

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

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

Present:	Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. P Groom Cllr. J. Tryner	Cllr. N Hickman Cllr. S. Meghani Cllr. J. Davies
OPM100326/01 – To receive apologies for absence:		
➤ Cllr. G. Andrew ➤ Cllr. S. Redfern ➤ Cllr. S. Wild		
OPM100326/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)		
➤ No		
OPM100326/03 - Declaration of Members’ Interests appertaining to agenda items.		
➤ Cllr. A. Dolley electrical quote ➤ Cllr. P. Groom allotments		
OPM100326/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.		
Standing Order: Chairman asked District Councillor Meghani - does the Chairman remove himself as a Councillor and become a member of the public with regards to an item he wishes to discuss. District Councillor Meghani advised against.		
District Councillor S. Meghani report		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Budget & Council Tax SDDDC late February completed the annual budget process. Budget passed, council tax increase of 2.99%. DCC have increased Council Tax to 4.99%. • Food waste collection caddies: weekly. Delay with roll out of caddies, expected May/June time. • Setting up Community Speed Watch in Hilton in partnership with Police. If works well look to expand to other parts of the district. Looking for volunteers. • SSDDC porting Challenge Scheme www.sporting-challenge.org.uk relaunched. Applications online and open until mid-March. 		
Villagers Comment:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase in Council tax pensioners are struggling and need help. 2. No improvement in services 3. Food waste caddies - government initiative. Overview how councils can raise taxes and then spend money on items not needed. Cost: estimated over £1m. SDDC was about to spend £19m to expand and upgrade their recycling depot. SDDC will be getting less money for this revenue source from central government. Upgrade shelved. 4. Plastic recycling needs an overview to accept more types 		

District Councillor Jane Davies report

- Coach works Woodyard Lane – Objections presented to Plannings. Highways turned down on grounds of road safety. Agent also agreed with refusal. Appealed, now with Planning Inspectorate. However, Planning Inspectorates are focusing on large developments. Low down in priority
- WG Tankers DMPA/2025/1565 retrospective planning application – Turkey farm to HGV storage unit. Condition: new access road between Brandons and WG Tankers that the new access road is to be used and not use Heath Top. F&SPC requests, to place a condition that the new access road is to be used. Issued 13/03/2026
- Fly Tipping – cameras installation contact Tim summers, Environment Officer
- Travellers Park Church Broughton: started building, reported to Enforcement Team. Retrospective planning application submitted.
- New Care Home: Opening next month initial 18 > 80 patients but no. of beds 66.

Comment Parish Clerk: Uttoxeter Road, Foston new builds name Country Lodges Prive. Details to Cllr. Jayne 13/03/2026.

Comment Villagers: New Travellers site on Broughton Heath Lane. Planning permission has not yet been determined. F&SPC to object to the application.

Woodyard lane: LED light on 24 hours. Environment team monitoring

Potholes: Cllr. Redfern aware.

Church Fete: 4 new banners placing at various locations, playground fence or Church wall.

Soldiers Silhouettes: 1 at war graves and 2 on the triangle. To be purchase 3.

- Missing Signs
- Speed sign repair
With Cllr. Redfern

OPM100326/05 Correspondence

- I have noticed that we have a flickering streetlight opposite Keepers Cottage on the main road through the village. Please can it be repaired? Coplow Lane is in a very bad state of repair with lots of potholes. Please can this be put forward for repair work too.
- There are massive potholes on the bridge in Foston Village near to the bus stop.
- I would also like to enquire about the possibility of having a Bus stop the same as the one in Hatton(near the Salt Box) that gives the bus arrival time.(not just a paper timetable) We have a considerable number of ladies leaving the prison and using the bus, they have no idea of the time or when the busses are due. It would be very helpful if they could see this information.

Letter to Governor HMP Foston Hall requesting bus timetable given to released prisoners. Issued 13/03/2026

Potholes:- to be reported on highways website

Streetlight: already reported to highways

OPM100326/06 - 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 10th February 2026

- amendment required

OPM100326/07 Finance:-

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Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
10/03/2026	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£ 156.93
10/03/2026	J Allen	Parish Clerk Wages	£ 336.00
10/03/2026	HMRC	Month 9	£ 85.80
10/03/2026	Easy Website	Monthly charge DDM	£ 36.96
10/03/2026	DSK Engineering	Playground Insp	£ 48.00
10/03/2026	Water Plus	Water rates	£ 510.33
10/03/2026	Stuart Reeves	Ramp repair	£ 85.00
10/03/2026	Butler Cook	Payroll	£ 60.00
10/03/2026	Nick Harker Tree Services	Hedges Management	£ 1,000.00

Parish Council Income :

Date	Name	Description	Amount
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Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
10/03/2026	G & H Gas & Heating Services Ltd	Plumbing upgrade	£ 525.00

Parish Hall Income

Date	Name	Description	Amount
10/02/2026	Chair Exercise Class	Chair Exercise Class	TBA

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

OPM100326/08 – Planning Applications received.

- Application ref. DMPA/2026/0168: Proposed Floor Conversion of The Existing Residential / Education Block to Create Apartments at Scropton RDA Centre, Watery Lane, Scropton, Derby, DE65 5PL
- No observation**

OPM100326/09 – Allotments

- Allotment charges comparison made with other allotment sites; we are the cheapest rent. Direct cost is the 2 wheelie bins. We need to demonstrate the value of the allotment. Direct costs, water?, wheelie bins, mowing, Hedges. Allotment holders meeting:- open discussion for view concerning future of allotments.
- Grass cutting quotes deferred to next Parish Council meeting
- Parish Clerk to keep a log of requests from allotment holders

OPM100326/10 – DSK Inspection Report

- Position of loose bolts - send 13/03/2026
- Who responsible for maintenance?

OPM100326/11 - Policies – to be Approved and adopted

- a. Co-option Policy and Procedure
 - b. Standing Orders
 - c. Financial Regulations
- Deferred until reviewed by Councillors

<p>OPM100326/12 - Remaining electrical works quote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allsuns Electrical ➤ Cripwell Building Services ➤ TI Stretton electrical ➤ O'Connor ➤ MCT Facilities <p>Deferred until all quotes in.</p>
<p>OPM100326/13 - Metal handrail on Ramp at VH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information supplied awaiting installation price. • Materials to be purchased by Parish Council • Drawings being supplied by Cllr. Hickman • From drawings can work out what fittings are required and purchase from Key Clamps • Ask FH Brundell for materials quote as supplying playground metal fencing
<p>OPM100326/14 - Playground Metal Fencing</p> <p>No discussion</p>
<p>OPM100326/15 - Chairmans report</p> <p>None</p>
<p>OPM10036/16 Clerk's Monthly report/Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep Britain Tidy – Spring Clean date: message on WhatsApp ➤ Assertion 10 email compliance: email to web host for councillors to have .gov or .org
<p>OPM100326/17 – Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 14th April 2026
<p>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.</p>

Signed:	
Date of issue:	13 th March 2026