

**FOSDYKE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**NOTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE**  
**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on 16TH July 2024**

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

**Absent:**

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

**Also present:** 13 Members of the Public  
Cllr J Cantwell (BBC)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30HRS, showed Members of the public where the exit doors were.

No Public Forum:

**24/35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**24/36 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

There were no additional declarations of interest.

**24/37 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORDS THE FINACIAL ACCOUNTS TO AGREE TO COMPLETE THE AGAR FORM FOR 2023-2024**

Cllr Mowton raised the questions about the monies for the Kings Coronation mugs. They were Purchased for a cost of £7, Cllr Mowton could not find this in these accounts. The Chairman responded by replying that the coronation mugs were a joint venture with Sutterton Parish Council. Cllr Houssain confirmed that it was Sutterton that collected the monies. The clerk will contact Sutterton parish Council although this was possibly not in this accounting year. Proposed to sign the accounts of Cllr Houssain, seconded by Cllr Gratton.

The clerk said that the AGAR form is late to be submitted, PKF Littlejohn are aware. We may have a financial penalty of £40 to pay. Proposed Cllr C Cropley Cllr Gratton.

The Chairman assured the council we will be working with Scribe in the future so we shall not be late in our AGAR application.

**24/38 ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman stated that the village allotments will need to be managed by a land agent. Cllr Gratton will obtain costings of a land agent. Cllr Gratton felt the cost maybe in the region of £200 or possibly more. Cllr Mowton asked who the agent maybe Cllr Gratton replied Longstaff, Hix or Hub Rural are the land agents in the area.



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#### **24/39 STEET LIGHTING UPGRADE**

The cost of upgrading the streetlighting to LED bulbs is £11,500. This does include some repairs they will be needed. The friendship Club account, held by FPC was set aside for village expenses by previous Cllrs and now has approximately £18,000 in it. The clerk stated that that account has enough funds to pay the street lighting upgrade in one sum. Cllr Houssain asked if the council could claim the VAT back? The clerk will check this when more details are provided to the council from Boston Borough Council.

Proposed to pay for the lights in one sum: Proposed - Cllr Houssain 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cllr C Cropley

#### **24/40 COUNCIL SPECIFIC EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Fosdyke.com email addresses have been set up for the Parish Councillors, this will go live over the coming weeks. This has been set up by Euro Tech Innovations. Councillors will no longer use private emails. They have also all been provided a memory stick.

#### **24/42 Brown Bin payments**

The Clerk asked the Cllrs about payment for the brown bins as the council does not have online banking. The clerk will pay out of her personal bank account and FPC will reimburse the clerk. All the cllrs agreed. The Clerk will action payment.

#### **24/43 Social Media Malicious Communications**

The chairman raised the issue of the persistent online comments that are being posted on a village social media page. These comments are mostly derogatory towards the councils' actions and have been personal about the Chairman. The content is now unacceptable as well as misleading at times. There have been 20 plus posts. Cllr C Cropley pointed out that if these comments were verbalised in a work place the comments would lead to disciplinary actions. Cllr Mowton said there is free speech. The council agreed to report to the police proposed by Cllr Houssain 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr C Cropley. The clerk will action.

#### **24/44 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 19:55 hours.

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