

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. P Groom Cllr. J. Tryner	Cllr. N Hickman Cllr. S. Redfern Cllr. S. Meghani
OPM100226/01 – To receive apologies for absence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr. G. Andrew ➤ Cllr. J. Davies ➤ Cllr. S. Wild 		
OPM100226/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No 		
OPM100226/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests appertaining to agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr. A. Dolley electrical quote 		
OPM100226/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation. <p>Villager Email received raising issues at the allotment ground. Two Parish Councillors responded to said sender.</p> <p>Potholes Filled in potholes have opened on Main Street/ Scropton Road. Condition too wet to repair</p> <p>Report from District Councillor Sundip Meghani Council Tax: annual budget process is underway at District and County Council. Indication that council tax is going to be raised by the maximum amount 4.99%. Local Government Reform: SDDC preferred model 2 councils option (Northern and Southern) Food waste collection: March 2026 new recycling caddy, collection weekly Policing Update: PCSO covering Hilton district increase in car crime. Assess community speed watch. Area Forums: SDDC reviewing how area forums operate. Considering forums online.</p> <p>Question Speed Watch: unable to link in with Hilton, need to apply. PCSO Megan Taylor megan.taylor@derbyshire.police.uk Cllr. Meghani 07752582009 available or advice, assistance.</p> <p>Report from County Councillor Sam Redfern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drains maintenance due ➤ Potholes - £50m extra funding due in summer. 3,000 per week being reported. Works completed, about 750 per week. Potholes repair works in summer. DCC Highways monitoring quality of repairs and more research into large patching. Checking work approx. 30% by Highway Inspectors. ➤ Replacing 3 outstanding Signs – chasing up Highways. ➤ Speed sign repair Cllr Redfern speaking to Highways ➤ Change of village sign position on Watery Lane – request that the village sign with speed limit sign is placed before houses at A50 end. Cllr Redfern speaking to head of Highways Livery. 		

- 7.5 tonne weight limit on Leathersley Lane still pending. Investigating if surveys have been carried out.
- Question, Council Tax: increasing by 4.99% (maximum amount) every year over 3 years.

District Councillors Grahame Andrew, Jayne Davies

Fly tipping on Hay Lane – Foston – positive result, suspects identified and interviewed vehicle seized, ongoing investigation.

Fly Tipping Leathersley Lane

Tim summers, Environment Officer (Tim.summers@southderbyshire.gov.uk)

Will happily come at and meet you with you all to discuss cameras and hot spots for fly tipping.

Please contact him to discuss dates and times.

No evidence was found in the bags but it was from a cannabis farm/grower!

Bus Maintenance facility – Woodyard Lane – going to Planning Committee this evening, recommendation is to refuse. Owner has put an appeal against non-determination to try and prolong the process, this will probably have that effect as the Government Inspectors are prioritising Housing Appeals.

WG Tankers – Planning Application now in and it includes the use of an access via the Dove Valley Business Park – got there in the end...

Local Government Reorganisation – consultation from Government now available (there isn't an option to forget the whole thing!) <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/derbyshire-and-derby/>

Mill Green – enforcement officers will visit again this month to check on progress to reinstating the landscaping previously ignored.

OPM100226/05 Correspondence

- See OPM100226/04

OPM100226/06 - To confirm and agree as a true record the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Annual Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2026

- Approved
- Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman
 Seconded: Cllr A. Dolley

OPM100226/07 Finance:-

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Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
10/02/2026	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£ 156.73
10/02/2026	J Allen	Parish Clerk Wages	£ 336.00
10/02/2026	HMRC	Month 9	£ 86.00
10/02/2026	J. Allen	Expenses	£ 10.71
10/02/2026	Easy Website	Monthly charge DDM	£ 36.96

Parish Council Income :

Date	Name	Description	Amount
10/02/2026	Allotment Payments	Allotment Payments	£92.51

Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
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10/02/2026	Green water Services	Legionella Monitoring	£ 72.00
10/02/2026	A Dolley	New Hoover	£ 142.98
10/02/2026	A Dolley	cupboard fixings	£ 14.08
10/02/2026	Contacta via online payment	Hearing loop	£ 199.80
10/02/2026	Fire Protection via online payment	Fire Blanket	£ 19.13

Parish Hall Income

Date	Name	Description	Amount
10/02/2026	Chair Exercise Class	Chair Exercise Class	£54.00
10/02/2026	Burns Night Event	Burns Night Event	£245.00

➤ Burns night: Parish Hall Group retaining £100 for working capital

➤ Approved.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. N. Hickman

OPM100226/08 – Planning Applications received.

DMPA/2025/1565: Change of use from agricultural/turkey rearing to HGV storage (use class B8) at Brandons Poultry Farm, Unnamed Road from Cote Bottom Lane To Bent Lane, Heathtop, Derby, DE65 5AY – **No Observation**

DMPA/2026/0124: The variation of condition no. 2 (access) of permission ref. 9/2019/0368 for (Retention of emergency access and concrete approach apron off hay lane) at ATL Warehousing, Woodyard Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5BU – **No Observation**

Application ref. DMPA/2025/1618: The variation of condition no. 3 of permission ref. DMPA/2021/1373 (relating to biomass boiler) for Installation of Glen Farrow boiler on concrete slab and a 6 metre long plant room to service existing log drying store at KKL Logging, Miry Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5PW – **No Observation**

Application ref. DMPA/2025/1274: Notification of Planning Committee meeting

The continued use of land from agriculture to a commercial coach business at Woodside Farm, Woodyard Lane, Foston, Derby DE65 5PY

I am writing to you because you made a written representation to the Council, putting forward your views on this application. This application will now be considered by the Council's Planning Committee on 10/02/2026.

