

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY
ON WEDNESDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 8.00PM**

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

In Attendance: NYCC/RDC Cllr Caroline Goodrick
Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

Public Present: 1 – Nigel Cox

21/90a To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:
Parish Councillor David Johnson

21/90b To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:
Resolved – Cllr Johnson absence approved (Unanimous)

21/91 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

21/92 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 06 January 2021:
Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

21/93 To discuss new planning applications received: None

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)

21/83 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)

21/84 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

- Missing nameplate on Foston Village Sign
Paul Jackson, Howardian Hills AONB Manager emailed on 20Jan21 as follows – “I've ordered the work on the new sign today. The contractor says that Covid is severely impacting their timescales for work but he hopes to have it done before the end of our financial year, which is 31st March”.
- Junction Thornton-le-Clay/Flaxton Moor
No response had been received from the property owner of Kedross

Approved Chairman

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21/85 Councillors to discuss long-standing matters:

- BT Phone Box previously site in Thornton-le-Clay - NTR
- Rights of Way – Paul Jackson, Howardian Hills AONB Manager emailed on 20Jan21 as follows – “I spoke to the Rights of Way Officer Rosie Sanderson about this one. She’s as frustrated as everyone else at the length of time it’s taking. The designs have been done and the bridge is at the top of the list of bridges to be replaced. It’s just waiting for the funding to be made available, as significant amounts had to be diverted to pay for flood damage in the Dales last summer and other budgets have been frozen as a consequence. It might get some funding before March, but it sounds more likely that it’ll be next financial year (1st April onwards). Unfortunately, we can’t provide any funding towards this as it’s classed as ‘maintenance’ work and we can only assist NYCC with ‘improvement’ work (e.g. replacing a stile with a kissing gate)”.
- Community Wildflower Meadow - NTR

21/86 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 Repot.
- Financial Management - Internal Control Check(s), Internal/External Audits, Property Inspections
The Parish Clerk had circulated copies of the bank statements, so Cllrs could verify the bank balances. The Parish Clerk had arranged for YLCA to conduct the internal audit for 2020-2021
- Policies to adopt/re-adopt - Work in process
- Matters raised by/with Yorkshire Local Councils Association – NTR
- Payment approval - None

21/87 To report any new correspondence received by the council:

- Claxton & Sand Hutton PC - 20/01195/MFUL - Erection of crematorium with associated access, parking, memorial gardens and landscaping @ Land West of Gravel Pit Farm, Sand Hutton To Black Dike Plantation
Resolved – The Parish Council would Object (Unanimous) to this application for the reasons as follows

- i) The A64 is highly stressed, which is acknowledged by Highways England, and this increase in traffic, will exacerbate this issue.
- ii) The Ryedale District Council Local Plan does not mention the need for a crematorium, as there is an insufficient population to warrant such a development and there are already three crematoriums, which serve the county well and it is disingenuous to claim otherwise.
- iii) The narrow rural roads are already used as diversions, when the A64 is blocked/slow moving and this development would impact on vehicle movements on roads around the A64

and using the N.P.P.F. for guidance, Cllr Readey would draft a letter and circulate around other Cllrs, before the Parish Clerk submits it to R.D.C.

- Residents letter – request for property sign

Resolved – The Parish Council would not support funding for signage for private houses, as it is unlawful for Parish Councils to grant funding to individuals. It agreed in principle to homes having appropriate signage, but it must be funded by the home-owner.

21/88 To receive matters raised by members: None

21/89 To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s) on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Thornton-le-Clay:

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

Approved Chairman

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