

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 04 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM

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

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

Public Present: 2

21/55 To receive apologies for absence and reasons given:

Simon Burton who was working

Resolved – The Parish Council accepted apologies.

21/56 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

21/57 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 07 October 2020:

Resolved – The Parish Council approved these minutes (Unanimous)

21/58 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

1. Missing nameplate on Foston Village Sign

Castle Howard AONB had asked for costings, which the Parish Clerk had provided.

21/59 To discuss ordinary vacancy following the local elections (Thu02May19)

As there is not longer a vacancy, this item could be removed.

21/60 Councillors to discuss long-standing matters:

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

The Parish Clerk had posted an article on the village Facebook page. Richard Harrison had expressed an interest in renovating the phone box. The Parish Clerk was asked to check what spare parts were available. Cllr Goodrick pledged £300.00 towards the cost of the base.

- Rights of Way –

The Parish Clerk would write to Paul Jackson, Castle Howard AONB to seek funding towards repairing of the broken bridge.

- Community Wildflower Meadow

The committee had recently posted on the village Facebook page as follows – “Thornton-Le-Clay & Foston Community Wildflower Meadow (CWM). A quick autumn update from the CWM. A lot has been achieved so far this year. The entire plot has been rabbit proofed. Six separate areas have been dug and planted with annual wildflowers. Several other areas within the plot have been planted with perennial wildflower plants. The entrance gate has been installed along with a lovely bench. The bench was paid for by a kind donation from the children from Foston C of E Primary School, following fundraising events. Only last week the CWM was visited by a Small Copper butterfly which is encouraging as we have planted Common Sorrel the food plant for the

Small Copper. It hasn't all been plain sailing! The lockdown in March hampered us sourcing plug plants and other essential items. The main problem that we have encountered during the year is that in many areas, the grass has outcompeted the wildflowers that we have planted. We have taken advice from a local organisation Next Steps that runs the Ryedale Cornflowers Project (as featured in the Howardian Hills AONB Newsletter, delivered with yesterday's post). Next Steps have recommended that the majority of the CWM is rotavated and then sand added to the soil to aid drainage. Next Steps will actually do most of the work using their volunteers and then help us with establishing the Meadow within the area. This work should be undertaken in the next few weeks. Next year we are hoping to have a lovely colourful display of wildflowers".

21/61 Public Session - The Parish Council will, time permitting, adjourn the council meeting for a short time to allow for public comment and questions: None

21/62 To discuss new planning applications received:

- 20/00925/73 – Removal of Condition 02 of planning approval 08/00346/FUL dated 03.07.2008 to allow the property to be used as a local need occupancy residential dwelling @ Wood Cottage, Low Street

Resolved – The Parish Council has No Objection to this application, but the property must remain under the same ownership of Wood House and must now be sold off as a separate dwelling, 5 votes in favour, 1 abstention

21/63 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.

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

Cllr Pillow has checked the bank statements against the bank reconciliation and confirmed they agreed.

- Policies to adopt-re-adopt

The Parish Clerk was continuing her review of the policies and would report at a future meeting.

- Matters raised by/with Yorkshire Local Councils Association

White Rose Updates are received fortnightly and additional information is received regularly.

- Payment approval - None

21/64 To report any new correspondence received by the council:

- Village Hall – proposal to convert that status of the Hall charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

John Holman, a trustee, have a report on this matter

Resolved – The Parish Clerk support the move to an C.I.O. and wished the Village Hall well. (Unanimous)

21/65 To receive matters raised by members:

- The Parish Council thanked John Conlon for repairing the style
- The Parish Council noted that NYCC and RDC were currently consulting with the government about Local Government Re-Organisation.
- Speeding continued to be an issue, especially along High Street and past the school. Cllr Hope would speak to Sheriff Hutton Council about their scheme

- White Swan Inn – there were concerns about its continued closure and the recent works, but a planning application was expected, so the Parish Council would await this.

21/66 To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s) on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Thornton-le-Clay:

02Dec20, 06Jan21, 03Feb21, 03Mar21, 07Apr21, 05May21, 02Jun21, 07Jul21, 04Aug21, 01Sep21, 06Oct21, 03Nov21, 01Dec21