

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 08th November at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr V. Blackshaw Cllr. A Dolley Cllr. C. Robinson Cllr. A. Crichlow Cllr. G. Lemmon Cllr. J. Patten
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OPM081122/01 – To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr. P Smith
Cllr. P. Groom

OPM081122/02 – Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None

OPM081122/03 – Declaration of Members Interest

Members Interest: None

OPM081122/04 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation

Report from Councillor Gillian Lemmon

Area One Forum 13th October at Scropton Village Hall

I attended and Chaired to Area Forum meeting that took place at Scropton Village Hall which was well attended by Council Officers and our Chief Executive. The highlights that were discussed include the following:

- Freeport Updates – Nothing has progressed since the last Area Forum but Councillors will be updated should there be any progress or updates as they are attending regular meetings with the various organisations that are involved.
- There has been a new PCO appointed in the area and they have started in post. There is now regular Skate Board Park presence after school given that there have been recent incidents. However, it was requested that any residents who witness or who are involved in anti-social behaviour should report incidents through the correct channels as PCO's will not be able to act or respond without following correct procedure. Facebook posts are not looked at by the Safer Neighbourhood Team. It was agreed that the team will send an official template to Hilton PC to use on Spotted Hilton and on the Hilton PC Facebook account to help residents navigate the correct procedure and report incidents correctly.
- Scooters cannot be confiscated 'on the spot' and again it is important to report their usage via the correct channels where the Safer Neighbourhood Team can then use their resources effectively.
- There is a £4k Fund available for Anti Social Behaviour projects via the District Council. The PC may have a project in mind and make an application.
- As Chair, I requested that our Chief Executive consider providing another drop-in session for the Local Plan to be held at a location in Hilton as the one in Etwall is not adequate given the population of Hilton village. I await an update on this, but it was confirmed that any resident will

be able to drop in at the Council Offices in Swadlincote every Tuesday and Wednesday room 2 PM until 4 PM to ask any questions. (Please see below update)

- Mobile Food Banks. Some astonishing statistics were shared about people within our villages and Ward who are registering for these services. Community Voluntary Services Officer said that she was looking into this and there may be an opportunity for a mobile service given the location of the one food bank being in Swadlincote. This does not serve our Ward and is far out of reach for many who need the service. I will update on any progress on this and may raise in the Housing and Community Committee if appropriate.

Name the new Tanker

SDDC are requesting suggestions for naming their new gully tanker. The link and detail are below:

Name our new tanker The Council has a brand-new gully tanker and it's looking for your help to give it a new name! Nearly all suggestions are welcome with the final chosen name being placed on the new £160,000 vehicle.

Taking part is very simple, please click the link for details > <https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=crowd.in&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9jcm93ZC5pbi9lUzR5bnM=&i=NjA5NWZhNTk0OTljZjI0ODM5OGY5M2Q1&t=MXZCc1pKU25mc1E0NG82TGdySm1GWlYyZ1ZwSVFISmN6bjhFWVNYVjJlUSt0=&h=6ec09af8376f41d9b2f7bb4194813013&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVZI8Kb6rJ5lbymol0sKfm+7hjp2jyA4VOZEUADhSRiCg==>

You just need to email us in your first name, age, location and your chosen name!

Cut off date for suggestions is 30th November 2022

Update from SDDC Councillor Peter Smith

New Strategic Director

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Heidi McDougall to the position of Strategic Director for Service Delivery. Heidi will be joining the SDDC Management Team in the coming weeks to take over this vital role which became vacant when Allison Thomas left the Council to become the new Chief Executive of North West Leicestershire.

EV Charging Points

Hatton now has 8 new electric vehicle fast charging points in the SDDC public car park in Station Road.

The Emerging Local Plan

Your local consultation event which was held on Wednesday 26th October in Etwell, had great attendance with over 120 members of the public visiting the event. This number of attendees was more than double the number that attended the recent event held in Findern and clearly demonstrates that there is a justified need for an additional event to be held in Hilton, which Julie, Gillian and I have all been pushing for. It's sad to report that the controlling Group at SDDC still feel that events are not required, even though our requests have been supported by the Chief Exec of the Council and the Head of Planning.

Julie and I attended the event at different times during the session (unfortunately, Gillian was on holiday, so was unable to attend) and it was good to see local people that are interested and getting engaged about shaping of any possible further development of the area.

