J Petty

Cllr. C O’Connor

In attendance: Liz Dalton Clerk

**1 Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

**2 Council action as a result of items raised in the Public Forum**

No action to take.

**Main Meeting**

**3 Notice of Meeting**

To confirm that notice has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**4 Apologies**

None

**5 Declaration of Interest**

None

**6** **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on 6th November 2024 were unanimously approved.

**7 Precept 2025**

It was agreed that the Precept demand should be increased by 2.5% in line with inflation.

**8 Highway verge grass cutting 2025**

Highways advised the Clerk to email in February 2025 regarding this.

**9 Gembling Dyke dredging**

The contractor has not completed the dredging due to a combination of ill health and bad weather. The Council recognise that this work needs to be completed on an annual basis. Cllr. Sellers advised that March or April would be a better time of year to complete the work. The Clerk will contact the contractor to arrange this.

**10 Councillor resignation and potential co-option of councillor – to discuss any potential councillors**

Mrs C Foster attended the meeting as a potential new Councillor. The Clerk will advertise the Councillor vacancy on the website and Facebook page.

**11 Brigham bus shelter – update**

There was a query whether the bus shelter needs to be treated to protect the wood. It is constructed from redwood and Cllr. Watts was advised that this is expected to last for 25 years so no treatment is necessary.

**12 Correspondence and Councillors Exchange to agree next meeting agenda and any emails received**

Cllr. Fleming asked for a thank you to outgoing Councillors to be added to the next agenda.

Cllr. O’Connor requested that the state of the roads through the village be discussed.

**13 Clerk update**

The Clerk received a Freedom of Information request but it related to social care spending which is outside the remit of the Parish Council.

**14 To approve the schedule of accounts for payment and update from Clerk on bank account**

The Clerk gave the Councillors an update on the bank accounts.

The following payments were authorised;

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| E Dalton | November 2024 wages | £146.43 |
| S Greenlaw | Reimbursement | £14.39 |
| E Dalton | December 2024 wages | £137.33 |
| United Roofing | Bus shelter roof | £704.40 |
| Zurich | Insurance | £214.00 |

**14 To confirm the date of the next meeting.**

Wednesday 5th March 2025.

The meeting concluded at 8pm.

Minutes approved by the Chair Cllr. B Fleming

Signature……………………………… Date ………………………..