

FOSDYKE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR FOSDYKE
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THE 3rd OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM
AT FOSDYKE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr J Cropley-Chairman
Cllrs C Cropley Cllr K Gratton-Vice Chair
Cllr M Houssain Cllr A Mowton

Absent: None

In attendance: Mrs B Gratton-Parish Clerk & RFO

Also present: 8 Members of the Public
Cllr J Cantwell (BBC)
Cllr M Brookes LCC

8 members of the public attended.

7:30pm, The chairman began the meeting with a greeting followed by the public being made aware where the fire exits, fire extinguishers and toilets are.

10 Minute public Forum


A resident raised the planning application B/24/0172, they wanted to know why this planning application has received no objections from FPC and residents? Why this was not an agenda item in a FPC public meeting?

The residents of Hiltons Lane were issued a letter from Boston Borough Council directly offering them the opportunity to express their opinions. The clerk for FPC received the planning application on the 15th of April 2024 and forwarded it to all councillors on the 16th of April 2024. The councillors had not comments. However, this was not listed as an agenda item, it is however in the minutes of a previous meeting, minute number - 24/28 The planning application has only been brought up by a member of public in the open forum for the first time at tonight's meeting. The Clerk received no objections from the public or councillors. A planning notice was displayed outside the premises of the planning site.

The clerk sent a letter to a member of the public in relation to the financial accounts that had been requested for inspection. The member of the public seemed offended by the last paragraph and read out the last paragraph of the letter. The member of the public asked directly "when was this letter agreed by the council and by whom was it checked? The Member of the Public said they had consulted a Solicitor; the clerk did not respond only to say that the clerk would also need to seek further legal advice in relation to this complaint.

24/43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence received.


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24/44 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

There were no additional declarations of interest.

24/45 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON:

The minutes were signed by the chairman and approved by:

July 2nd, 2024, Proposed Cllr Gratton 2nd Cllr C Cropley

July 16th, 2024, Proposed by Cllr Gratton 2nd Cllr C Cropley

24/46 REPORT UPDATE FROM THE PARISH CLERK

Report is attached as a document

Matters for the Council to acknowledge:

22-23 AGAR form to insert the figures of income £17.169 and expenditure £13.010. the clerk has updated the form for submission to PKF Littlejohn. With the above minute reference.

23-24 Agar Form the clerk made all the council aware of the amendments to the Form those being: Section 1 boxes 1,2,3,9 amended from YES to No Exemption certificate requested by PKF Littlejohn, FPC has a turnover over than 25 thousand per year. Both have the above minute reference.

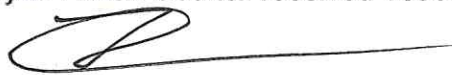
A resident has complained that the budget and precept was not discussed in meetings November 2023 – February 2024 the clerk has submitted a report to PKF Littlejohn with an explanation and an apology. PKF Littlejohn have requested that this is acknowledged by the councillors and added in tonight's meeting. This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr M Houssain and 2nd by Cllr Mowton. Given the above minute reference.

24/47 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out the list of correspondence, list is attached.

24/48 SOCIAL MEDIA

Cllr Houssain stated the Facebook page has 174 followers. The post for the former councillor of Fosdyke Parish Council received 1396 views.


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24/49 Finance – accounts and financial information

The clerk read out the accounts for Fosdyke Parish Council, a report is attached. The Clerk has suggested in line with the financial regulations that 2 Cllrs will now read and sign the accounts at the meeting. This will be Cllr Houssain and Cllr Mowton.

The Chairman said that Scribe will be up and running before the end of the year, and we are changing to an online banking system in the new financial year. The council will have a budget meeting in November.

Eurotech innovations have submitted their costing for the coming year this will be £180 full year subscription
£55 per hour call out minimum charge 1 hour
Remote support £40 per hour minimum charge 30 minutes.

This was accepted, proposed by Cllr Houssain and 2nd by Cllr Gratton.

24/50 GRASS CUTTING

The Clerk advised the council that Highways had received a complaint from a resident about the grass around the notice board. The grass has been cut. The Clerk has contacted the contractor to ensure that the verges requested by highways are trimmed. The Clerk is still awaiting a response from the contractor.

24/51 BROWN BINS FOR THE JUBILEE GARDENS AND GARDEN CLUB

After some confusion from Boston Borough Council regarding the delivery address the Brown bins they have now arrived and are in use by the Gardening Club.

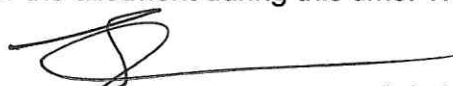
24/52 ALLOTMENTS

At the time of the meeting, we were waiting for the second quotation from a local land agent, they are on annual leave currently. The Council has one quotation currently. Cllr Mowton suggested a 3rd quote, Cllr Gratton said that this would now be out of area and the only other possible agent maybe Brown and Co of Lincoln. Cllr Gratton stated that if the necessary actions are not implemented by October the 11th 2024 the council will have to wait another year to begin the process of resolving the Allotment legalities.

Cllr Mowton felt that that a land agent is not necessary, the Chairman responded that this would keep all the tenancy records and finances accurate to ensure they are being managed in the best possible practice.

The chairman requested that Cllr Mowton produced his tenancy agreement, Cllr Mowton said that this was over 40 years ago but he did still have it.

The clerk stated that there will be a shortfall in the rent this year as three allotments are vacant. Cllr Mowton suggested that the executors would be happy to continue to work and pay for the allotment during this time. The clerk will write to the executors



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to verify that this is agreeable. It will be stated that this does not mean they have the tenancy for the 3 vacant allotments.

24/53 COUNCILOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

The email addresses that were issued to the councillors for council business have now been introduced. Cllr Gratton's is not working currently. The clerk will continue to send emails to the new and old accounts until this it is established that all the Councillors have full access to the emails being sent to them.

24/54 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Houssain asked if the council will donate £50 for a remembrance wreath again this year, the council agreed. The wreath will be placed at the base of the village sign on November the 11th at 11am and all members of the public will be welcome.

Cllr Houssain reminded the council that Christmas is coming, and a date needs to be set for the Christmas tree lights to be put on the tree. It was agreed that this will be Saturday the 23rd of November 2024 The Chairman will ask our local resident with a telehandler to help again this year. Cllr Cantwell mentioned that Outer Dowsing has a fund for villages for fetes etc. The Chairman thanked him for this information. The date for taking down the tree lights will be Saturday January 4th, 2025.

The Church warden said that we will have a new village Priest towards the end of the year. Father Paul Norwood will be welcomed into the parish in a ceremony at St Nicholas Church Skirbeck, Boston on Tuesday 26th of November at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 20:30HRS.



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