

RESIDENTS MEETING, FOSTON AND SCROPTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2020 7.30PM

Present: Councillors: Cllr G Thornhill MBE (Chairman), T Bowles, C Fryer, P Groom, A Barnes (Clerk), Cllr Patten SDDC & DCC

Members of the Public: 14 Members of the Public

Welcome and Clerk

- Chairman and Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending via zoom. Cllr Thornhill confirmed no decisions would be made but notes will be taken, and actions followed up at a later date. Cllr Thornhill went on to say the Parish Council encourages communication between parishioners with the Clerk. Cllr Thornhill reported at time to time the Parish Council review how they work and what can be improved; he also went on to say the Clerk is employed by the Parish Councillors and they support her in her role. Parishioners do not have the right to question with the Clerk how things are done or make suggestions but should raise these with the Chairman. Cllr Thornhill confirmed the Parish Council is happy with her role and thanked her for her work
- Clerk confirmed that she had put an invite on the website for the general public to email her if they wished to attend this meeting

Residents update

- Cllr Thornhill confirmed the residents meeting is for parishioners to raise any concerns.
- Flood Coordinator VB gave a brief update on the flood plan and confirmed this had been sent round via the neighbourhood watch group and uploaded onto the facebook page. VB confirmed she is waiting to hear back from RW at DCC regarding outstanding action points that have been raised.
- VB confirmed she has two Flood Wardens in place and is still working on the scheme
- Resident asked whether the area at the back of the playground is owned by the Parish Council as it requires clearing from debris, is this part of the land being claimed by the parish council? Cllr Thornhill believed the land is owned by Network Rail but some residents disputed this and believe Network Rail owns the bank and culvert and other ownership could still be under dispute.
- Resident raised safety concerns about the bottom of the play area, and it was suggested a better fence should be in place.
- A resident reported in year 2000 new pipes were put in due to the flooding. Could we ask for the whole bit of land to be claimed by the Parish Council.
- Resident stated that if we went for the whole parcel of land the Parish would be responsible for the upkeep and any associated costs.
- Cllr Thornhill confirmed we are still waiting for a reply from the land registry and will look at what the Parish Council are claiming. VB would also raise with RW
- Resident asked what was happening with the ditch by the Parish Hall and who owns it? The owner confirmed he had received a letter from Flood Department asking him to contact them which he did and left a message but has had no reply back.
- A resident said that guidance had been sent confirming riparian ownership which he did not agree with
- Cllr Patten to contact R Ward regarding riparian ownership and gain clarification
- VB confirmed a document had been received called guidance notes riparian land ownership DCC (2015)
- A resident reported the ditch was probably last cleared about 10-15 years ago and thinks that DCC paid for the works.
- The Parish Council and residents thanked VB for all her work she is doing on the flood plan
- Resident raised concerns regarding the mineral plan and will the Parish Council support SDDC and the environment agency in rejecting the plan? Would the Parish Council contact Nestle and Avara asking them for their support?
- Clerk confirmed the Parish Council has put forward comments about their concerns and Cllr Thornhill confirmed the Parish Council will further discuss.

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- A resident asked if residents would get any compensation from the scheme, Cllr Patten reported there is no obligation that any money would be put into the village as it is not a legal obligation like 106 money.
- A resident asked what they could do as a community to work together in regard to the proposed gravel pits
- Cllr Patten confirmed she will be completing a report to send with concerns
- Cllr Patten reported Midland Pig Producers are looking to demolish their site in Woodyard Lane and put hardstanding down for buildings and wanted to make the parish aware.
- A resident asked whether the Clerk could email the minutes round to parishioners. Cllr Thornhill responded that the Parish Council cannot be selective in sending minutes to some parishioners and likewise cannot send them to everyone. Clerk confirmed Parish Council meeting minutes are available on the website a week before a meeting and the minutes of this public meeting will be available as soon as possible.

Cllr Thornhill thanked everyone for attending the residents meeting.

Subsequent to the meeting VB has offered for any parishioners to obtain copies of minutes and notes from her.