

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 02 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present: Calum Balding Simon Burton
Evelyn Conlon David Johnson
Bryan Pillow Paul Readey
Christine Walker

In Attendance: RDC Cllr Eric Hope
Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

Public Present: 12

21/67a To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting: None

21/67b To consider the approval of reasons given for absence: None

21/68 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

21/69 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 04 November 2020:
Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

21/70 To discuss new planning applications received:

Public Comment – Members of the public may, if registered, speak about planning applications on this agenda, in accordance with Standing Orders, at the discretion of the Chairman, but for no longer than 1 minute. No response will be given. (None received)

- 20/01024/TPO - To fell 1no. sycamore within TPO No 296/2004 due to fungus in roots and replacement with appropriate tree @ Sycamore House High Street – Tree Works Done
- 20/01042/FUL - Alterations to Public House to include the remodelling of the interior to allow an increased use of the building as dwellinghouse, alterations to the rear window configurations, erection of porch to front elevation and erection of four bay domestic garage (part retrospective) @ White Swan Inn Low Street - Withdrawn

21/71 Public Session – The Parish Council will, time permitting, adjourn the council meeting for a short time to allow for public comment and questions regarding any remaining items in the agenda. No response will be given. (None received)

Approved Chairman

Date.....

21/72 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Missing nameplate on Foston Village Sign

Castle Howard AONB had asked if the Parish Council would part fund the nameplate to the value of £335.00, which was the cost of the version previously bought for Thornton-le-Clay.

Resolved – Agreed/Unanimous

21/73 Councillors to discuss long-standing matters:

- BT Phone Box previously site in Thornton-le-Clay

The Parish Clerk now had all the spare parts stored together. Richard Harrison had offered to finance the sand-blasting. Cllr Pillow had volunteered to move the phone box from its current storage to Thornton-le-Clay. The Parish Council discussed its final location, either its original site or near the village hall. The parish Clerk would ask the committee if they would want it there.

- Rights of Way – The Parish Clerk was still to write to Paul Jackson, Castle Howard AONB to seek funding towards repairing of the broken bridge. This would be done as a matter of urgency.

- Community Wildflower Meadow

The Parish Council requested up to date accounts from the committee.

21/75 To discuss matters raised by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:

- Bookkeeping records to date

FH had circulated copies of the bank reconciliation and the Income & Expenditure Report.

- Budget 2021/2022

This was discussed and would be agreed at the January 2021 meeting

- Financial Management - Internal Control Check(s), Internal/External Audits, Property Inspections

The latest bank statement had not been received, so the internal control checks were not done.

- Policies to adopt/re-adopt - Standing Orders - Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

Financial Regulations - Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

- Matters raised by/with Yorkshire Local Councils Association - NTR

- Payment approval - None

21/76 To report any new correspondence received by the council:

- Proposed crematorium at Sand Hutton

The Parish Council noted the content of letters received by residents, which were posted on social media

- Letters received and dealt with using the Complaints Procedure

The Chairman read a statement as follows:

“The Parish Council is aware of a public information leaflet, which was recently distributed within the parish. This was not published by or on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council does not believe the leaflet included any bias, so they feel there has been no breach of the Code of Conduct, but has responded to the letters following the complaints procedure category E. No further comment will be made at this stage”.

Then the Chairman advised the meeting that in accordance with both the Local Government Act 1972 ss 100, 102 and Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the details of this agenda item will be discussed in closed session.

Approved Chairman

Date.....

The guidance behind this action is as follows:

- There are few cases when there is good reason for excluding the public, but as a rule, however, it is desirable to treat the discussion of the following types of business as confidential:
- Engagement, terms of services, conduct and dismissal of employees;
- Terms of tenders, and proposals and counter-proposals in negotiations in contracts;
- Preparation of cases in legal proceedings; and
- The early stages of any dispute

21/77 To receive matters raised by members:

- Speeding – Cllr Balding reported that the Foston School Governing Board Chairman was going to contact NYCC Highways and other schools to seek guidance on speed reduction solutions. The Parish Clerk would ask NYCC Highways if the road markings could be refreshed.
- Flaxton Moor T-Junction – The Parish Clerk would write to the residents of Kedros, Rice Lane, Flaxton to ask them to cut back the vegetation alongside the fence, which is hampering visibility to the right

21/78 To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s) on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Thornton-le-Clay:

06Jan21, 03Feb21, 03Mar21, 07Apr21, 05May21, 02Jun21, 07Jul21, 04Aug21, 01Sep21, 06Oct21, 03Nov21, 01Dec21

Approved Chairman

Date.....

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A CLOSED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY
ON WEDNESDAY 02 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present:

Calum Balding	Simon Burton
Evelyn Conlon	David Johnson
Bryan Pillow	Paul Readey
Christine Walker	

In Attendance:

Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

Public Present:

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To approve the letters sent in accordance with the Complaints Procedure to:

- Mr and Mrs A Goodall
- Mr T Lonsdale

Resolved – Resolved (Unanimous)

Approved Chairman

Date.....