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FISHTOFT PARISH COUNCIL PRESS FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO PILGRIM FATHERS MEMORIAL

Fishtoft Parish Council are pressing Boston Borough Council to make urgent improvements to Scalp Road, which is the only access road to the internationally important Pilgrim Fathers Memorial.

Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Helen Crawford said “The access road, which is well signposted and should support significant national and international tourist traffic, is almost impassable to any vehicles due to both overhanging trees and the significant number of large and deep potholes.”

Lincolnshire County Council have agreed to allocate £50,000 to support the road improvement works, but this is conditional upon Boston Borough Council providing matching funding. So far this funding has not been forthcoming.

Cllr Crawford added “To quote from a recent post on TripAdvisor : *The narrow road to access the site was a nightmare. Certainly needs some repairs. But when you reach the memorial it’s certainly worth it.*”

The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial is located on the north bank of The Haven at the site of the former Scotia Creek, Fishtoft, seaward of Boston, and consists of a small granite obelisk mounted on a granite block. It commemorates the attempt at finding religious freedom in September, 1607 by the Scrooby Congregation, a group of English Separatist Protestants who left for Holland. They were precursors of the Pilgrims who later crossed the Atlantic to New England. The memorial was erected by Boston Borough Council in 1957 on the 350th anniversary of the event.



Photo 1 : A section of the overgrown Scalp Road

Photo 2 : Potholes on Scalp Road



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