

Fosdyke Parish Council Meeting Minutes

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Minutes of the Meeting of Fosdyke Parish Council

Meeting Details

- Date: May 5th, 2026
- Time: 7.30 PM
- Location: Fosdyke Village Hall

Attendees

- Councillor A Mowton (Chairman)
- Councillor M Houssain
- Councillor M Kilburn
- Councillor K Overell
- Councillor J Rushworth (Vice-Chairman)
- Maxine Warr – Clerk,

Also Present

- 12 Members of the Public

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mowton was nominated and unanimously elected.

RESOLVED: that Cllr A Mowton is elected as Chairman

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Cllr Rushworth was nominated and unanimously elected.

RESOLVED: that Cllr J Rushworth is elected as Vice Chairperson

3. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED:

That, Cllr Overell is appointed as representative to the Outer Dowsing Community Group

That, Cllr Houssain is appointed as representative to the Fosdyke Playing Field Trustees

4. REGISTER OF INTERESTS –

Members were reminded that any changes must be notified within 28 days

5. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE It was noted that the Council is ineligible to adopt the General Power of Competence, as less than two thirds of the Council is elected.

The Annual Meeting closed at 7.40pm

MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting began with introductions. An explanation of where all fire and emergency exits are given. It was also noted that the meeting was being recorded.

The Chairman also commented that he had been contacted by Mr Oldershaw regarding Thompsons Lane. He wanted to meet the Chairman alone, which was not acceptable, to discuss changing the minds of the PC. The Chairman assured him that the view of the Council would not change but he still wanted to meet. No further contact has been made.

PUBLIC FORUM

A question was asked about the Speedwatch scheme and this was discussed later in the meeting. Six residents offered to undertake the training.

51/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members were present but Ms Glenn (Admin Support) was unable to attend.

52/26 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made relating to any of the agenda items.

53/26 MINUTES

The minutes of the April 7th were presented – Cllr M Houssain proposed, Cllr Kilburn seconded and it was resolved by the Council that the Chairman sign them.

Matters arising – all matters on the agenda

RESOLVED: that, the minutes of the meeting held on 7th April are approved as a true record.

54/26 PLANNING

New Plans:

B/26/0155 Mill House, Mill Lane - Proposed rear and side extension and alterations

Members had no comments to make on the application.

55/26 POLICE REPORT

It was noted that 4 crimes were listed in Mill Lane for February 2026. 3 of violence and sexual offences and one other. Concern was also raised over an incident in Bell Lane where a vulnerable female was found in a lorry store. Members requested an update and the Clerk agreed to contact the Police.

56/26 CLERK and ADMIN SUPPORT REPORT

- Highways – no update available
- The Clerk had circulated a report which included the following:
The PAYE system is now successfully being operated 'in house' however changing the details on the HMRC site is proving challenging.
The internal audit has still not been completed, so the AGAR will be presented at the June meeting.

The notice board, flagpole and sign have been cleaned free of charge by Ben Gilchrist. He was warmly thanked and a formal letter of thanks will be sent.

It was noted that 31 residents attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April and a variety of organisations presented updates.

57/26 FINANCE

- The financial statements and bank reconciliation for April were received and accepted. The balance on 30th April 2026, for cash in hand, stands at £18,132.23

RESOLVED that, the following invoices are approved:

M Warr – salary for April - £362.40

C Glenn – salary for April – £68.90

HMRC – March PAYE - £109.40

LALC – annual subs - £195.00

BBC – footway lighting - £1409.98

It was noted that the first half of the precept (minus the footway lighting) - £6406.02 was received on 17/04/26

Insurance – RESOLVED that, the insurance for 2026 will be renewed by the current provider Zurich, at a cost of £296.16

Donation Requests – Two requests were discussed.

Goodfellowship Bowls Club – this item was deferred from last month. The president of the Club Stuart Moore attended to give an overview of the Club and answer any questions.

It was unanimously agreed to donate the full amount requested of £988 for a service for the mower

RESOLVED: that a donation of £988 would be made to the Goodfellowship Bowls Club towards a service for the mower

All Saints Church – a request had been received for a new notice board. However, the item was deferred to a future meeting as the existing board may be able to be repaired and the request could be reduced to materials, rather than a complete board.

58/26 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Cllrs Mowton, Kilburn and Overell met with Graeme Butler from Community Speedwatch and identified 8 viable sites. It was noted that only 4 sites were required but it was agreed to submit all 8 and ask advice for the best options. The 30mph signs were discussed and it was agreed to buy 3 at a cost of £20 each. The reactor signs were also discussed and it was agreed that the mobile version would be more practicable. Costs will be obtained but will be in the region of £3000 per unit. It was suggested that OuterDowsing could be asked for a contribution.

The training for volunteers was discussed and a request will be made to use Fozzys rather than a venue in Spalding.

59/26 CEMETERY

No further information had been received.

60/26 NEWSLETTER

Mrs Saward circulated a draft first edition. She was warmly thanked for taking this forward.

61/26 BUS SHELTER

It was agreed to register the land opposite the Village Hall because this did not seem to be part of the deeds of the VH, but this is being checked. Cllr Rushworth offered to help with the process as he has knowledge of the procedure.

A number of residents had contacted the PC and suggested a site for the bus shelter outside the Church, as the older children wait for the bus in that area. However, it was confirmed that the area is classed as consecrated ground and it would not be possible to get permission. After discussion it was agreed to ask the VH Committee for permission to site the shelter on the hardstanding to the left of the doors (when looking from the road).

Options for design were discussed, and this will be discussed further once the site is agreed. **RESOLVED: that the Village Hall Committee would be approached to gain permission to site a bus shelter on the hard standing outside the Hall.**

62/26 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

LCCllr Lock could not attend.

BBCllr Cantwell could not attend but reported that it had been a quiet month.

63/26 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Development of a 3-year plan

64/27 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 2nd June 2026, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC To resolve, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

Confidential Item:

RESOLVED: that following the 6 month review for the Clerk, an additional 4 hours per month (making a total of 28 hours per month) would be paid to the Clerk to cover meetings.

Signed..... *A. How to* Date *2 June 2026*