

# Foston and Scropton Parish Council

## Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

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| <b>Present:</b> | Cllr P. Groom,<br>Cllr V. Blackshaw<br>Cllr. A Dolley<br>Cllr. C. Robinson<br>Cllr. L. James<br>Cllr. G. Lemmon |
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### **OPM111022/01 – To receive apologies for absence:**

Cllr. P Smith  
Cllr. J Patten

### **OPM111022/02 – Variation of Order of Business (if required)**

None

### **OPM111022/03 – Declaration of Members Interest**

Members Interest:  
Cllr. A Dolley (Electrics)  
Cllr. P Groom (property next door to village hall)

### **OPM111022/04 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation**

#### **Report from Councillor Gillian Lemmon on behalf of Cllr J. Patten**

**Pavements/Hedges:** with contractor to carry out the works December/January. Letters been sent to landowners to cut back hedges.

**Boundary Commission:** Presentation at Matlock, review of county divisions, £10,000 residents per county councillor, last time carried out was 2012. Over 14,000 divisions. New division called Etwall and Repton.

**Community Connections:** funding with - Coffee morning – heating - food bank – transport

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##### **Local Bus Survey**

Looking to shape local bus services and looking for local views to help improve services for the future. Online survey link available at County Council site <https://crowd.in/TsRvrp>

##### **Food Bank Location**

Change of location: Top Floor, Unit G, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote, DE11 9AZ. Open Mon, Tues and Thursday 8 AM to 3. 30 PM and by appointment only.

##### **SDDC Carbon Emissions Reduction Results**

The carbon emission figures for Council activities in 2021/22 have been released.

In 2019 the Council made a commitment to work towards a target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 by taking a number of actions – these actions formed our Climate and Environment Action Plan. Since the 2019 carbon neutral commitment was made, the Council has reduced its carbon emissions by 21%. Details of some of the 2021/22 actions that helped enable this progress are available to view at <https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=crowd.in&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9jcm93ZC5pbi8yOEtjeE4=&i=NjA5NWZhNTk0OTljZiI0ODM5OGE5M2Q1&t=azl1Mlo4YWxEM0p5SDYrckNMBGdDVldTOFVyNUpzWloydURTcWpzNEFKUT0=&h=9cf4dbb95f724a74bd7c39271256b254>

### **Funded Insulation**

Most of us are worried about energy bills and looking for ways to make our homes more efficient. South Derbyshire residents may be eligible for funded insulation - click the link to find out more <https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=crowd.in&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9jcm93ZC5pbi92RkFEYUY=&i=NjA5NWZhNTk0OTljZiI0ODM5OGE5M2Q1&t=MDZ6U3hoU3N1dDI0c2UzTE9oQnpVeVlnb3RsbWxheWR3U0I4TXBmY1pjRT0=&h=bb97a3359f184012bd2a0c1f859f00c3>

### **The Passing of Queen Elizabeth II**

The Council observed 10 days of National Mourning but kept services going along with collecting bins on the Saturday before the National Bank Holiday on 19<sup>th</sup> September meaning no disruption to the service. Full Council went ahead and there were many services around the District attended by Members and Council Colleagues. A book of Condolence was placed in the Council Offices and various other Ward locations including Etwall.

### **Chief Executive Retirement**

Our CE, Frank McArdle has advised that he is retiring 6 months from 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Tree Officer**

The key contact for all of SDDC Tree Office work is now [rosie.biggs@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:rosie.biggs@southderbyshire.gov.uk) or in some cases by Chris Worman (Parks and Open Spaces Manager) at [chris.worman@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:chris.worman@southderbyshire.gov.uk)

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#### **Free Tree Scheme**

I'm pleased to announce that the SDDC Free Tree scheme was launched again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and runs until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. You can also register your tree with the Queen's Green Canopy Project. For more details on both schemes, go to the SDDC website. <https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/climate/grants-and-schemes/free-tree-scheme>

#### **Area Forum**

Your next Area Forum (Area One - Etwall & Hilton) will take place at the Foston and Scropton Village Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30pm.

#### **Flood Liaison Meeting**

The next Flood Liaison Meeting will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November via Microsoft Teams at 10am – 12 noon. All questions must be submitted in writing to: [rosie.collins@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:rosie.collins@southderbyshire.gov.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Just so that you are aware I have submitted a question for the FLM around the two sites (Sudbury and Foston) and asked if these could be assessed as one site due the close proximity to each other.

#### **Local Plan 2022**

The Issues and Options consultation of the SDDC Local Plan went public from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. This is an opportunity for the public to get involved and give their views and ideas on the issues and options that must be considered as part of this five year Local Plan Review. Your nearest event will be

at Frank Wickham Hall Portland Street Etwall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October running from 3.30pm - 6.45pm. However, requests have been made by the three of us that a drop-in event be held in Hilton village as part of the public consultation on the Local Plan. And I have also asked if one of the events that was to be held at Civic Office (for the public) could be switched to Hilton instead, and I'm still awaiting a response on this.

**Public Speaking: Footpaths**

Uneven surface and vegetation, struggling to use pushchairs/wheelchairs on footpaths. Gutters and footpaths need clearing if vegetation and tarmac fully not in selected areas.

