

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 02 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00PM**

Councillors Present: Simon Burton Stephen Collier
Evelyn Conlon Bryan Pillow
Christine Walker

In Attendance: Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

Public Present: 0

24/159a To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:

Parish Councillors Callum Balding and Paul Readey

24/159b To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

24/160 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

24/161 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 04 September 2024:

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

24/162 To discuss new planning applications received: None

24/163 Public Session: None

24/164 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:

- Dog bin repair – still to do
- Phone box painting – the Parish Council had obtained prices for red paid, but after a discussion it was decided to look into moving the defibrillator to a metal post, then the phone box could possibly be sold. Cllr Pillow would obtain prices for this work.
- Website:
Resolved / The Parish Council would accept the quote from VisionICT, who using WordPress, could migrate current content across to new website. (Unanimous)
- Traffic Measures – NTR
- Allotments:
 - Shipley – The family had written to the Parish Council as follows – “I presume you have heard that Joan has passed away? What is the situation re the land she rents? We will be putting the house on the market so wanted to find out the situation and would purchasers be offered to lease it?”. The Parish Clerk had responded as followed – “Yes, I was very sorry to hear this sad news. Please accept my sincere condolences. The rent is paid until 05 February 2025, so the Parish Council would be happy for the Shipley family to continue as tenants until this date, unless the property is sold before this date. On purchasing the property, the new owners would need to contact the Parish Council to express interest in renting the land.
 - Triffit – The Parish Council had written to the tenant as follows – “The hedge around you dads’ allotment is very overgrown. Do you think he would be able to cut it back, as it contravenes the tenancy agreement. I am happy to meet him to chat about it if you think that would help”. The tenant had replied as follows – “the hedge at the allotment I have spent several hours last week trimming the

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hedge bordering the road. I only have a battery hedge trimmer and so was only able to reach just above head height. I have mown all the grass on the verge. It is now possible to walk along the verge (using it as a footpath which I appreciate wasn't possible before. I really don't fancy climbing step ladders on an uneven verge opposite a busy road! I took away two estate cars worth of trimmings to the skip. I have now started on the inside. I have put a lot of effort given my limited equipment to make an effort to tidy things up".

Resolved – The Parish Council would approach Mark Collins about cutting the hedge, whilst he is cutting other hedges in the parish. (Unanimous)

24/165 To discuss matters raised by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:

- Bookkeeping records to date – Cllrs noted receipt of a bank reconciliation totalling £13078.52, along with an income and expenditure account.

- Financial Management:

- Budget 2025-2026 – The first draft was included within the above report and Cllr Walker would circulate a budget report before the next meeting.

- Ringfenced Funds: –

Resolved / The £392.00 from Library, £72.31 from History Group and the £300.00 from Good Neighbours would all be moved to a new line called Defibrillator, which could be used against the cost of the batteries recently purchased. The Parish Council acknowledged, that if any of the groups restarted, funds would be returned via the general reserve. (Unanimous)

- Yorkshire Local Councils Association – NTR

- Payment Approval:

FOSTON & THORNTON-LE-CLAY PC - PAYMENT LIST 02 OCTOBER 2024			
Payee	Details	Amount	
Community Heartbeat	Defib Battery Thornton-le-Clay	£267.00	
Community Heartbeat	Defib Battery Foston	£267.00	
HMRC	PAYE	£106.80	
NYC	Speed Surveys	£264.00	

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

24/166 To report any new correspondence received by the council: None

24/167 To receive matters raised by members:

Dog fouling – Cllr Collier had stencilled dog fouling signs along the High Street footpath and the dog fouling issue appears to have improved.

24/168 To confirm the dates of the future meeting(s) on Wednesdays at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Thornton-le-Clay:

2024 – 06Nov, 04Dec

Resolved / From January 2025 the Parish Council would meet bi-monthly rather than monthly (Unanimous)
2025 – 08Jan, 05Mar, 07May, 02Jul, 03Sep, 05Nov

Important Dates:

White Swan	Asset of Community Value	Granted 19Aug21	Expires 19Aug26
Defibrillators:			
Foston	Batteries Expire 28Feb29	Pads Expire 31Dec24	
Thornton-le-Clay	Batteries Expire 31Dec28	Pads Expire 31Dec24	

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