

# Foston and Scropton Parish Council

## Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. P. Groom Cllr V. Blackshaw Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. L. James Cllr. C. Robinson Cllr. G. Lemmon
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### **OPM100123/01 – To receive apologies for absence:**

Cllr. P Smith  
Cllr. J. Patten

### **OPM100123/02 – Variation of Order of Business (if required)**

None

### **OPM100123/03 – Declaration of Members Interest**

Members Interest: Cllr. P Groom and Cllr. C. Robinson  
Allotment to be declared under item no. **OPM131222/12**

### **OPM100123/04 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation**

#### ***SDDC Councillors Gillian Lemmon and Peter Smith***

#### **Dog Fowling**

The Council have recently issued fines for this in Swadlincote. Please contact me if this is becoming an issue in Scropton and we will advise Officers to come out and monitor the situation.

#### **Disruption to Bin Collections**

There have been issues in recent weeks, but it has mainly been down to a broken down vehicle. If your bins are not collected on the advised date, please leave your bin out for collection and they will be emptied within a couple of days. This may be because of roster changes due to the absence of the vehicle but all bins have been collected around the Ward in less than 48 hours.

#### **Area Forum**

The next one for our area is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 6.30 PM at Egginton Village Hall. Please attend if you are able.

#### **Report from DCC Cllr Julie Patten DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### **Learn something new in 2023!**

Residents are invited to sign up to learn something new with our Adult Community Education Service. Bookings for the new year term are open now and residents can view the courses online or pick up a brochure from their local adult community education centre or library. Residents can book on to a qualifications and skills course by calling, emailing or visiting the centre where their chosen course is being held.

**Free support for vaccinations and screening appointments**

We want to make sure that health care appointments are as easy to access as possible for Derbyshire residents, that’s why we are running a new scheme offering free transport to a variety of routine health appointments.

**The Grab a Cab** project is running until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The offer is open to all ages and is not means tested, so you do not need to be receiving benefits to be eligible. The support will cover a prepaid taxi journey to and from your health appointment.

The free transport offer will cover the following pre-arranged health appointments:

COVID 19, Flu, Shingles and other NHS provided vaccinations

Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening

Cervical cancer screening

Bowel cancer screening

Diabetic eye screening

You must be a Derbyshire County Council resident to be eligible. Please contact one of our team on 01629 536173 if you would like to arrange free transport. Phone lines are open Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm or you can go on the DCC website.

Cllr. C. Robinson commented that the doctors’ surgeries for the area (Derbyshire) are in Staffordshire. This has caused problems with mental health appointments, CAMS and Derbyshire schools referrals, etc.

**Parish Hall funding Application:** Applied back in June still not heard.

**Rubbish on Leathersley Lane**

Notification received about the dumping of litter in the layby when leaving the village. Also graffiti on the litter bin. Asked if the bin can be resprayed. To be reported to the Council.

**Streetlights** on permanently Uttoxeter Road, Foston and outside Ivy House, Farm.

Cllr. G. Lemon will look into these.

**OPM100123/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

Query raised over Precepts item minor maintenance/allotment, no alteration

Approved

**Matters Arising:**

➤ None.

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

**OPM100123/06 – Finance**

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

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
10/01/2023	J Allen	Wages	£115.20
10/01/2023	M Hayes	Wages	£109.10
10/01/2023	HMRC	Month 10	£104.20

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

Date	Name	Description	Amount
13/12/2022	J Allen	Electrics	£196.99

Cheque for Electric bill wasn't received by British Gas, Parish Clerk asked if future payments can be by DDM. Chairman advised that this needs to be referred for approval.

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

#### **OPM100123/07 - Planning Applications**

- **Application ref. DMPA/2022/0544:** Full planning application proposing the erection of 2no. employment buildings (Use Class B8, B2 and Ancillary E(g) at Plots 3a and 3b with associated landscaping, drainage (including attenuation basin), car parking, refuse stores and other infrastructure Plot 3, Dove Valley Park, Foston

Noted – no action

#### **OPM100123/08 – Foston Issues**

##### **1. Lorries parking - for discussion & action**

Resident reported Uttoxeter Road in Foston is regularly used as an overnight lorry park. There are no facilities in Foston, it is a rural location and not suitable.