- Letter to support Cllr. J Patten regarding timeframe for works to be done.
- Report on Hub
- Agenda item for November meeting

**State of Road Closure going on in Scropton:**

- Health and Safety barriers lying in the holes
- Road closed sign in middle of Watery Lane on bend, danger to local traffic
- Works to be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Concerns raised by materials used and compacting of works if these meet highway requirements and the defects liability period by Network Plus before handing back to Council.
- Network Plus resurfacing works on Watery Lane. Villagers were not told when works were to commence and parked vehicles were covered with bits of tarmac. Response from Network Plus was that we did have to notify the owners as works were still ongoing!
- School bus and delivery problems

**OPM111022/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

**Matters arising: -**

- a) Watch gullies flooding due to dry summer
- b) Wheelchair access to village hall – resident contacted District Council and what was said was correct. The matter is now closed
- c) Village Hall Grant – nothing heard, item on November agenda
- d) Noticeboards – need back or completed by 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- e) Lengthsman contract /expenses /duties /hours /travel/ black bin in Foston – review required - item to be on November agenda
- f) Avara:-  
Smell – no further reports received  
Vacuum pump noise at 2a.m. invited environment agency to listen to it. Next meeting Avara to report.
- g) Clerks Report:-  
testing and recording of fire alarms to be carried out by Councillors on regular basis.  
Greenwater Services duty holder (Jacky) training still needs to be completed

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. C. Robinson

All agreed.

**OPM111022/06 – Finance**

Parish Council Expenditure - Cheques to be approved:

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| 11/10/2022 | Buler Cook | Payroll               | £60.00  |
| 11/10/2022 | HMRC       | Month 7               | £123.20 |
| 11/10/2022 | J Allen    | Parish Clerk Salary   | £144.00 |
| 11/10/2022 | J. Allen   | Expenses (Stamps/Ink) | £98.20  |
| 11/10/2022 | M Hayes    | Lengthsman Salary     | £109.30 |

**Parish HALL Expenditure**

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| 11/10/2022 | Greenwater Services Ltd | Training Course                     | £35.99 |
| 11/10/2022 | British Gas             | Electrics: 28 08 2022 to 26 09 2022 | £31.59 |

Proposed: Cllr. A Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. L. James

All agreed.

**OPM111022/07 - Planning Applications**

- Application ref. DMPA/2022/0999 variation of condition no. 2 (relating to approved plans) of permission ref. 9/2016/1271 (relating to the erection of storage and distribution buildings (use class B8) (Units DC2 and DC3)) at ATL Warehousing, Woodyard Lane, Hanger House, Woodyard Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DJ
- Application ref. DMPA/2022/1049: Approval of reserved matters (matters of appearance and landscaping) of outline permission ref. DMPA/2020/1135 relating to the construction of one dwelling on Land at SK1832 2627, Breach Lane, Foston, DE6 5HH
- Application ref. DMPA/2022/1242: The erection of an extension at Common House Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Hatton, Derby, DE65 5PX
- Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan - Report of Publicity and Consultation (email dated 11/09/2022)
- Application ref. DMPA/2022/0545: Full planning application proposing the erection of 2no. employment buildings (Use Class B8, B2 and Ancillary E(g)) at Plots 10a and 10b with associated landscaping, drainage, car parking, refuse stores and other infrastructure at Plot 10, Dove Valley Park, Foston

Noted – no action

**OPM111022/08 Parish Hall Update - charity update (general & financial) and requests for approval from Sole Trustee (Parish Council)**

Cllr. V. Blackshaw over 2 long days has gone through previous council documents. The Parish Hall is owned by the County – named The Parish Hall. The Foston and Scropton Parish council are the sole trustee. Parish Hall Committee needs to meet once a year. Require to set up a working group of parish clerk, a couple of councillors and 5 members of the community. Written Terms of Reference of what the working group can and can't do. Decide on how the building is used, e.g. education etc. Parish Hall expenditure went up by 94% last year income reduced by 12%. Grants available.

- Agreement by Councillors to set up working party
- Archiving old documents – details on DALC website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/record-office/services/depositors/services-for-depositors.aspx>

Vote of thanks to Cllr. V. Blackshaw for the sterling work she has done over the 2 days.

**OPM111022/09 Road works and Utilities activity in Scropton and determine next steps.**

- Email from Neil Parker (Traffic and Safety Engineer) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September inviting Cllr. P. Groom to have a meeting concerning the road condition problems. Email to be sent to Cllr. A. Dolley to arrange/follow up.

**OPM111022/10 – Proposed Development at HMP Foston Hall, Foston**

Comments regarding news item and Heather Wheeler (MP) letter concerning the violence, self-harming and general poor performance being so different.

On site public meeting with Cushman and Wakefield, to be arrange

**OPM111022/11 – Play area – quote from Wicksteed**

Confirmation the Parish Council are now owners of the play area  
Request for the quote from Wicksteed to be updated with installation plans  
Fencing query - to be raised with Cllr J Patten

**OPM111022/12 – Clerk’s Report**

1. Notice boards (see **OPM111022/05 (d)**)
2. October Itinerary: Charity Commission return completed 23/10/2022
3. Playground: swing seat cracked - Cllr. C. Robinson to investigate
4. Parish Hall Electrics refurbishment – on hold pending Parish Hall Committee findings. Invoice not received for the 5 years electrical certificate – report to Cllr. A Dolley to review
5. Forum meetings
  - o Area Forum Meeting F&S village Hall 13 October 2022 – Parish Clerk attending
  - o Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Monday 17 October 2022 - Parish Clerk attending
  - o DALC AGM - Thursday 20th October – no attendance

**OPM111022/13 – Chairman Report**

Policies Updated:-

- Risk Assessment
- Privacy Notice
- Health and Safety

**OPM111022/14 – Any Other Business**

Planting of bulbs coming up to end of planting period – Cllr. C Robinson to organise  
Hedges at Parish Hall and Play area needs cutting back.

**OPM111022/15 – Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**OPM111022/16 – 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**

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| <b>Signed:</b>        |                               |
| <b>Date of issue:</b> | 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022 |