

# Foston and Scropton Parish Council

## Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm

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| <b>Present:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Cllr. A. Dolley<br>Cllr. P Groom<br>Cllr. J. Smith | Cllr. N Hickman<br>Cllr. G. Andrew |
| <b>OPM090925/01 – To receive apologies for absence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cllr. S. Redfern</li> <li>➤ Cllr. S. Meghani</li> <li>➤ Cllr. J. Davies</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                    |                                    |
| <b>OPM090925/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ None</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                    |                                    |
| <b>OPM090925/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests appertaining to agenda items.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ None</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                    |                                    |
| <b>OPM090925/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.</b> <p><b>From Villagers:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for St Paul's Church to be an item on October agenda. St Paul's is struggling with funds with possibility of closing. Annual cost approx. £5,000, no contribution from COE. Accounts will be available for next Parish Council meeting. Question:- availability of a company donation?</li> <li>Potholes: Mill Lane still needs to be addressed. Villager supplying reference number to Parish Clerk. Parish Clerk to report to Cllr. Redfern.</li> <li>Pavement, Hedges, Gutter and Drains: Overgrowth of hedges and vegetation grown which is restricting pavement. Hedges need to be cut back, gutters and drains cleaned. Area: from Community Hall to parish boundary – Hatton. Parish clerk to contact highways to request landowners to carry out hedge maintenance.</li> <li>Macmillan coffee morning 13<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>Village signs: Parish Clerk will list all the signs that needs replacing, reinstalling for the October meeting</li> </ol> <p><b>Cllr. Grahame Andrew</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Avara: Reported to Planning Enforcement- replacement trees planted not been watered and have died. Needs replacing.</li> <li>➤ Cllr. Andrew has volunteered to be a community surveyor for the Derbyshire Historic Buildings at Risk Group. Scropton has 3 structures that are Grade II listed. St Paul's, Lychgate and Church yard Cross.</li> <li>➤ Stop on DVP - Brandons turkey farm converted to W T Tankers wording for access.</li> <li>➤ Car sales at Hatton – Stop notice served, being appealed.</li> <li>➤ Bus Depot Maintenance Woodyard Lane – still ongoing. Traffic survey completed. Considering putting in planning application. Stop notice not issued.</li> <li>➤ Cllr. J. Davies stepping down from planning committee.</li> <li>➤ Richard Hanbury (Highways CO) attended Hilton Parish Council to meet the residents concerning traffic through Main Street.</li> <li>➤ Bus Stop at Foston – canopy not cleaned satisfactorily. Cllr. Andrew to report back.</li> </ul> |                                                    |                                    |

- Concurrent Expense – Finance and Management Committee has deferred as do not wish to introduce prior to any local government reorganisation.

**Cllr. S. Redfern – report by Parish Clerk.**

Can you inform the parish I am working on trying to get the 7.5 ton weight limit pulled back on the proposed new quarrying site. So, it doesn't fall within it.

**OPM090925/05 Derbyshire Local Government Reorganisation**

- No further comments

**OPM090925/06 - 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 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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

**OPM090925/07 – Finance**

**Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:**

| Date       | Payee           | Description                     | Amount   |
|------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 09/09/2025 | M Hayes         | Lengthsman wages (August)       | £ 156.93 |
| 09/09/2025 | J Allen         | Parish Clerk Wages (August)     | £ 420.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | HMRC            | Month 5 (August)                | £ 123.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | M Hayes         | Lengthsman wages (September)    | £ 156.73 |
| 09/09/2025 | J Allen         | Parish Clerk Wages (September)  | £ 336.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | HMRC            | Month 6 (September)             | £ 86.45  |
| 09/09/2025 | J Allen         | Expenses                        | £ 86.94  |
| 09/09/2025 | DSK Engineering | Playground Equipment Inspection | £ 48.00  |

**Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:**

| Date       | Name                 | Description                     | Amount   |
|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 09/09/2025 | Greenwater Services  | Legionella Monitoring           | £ 72.00  |
| 09/09/2025 | Scottish Power (DDM) | Electricity Bill                | £ 33.27  |
| 09/09/2025 | Scottish Power (DDM) | Electricity Bill                | £ 36.91  |
| 09/09/2025 | Laura Horner         | Refund of Deposit for Hall Hire | £ 150.00 |

**Parish Hall Income**

| Date       | Name                 | Description          | Amount  |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| 09/09/2025 | Chair Exercise Class | Chair Exercise Class | £ 27.00 |
| 09/09/2025 | Hall Hire            | Laura Horner         | £ 48.00 |

- ICO – Data Protection – approved by DDM
- Approved.  
Proposed: Cllr. A. Dolley  
Seconded: Cllr. N. Hickman

**OPM090925/08 – Planning Applications received.**

- **Application ref. DMOT/2025/1085:** The pruning of 6 no. English Oak trees covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order 308 at Hanger House, Woodyard Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DJ **(ATL)**

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| Arboriculture report by BB Trees Ltd<br>Works to be carried out as detailed in the Arboriculture report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <b>OPM090925/09 – Playground Equipment Report</b><br><br>Query:- New dish installed - Warranty time<br><br>Letter to CEO of Streetscape - highlighting issues with time limit for reply end of October. County Council involvement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <b>OPM090925/10 - Allotment field expansion</b><br><br>Application form not received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>OPM090925/11 – Chairman Report</b><br><b>Playground fencing:</b><br>Quote received Metwoodforge: £10,000 Or<br>Materials from F H Brundell<br>Stuart (Villager) installing<br>Cllr. Hickman dealing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>OPM090925/12 - Clerk's Monthly report/Items</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacing bench outside Community Hall – <b>Measurement of legs to be carried out</b></li> <li>• ROSPA report - update from Streetscape/installers <b>see item OPM090925/09</b></li> <li>• Parish Hall building report <b>with Cllr. N Hickman possibly by end of October</b></li> <li>• Broadband for hall – <b>awaiting address update</b></li> <li>• Green Water Services Report outstanding items – <b>trying to find a plumber. Cllr Groom assisting.</b></li> <li>• HMRC Credit – <b>Councillors confirm accept instructions from Butler Cook</b></li> <li>• Poppies and war grave crosses – <b>Parish Clerk to purchase 18 war grave crosses</b></li> <li>• Insurance Renewal - <b>Approved</b></li> <li>• Sand store – <b>refill as and when needed</b></li> <li>• Laptop – <b>purchase new laptop up to monetary value of £500 / £600</b></li> <li>• Premises Licence – <b>Parish clerk to apply subject to monetary limit of £200. Premises licence subject to annual fee. (cost £100.00, annual charge £70). Review to see if this event is successful.</b></li> <li>• Warm Space Grant: <b>Parish clerk to complete</b></li> </ul> |  |
| <b>OPM090925/13 – Date of Next Meeting</b><br><br>➤ 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>OPM090925/14 – 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.</b><br><br>➤ None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |

  

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| <b>Signed:</b>        |                                 |
| <b>Date of issue:</b> | 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 |