Lorries are parking all the way down on Uttoxeter Road Foston. Problems:-

- a) noise to residents over any time day and night
- b) General and human waste dumped around where parked.
- c) Lorry parking and damage to the kerb

Suggested solutions:

- Double yellow lines
- Camera(s)

Action: write to Highways

##### **2. Speeding/ Traffic from A50 - for discussion & action**

Resident reported cars and lorries using Foston as cut through when A50 is busy. Risk of an accident happening which is concerning.

And

##### **3. Dangerous slip/ exit/ entry Foston A50 - for discussion & action**

Residents reported concern over the exit/ entry onto A50 at Uttoxeter Road in Foston. Resident aware of one fatality and is worried there will be another. Is there any possibility of closing this slip road off?

There are two entrances and exits into and out of Foston, White sign ¼ mile off A50 (little junction) and Green sign ½ mile A511 junction.

At the little junction you can gain entrance onto A50 as there is no, No Entry signs and no Slip Road only double white lines. Traffic is therefore trying to merge onto A50 with vehicles able to travel at 70mph. When entering Foston from this junction due to the very short slip road and village speed restriction (40mph) in a matter of yards, deceleration can start on the A50 which is a hazard to other drivers

The problems identified are:-

The little junction was not built with a big enough slip roads

Drivers trying to get out onto the A50.

Drivers using the little junction as a cut through.

Drivers speeding through village

Decelerating quickly when coming off the A50

Solution suggestions:-

- a) The little junction is prohibited for traffic entering A50.
- b) Make the little junction bus lane only into Foston

Action:-

Write to highways

**4. Prisoners/ Bus Stop/ Support - for discussion & action**

Residents reported concern relating to released prisoners from the Women’s prison at Foston. Women are released with little support, which often leads to them approach Foston residents for help; asking for lifts, bus times. This can be intimidating for residents. Can the parish council do anything? What support could be made available for those leaving prison, who’s responsibility is it?

When prisoners are released they are looking completely bewildered and villagers are being regularly approached for money, etc. How are prisoners briefed prior to release, what is the process. What's in place to support women on release e.g. bus timetable The residents are concerned that the prisons don’t have any process in place to manage release effectively. It's about the prisons ability to be able to manage their own institution correctly and don’t seem to be doing that for the prisoners. The impression is they just open doors and it's up to them.

Action. Write to the Governor of HMP Foston

Next step, go to Department of Justice.

**OPM100123/09: Noticeboards**

HMP Sudbury only refurbished the wood and had lost the fixings. There is still quite a bit of work to get them fully refurbished. Quotes required to complete the works.

**OPM100123/10 Invoice Allotment holders**

To cover minor maintenance cost for the allotment site the fees need to be increased by 100%. It was decided to increase the rent by 75%. During 2023 the allotment plots are to be re-classified by square meters and fees calculated accordingly on the upkeep costs. New allotment agreements to be issued. Allotment holders annual meeting to be arranged – suggested a date in June.

Proposed: Cllr. L James

Seconded: Cllr. P Groom

**OPM100123/11: Website Headings Suggested Update**

Agreement to include the following main headings on the website:

- Allotment
- Playground
- Community News

All agreed

**OPM100123/12 – Parish Clerk Report**

➤ Parish Clerk reported on the response from 3 local Parish Councils concerning the inspection of play equipment.

- a) No response
- b) Groundman carries out the monthly inspection
- c) Use DSK Engineering Ltd

Playground equipment monthly inspection to be arranged with DSK Engineering Ltd  
ROSPA annual inspection still needs to be carried out

➤ Parish Clerk to attend the Area Forum

➤ **Monthly tasks:**

2023 Electoral Register distributed

Allotment holders annual meeting being arranged.

**OPM100123/12 – Chairman Report**

➤ None

**OPM100123/14 – Any Other Business**

Cllr. V. Blackshaw advised that the Environment Agency (EA) are taking industrial action so a lot of their flood warning systems will be switched to automated which may cause delays. Scropton is down as a priority group at EA.

Continuing issue raised with flood signs and sandbags left around Scropton.

**Action:** Parish Clerk to write to Highways - we appreciate efforts in providing signs but when left is a danger with getting blown into the road or just lying at the side causing a hazard to pedestrians

**OPM100123/15 – Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**OPM100123/16 – 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

<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Date of issue:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2023