

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 05 MAY 2021 AT 7.15PM

Councillors Present: Simon Burton Evelyn Conlon David Johnson
Bryan Pillow Christine Walker

In Attendance: Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

Public Present: None

Christine Walker acted as Chairman

APM2021/1 **Apologies:** Calum Balding

APM2021/2 **Minutes 2019:** These were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

APM2021/3 **To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council:**

"This year has been a strange one for the Parish Council meetings which have all taken place via Zoom. Firstly I would like to thank Calum for taking on the role of Chair for the last two years and we wish him all the best. Also I would like to thank all the councillors and Fiona, the parish clerk, for enabling our business to continue and for managing all the communications in these unusual circumstances. Many members of the public have attended the meetings virtually, which has been good to see. During the year we have welcomed a new councillor, Paul Readey and I hope he will enjoy being part of the council.

Many thanks to parishioners, who, as usual, have taken it upon themselves to keep the village looking neat and tidy, clearing footpaths, roadside edges and litter picking regularly during the year.

The Community Wildflower Meadow has taken shape with the trees and wildflower beds beginning to be established, thanks to a number of dedicated villagers planning, organising and planting, and to donations from others to enable this to happen. A bench has been made and put in place in the meadow funded by donations from Foston primary school. The area has been fenced to protect it from rabbits. We look forward to seeing the spring and summer flowers and butterflies there despite the very wet winter causing some problems in the meadow.

Council business has continued despite the pandemic, with a few planning applications on which to comment, the usual road traffic issues, potholes & crumbling road verges. We have walked the local rights of way and endeavoured to keep them open but, unfortunately, the bridge over the beck between Foston & Bulmer has fallen & been dismantled for safety, although we are hopeful that funding may be available next year for its replacement. The Howardian Hills AONB have arranged for and part-funded a new village sign in Foston to replace the one that was stolen. The defibrillators' pads have been replaced but luckily we have not had to use them in the 3 years they have been in situ.

We look forward to a more 'normal' year and to meeting parishioners in person at our future council meetings".

APM2021/4 **Representations/Reports by:** None

APM2021/5 **To discuss community schemes:**

Parish Plan – Nothing to report

Emergency/Resilience – Nothing to report

Good Neighbours – Nothing to report

APM2021/6 **Parishioners question and answer session:**

Approved Chairman

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Cllr Readey would organise a community survey to obtain up to date views/priorities from villagers, as the last one was conducted in 2009 for the Parish Plan. The Parish Council agreed that the ring-fenced funding could be used as follows – Consultation £2861, Local Plan £33.89

Approved Chairman

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