

# FOSDYKE PARISH COUNCIL

## NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

### PARISH COUNCIL

Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

**Present:** Cllr J Cropley (Chairman)  
Cllrs C Cropley Cllr K Gratton (VC) M Houssain A Mowton

**Absent:**

**In attendance:** Mrs B Gratton (Parish Clerk & RFO)

**Also present:** 12 Members of the Public  
Cllr J Cantwell (BBC)  
Cllr D Brown (BBC)

Mr Steve Fletcher Auditor from LALC

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30HRS, Introduced the councillors and the clerk, stating where the fire exits are.

10 Minute Public Forum:

Garden Club purchased 5 shrubs costing £79.10 FPC will reimburse the gardening club for the shrubs. FO will action this. Ongoing cleaning and painting of the garden furniture, the Chairman requested the bench be tidied, Garden Club agreed.

Clerk updated the status of the noticeboard grass cutting, still an ongoing issues. The contractor has been made aware.

A member of the public asked if Fosdyke Parish Council raised objections to the proposed pylons, Clerk responded no.

Reminded of upcoming meeting public meeting Eastern link 3&4 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2024, Cllr Gratton will attend to put forward any comments. Clerk invited comments via email which will be passed forward.

#### **24/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

#### **24/20 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**


There were no additional declarations of interest.

#### **24/21 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

That the signing of the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 proposed Cllr Hossain 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Gratton

#### **24/22 UPDATES FROM THE PARISH CLERK**

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It was noted that there were no updates.

#### **24/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Parish Clerk presented a tabled list of correspondence to those present, and a copy will be attached and retained with the minutes once signed.

#### **24/24 COUNCIL SPECIFIC EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Fosdyke.com email addresses have been set up for All the Parish Councillors, this will go live over the coming weeks. This has been set up by Steve Ingomells of Euro Tech Innovations. Councillors will no longer use private emails for council communications. Memory sticks have also been issued.

#### **24/25 STEET LIGHTING UPGRADE**

The cost of upgrading the streetlight to LED is £11,500. This does include some repairs. The Chairman stated that FPC can't afford to pay this amount in one transaction, and asked if there are payment methods available over a number of years. Cllr Houssain proposed the council go ahead with the upgrade this was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr C Cropley. Cllr Houssain suggested looking into payment plans or grants. The clerk will contact Boston Borough Council to find out all the options. The Chairman said this may need to be reflected in the next years precept.

#### **24/26 Brown Bins**

The Chairman said in next year budget the charity donations will now include the Gardening Club, this is in recognition of all their hard work. They have requested 3 brown bins, and yearly subscription for the disposal of garden waste. Proposed by Cllr C Cropley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Gratton. The clerk will action this.

#### **24/27 ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman raised the following points in relation to the allotments  
Are we going to employ a land agent to manage them, what will this cost?  
The Council earns so very little monies out of keeping them, shall we dispose of them?  
The allotments are not small gardens they are currently being used by 2 persons in the village who are commercially farming them, in total 14 Allotments of 0.5 acres per allotment.  
Cllr Mowton stated that they are large and need agricultural equipment to farm them.  
Cllr Cropley stated they are not a financial benefit to the village; they will need a rent increase to become financially viable.  
The clerk clarified that as they 0.5 Acre they are classed as holdings not allotments, therefore a farmer/smallholder would need to rent them.  
Cllr Hussain stated they are an asset to the village and if we give them up then we will not get them back.  
The Clerk stated 3 Allotments are now vacant.

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Cllr Mowton asked Cllr Gratton what would a land agent do? Cllr Gratton stated that usually a land agent would produce a plan of the allotments, when we know exactly where they are, and produce any agreements to run alongside these.

The Chairman proposed if they remain this will be through a land agent. He requested a costing before the next meeting.

Cllr Houssain proposed to keep them 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr C Cropley

#### **24/28 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application B/24/0234 – No comments

Application B/24/0172 – No Comments

#### **24/29 FLAG AND FLAG POLE**

The Council thanked an ex-councillor now a member of the public for looking after the village Flag. Proposed by Cllr C Cropley then 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Mowton that the flags now live in the Council meeting room in the locked chest. They flag will be monitored by way of written record to ensure its good condition.

#### **24/30 FACEBOOK PAGE**

Cllr Houssain said 169 followers ration of 60/40 female to male followers.

#### **24/31 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2023/24**

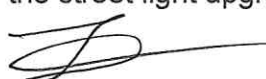
The final Audit report for 2023 – 2024 From Steve Fletcher. This is now on FPC website.

#### **24/32 AGAR FORM**

FPC AGAR form will be submitted late this year. FPC will call another meeting in order to complete the AGAR form. Date TBC.

#### **24/33 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The clerk gave a financial report. Sheet attached. It was raised by an ex-councillor and member of the public that the friendship club account was previously used to save monies for the day to day running of the village. This will be investigated. If this is the case Cllr Mina Proposed to pay the street light upgrade with this money and Cllr Gratton 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**24/34** DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next full FPC meeting would be held on 3rd September 2024 at 19:30 hrs

The meeting closed at 20.30hrs

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