

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. P. Groom Cllr. N. Hickman Cllr. J. Smith Cllr. S. Meghani
OPM110225/01 – To receive apologies for absence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr. G. Andrew ➤ Cllr. J. Davies ➤ Cllr. J. Patten 	
OPM110225/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None 	
OPM110225/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests appertaining to agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr A. Dolley – Parish Hall electrics 	
OPM110225/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation. <p>District Councillor: Cllr. S. Meghani</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local matters: Planning queries at Hilton, Bins issues at Foston and Scropton and concerns about a possible business being run from home. ➤ SDDC annual budget projected financial shortfall £600,000. Funding gap now at £120,000, Council proposing to meet the gap through reserves. The Council are proposing to increase Council Tax by 2.99% Opposition budget proposals being put forward in the annual budget meeting 27th February. ➤ Finance Committee meeting January – Proposal to withdraw Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant to Parish Councils. Passed. https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/council-tax/ctrs ➤ Council Complaints policy change – Constituents given the choice to involve their local Councillors but Officers didn't want to adopt the proposal. Approved. ➤ From local residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Complaints from constituents can be addressed to their local Councillor directly. b) Pavement cleaning after flooding – notification to Cllr. S. Meghani or SDDC c) Loose drain cover near Firs Farm – notification to Cllr. S. Meghani to Highways d) Dain repair near Allotments – too long outstanding – notification to Cllr. J Patten e) Street naming objection Wheatrig 'Way' . not in keeping with the ambiance of village. Agreement to change to Wheatrig Rise. Proposer: Cllr J Smith Seconded: Cllr N. Hickman All approved ➤ Potential electrical fire in hall through wiring fault. Cllr. A. Dolley attended. ➤ Burns night event raised: £279 	

OPM110225/05 - Other Correspondence

- Bus depot on Woodyard lane – **Enforcement Team already notified**
- Branches have been dumped by SDDC on the path- **been reported by resident**
- Released prisoners have dumped clothes, lesson notes and medication with their names on at the bus stop. **Letter to the Governor – part of the release process**
- Signs have been placed on both roundabouts in Foston signing Dove Valley developments.
Signs compliant? Notification to Highways.
- The development on the corner of Hay Lane, Contractors are parking on the roadside. On that bend there are solid white lines. Drivers leaving the village are forced onto the wrong side of the road into oncoming traffic. **Notification to Local PCSO**

OPM110225/06 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2025

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

OPM110225/07 – Finance**Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:**

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
11/02/2025	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£ 146.32
11/02/2025	J Allen	Parish Clerk Wages	£ 336.00
11/02/2025	HMRC	Month 11	£ 86.40
11/02/2025	J Allen	Expenses	£ 62.38
11/02/2025	Easy Websites	Web Hosting & Design Services	£ 300.00

Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
11/02/2025	Scottish Power	Electricity	£ 170.09
11/02/2025	Greenwater Services	Legionella	£ 72.00

Parish Hall Income

Date	Name	Description	Amount
11/02/2025	Bingo night	PH Event	£297.00

- Cllr. J Smith to be cheque signature
- Approved.
Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman
Seconded: Cllr. A Dolley

OPM110225/08 - Planning Applications

Application ref. DMPA/2024/0635: Erection of 4no 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 Land to the east of Dove Valley Park, Park Avenue, Foston, Derby. **No Observation**

OPM110225/09 - VH Electrical quotes

- Interest noted - Cllr A. Dolley
- 3 quotes received – Cllr. P Groom (Chairman) reviewed report for February Parish Council meeting.
- Not having batten lighting – agreed Cllr. P. Groom, Cllr N. Hickman, Cllr J Smith
- Quote 1: £2,003
- Quote 2: £1,224
- Quote 3: £1,533

Councillors agreed to go with quote 3.

Proposer: Cllr J Smith

Seconder: Cllr. H. Hickman

Work Start date: April

OPM110225/10 – Surveillance Camera (Code of Practice)

- To be discussed at next PC meeting
- Cllr. P. Groom to investigate camera types

OPM110225/11 – Allotments renewal

- To be discussed at next PC meeting

OPM110225/12 – Hinckley & Rugby Building Society.

- 2/3 of funds into 90 days account
- Interest 2.85% (Santander 1.025%)

Proposer: Cllr J Smith

Seconder: Cllr. H. Hickman

All agreed

OPM110225/13 - Chairmans report

- Playground Metal Fencing: Waiting 3 quotes
- Parish Council (Parish Clerk) VoIP mobile - being looked into
- Village hall address – registered with Royal Mail / Land registry?

OPM110225/14 - Clerk's Monthly report/Items

- Nothing to report

OPM110225/15 – Date of Next Meeting

11th March 2025

OPM110225/16 – 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:	2 nd March 2025