From Cllr David Warriner (Church Broughton Parish Council) . I'm reconfirming with the CBPC that they want me to speak on its behalf against this application. I believe there can only be one speaker against an application at the planning meeting. Can you confirm whether the F&S PC will allow me to make a combined speech on behalf of both PCs please, or if you prefer another arrangement. If so, then I'll register my intent with SDDC and send you a proposed set of speaking points when I'm back on the UK
Noted.

DMPA/2025/1570 Erection of 2no buildings in B2/B8 and ancillary E(g) uses, associated infrastructure, service yards, landscaping, and a structural landscape buffer at land to the east of Dove Valley Park and the erection of an innovation centre in sui generis use at Plot 2 within Dove Valley Park on Land to the east of Dove Valley Park, Park Avenue, Foston, Derby. Your comments were received on 21/ 12/ 25 and will be considered when we assess the application.

The description below needs to include:-

- *proposed landscaping,*
- *tree screening,*

- *permissive footpaths,*
- *woodland walk through the estate and ultimately into Penny Waste Wood. **Noted***

OPM1002126/09 - Hedges cost

➤ Quotes from:

Nick Harker Tree Services: £1.000

Stuart Reeves: £810

DGR Landscape: £1,040 + 20% VAT

Pete Willingham: £800

Councillors approved quote from Nick Harker Tree Services

Cllr. Groom declared an interest concerning Nick Harker Tree Services – Company used by Doveridge PC

Approved by all Councillors at meeting

For future reference, acceptance responses from all Councillors required.

OPM100226/10 – Village Hall projects

- Building condition report – report pending pictures of loft
- Repair 2 slabs on ramp and metal handrail quote
 1. Stuart Reeves:
 - Replace 2 broken slabs £85:00
 - Installation of metal handrail £235:00
 - Parish Council to purchase metal handrail
 2. DGR Landscape Ltd – see quote £1001: 00 + VAT

Cllr. Nick Hickman investigating cost of metal handrail, number of posts for compliance

Instruct: Stuart Reeves to replace the 2 broken slabs on the ramp. £85:00

➤ Approved.

Proposed: Cllr. J Tryner

Seconded: Cllr. N. Hickman

➤ **Fencing in playground**

F H Brundle (metal fencing) cost £6,000

Stuart Reeves Installation cost: 585.00 (1 day, 2 men. Overrunning £45 ph).

OPM100226/11 - Allotments

- Area review- plots available - Yes
- Inert soil on allotment plot – Cllr Hickman investigating
- Building and other materials on allotment site - pending
- Metal gate onto Mill Lane requires attention – now repaired
- Allotment grass cutting and maintenance of car park area- Parish Clerk to obtain 3 quotes
- Allotment holders meeting date – Saturday 18th April 11:00

OPM100226/12 - Remaining electrical works quote

Cllr. A. Dolley declared interest

Require immediate attention

- Emergency Lights
- Bulkhead Lights on building
- Flood light corner of car park
- Extractor fan gills for toilets missing outside

Other works

- + Lights in toilets to be upgraded to LED
- + Extractor fan
- + Extra double socket in kitchen

Parish Clerk obtaining 2 more quotes

OPM100226/13 - Broadband connection to wrong box by Openreach

- o Current Broadband speed 3 mbps
- o **Quote terms:**
- o Estimated download range 71 mbps
- o Estimated upload range 17 mbps
- o Stay Fast Guaranteed Speed 71 mbps
- + Connection at cabinet 2,000 metres away.
- + BT not fulfilling contract – well below hand back threshold
- + Government: broadband should be provided at about 10 mbps as a minimum.
- + Parish Clerk to follow up

OPM10026/14 - Chairmans report

Playground fencing – posts numbers and placings see item **OPM100226/10 – Village Hall projects**

OPM10026/15 Clerk's Monthly report/Items

Green Water Services Ltd Legionella requirements. Due to time restraints now needs to be actioned

Quote requests issued to:-

Thompson Heating via online messaging – No Reply
MH Plumbing and Heating via online messaging – No Reply

Cllr. Dolley declared an interest for only recommending a plumber G H Gas Heating.

quote from GH Gas Heating
Supply and fit x 4 sets quarter turn taps
Supply and fit x 8 flexible hoses
Supply and fit expansion vessel
Total Cost £525

Councillors approved to instruct: GH Gas Heating
Proposed: Cllr. J. Tryner
Seconded: Cllr. N. Hickman

Community Hall Group – Cllr. Hickman

The Parish Council investigating control the Community Hall Charity with past chairman.

The organisation (Community Hall Group) behind the Community Hall Charity, believe there wasn't a requirement to have an organisation because it was a charity.

She sat on the organising committee for events because that was the connection between the Parish Council and the Community Hall but understand there wasn't a specific remit.

Need to review past documents.
Waiting further information to report back.

OPM100226/15 – Date of Next Meeting

➤ 10th March 2026

OPM10026/16 – Exclusion of the Press and Public Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

➤ None

Signed:	
Date of issue:	26 th February 2026

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