Whist at the session I had agreement from Officers that any residents that do not have access to the internet can provide their contact information and postal address to SDDC via the Parish Council and District Councillors, who will then arrange for a hard copy pack to be sent out in the post for completion.

Your Thoughts on Swadlincote Town Centre

South Derbyshire residents are being asked for their thoughts and views on helping shape the future of Swadlincote Town Centre, by completing a short survey that only takes a couple of minutes and would be hugely appreciated.

To complete the survey, go to the SDDC Website and follow the link Swadlincote Benchmarking Town Centre Survey 2022 The closing date for the survey is 14th November.

Cllr. J. Patten DCC REPORT

Pavements

Apologies for the delays with this, but I have been given a date of Dec/Jan for the work to be carried out.

Primary Schools/Secondary

Applications are now open for 2023. I would also encourage parents to check their eligibility for free school meals.

HGV Sat Nav's

We passed a motion at last full council for support for a total ban on HGV drivers using standard car sat nav's. The Leader of the Council is to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, calling on Government to take urgent action on this issue.

East Midlands Devolution Deal

Agreement to go ahead with public consultation for a EMCCA (East Midlands Combined County Authority) Devolution Deal was passed last week at Full Council. The deal with 4 authorities including Derbyshire, Derby City, Nottingham and Nottingham City as a new combined mayoral authority will see £38 million devolved from Government each year. Consultation with residents, boroughs, districts, parish councils and business begins 14th November until 9th January 2023.

DCC Budgets and Services

Have your say on the budgets and service's provided by DCC via the DCC website. This consultation closes on 13th November!

Household Support Fund

The latest tranche of money £5.4 million has been given to DCC to support families, pensioners and vulnerable people. It runs from now to 31st March 2023. Help for costs of food, energy and other essentials. Money will also be given to community groups, voluntary groups and charities to support our most vulnerable residents.

Warm Spaces Grant

DCC are giving grants to small community organisations who are providing warm spaces for residents in the community. Grants of up to £1,000 can be applied for to cover utilities costs or food and drink. Larger grants of £10,000 have been awarded to larger voluntary organisations to assist our residents during this difficult time.

Covid Rates

Covid rates are on the increase as well as flu as we head towards the winter season. For those who are eligible, please get your vaccinations and keep yourself protected.

Gritting

Our 35 lorries are all stationed ready for the winter. We have plenty of grit, so please get your orders in if bins need refilling in good time. All A roads, heavily used B roads, key bus routes and roads which link towns and villages will be gritted, some of these will be secondary routes and gritted on a needs basis.

Remembrance Sunday

We will all be attending the Remembrance Services across the area on Sunday 13th November to lay wreaths in commemoration of those that lost their lives in conflicts across the world.

Bird flu

All poultry and captive birds must be kept indoors to stop the spread of Avian flu. Suspected cases must be reported immediately by contacting national helpline 03888 200 301.

Public Speaking

- Comment was made about the recycling tip at Newhall concerning the smell and if contravenes health and safety requirement. Also the general untidiness.
- Website needs update of events dates
- Gullies, drains seem to be blocked towards Sunnyside.

OPM081122/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2022.

Approved

Matters Arising:

- Swing seat > formed rubber seat, superficial crack and acceptable for the present time. Review to be carried out Springtime.
- 5 year electrical report > sill not received invoice from Electrician. Review of report conducted by Cllr. A. Dolley who raised a number of concerns. Cllr. A. Dolley to email Parish Clerk of his findings.

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

OPM081122/06 – Finance

Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
08/11/2022	HMRC	Month 8	£104.20
08/11/2022	J Allen	Parish Clerk Salary	£115.20
08/11/2022	M Hayes	Lengthsman Salary	£109.10
08/11/2022	J. Allen	Travel to Matlock (Forum)	£26.00
08/11/2022	Horizon IT (Global) Ltd	Website	£303.60
08/11/2022	SDDC	Compost bin	£52.00
08/11/2022	FSPHC	funds	£500.00

Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
08/11/2022	Greenwater Services Ltd	Legionella Monitoring	£72.00
08/11/2022	British Gas	Electrics: 27/09/22 to 27/10/22	£58.70

Parish Hall Income

08/11/2022	Chair Exercise class		£36.00
08/11/2022	Hall Hire		£45.00
08/11/2022	Hall Hire		£42.00

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

OPM081122/07 - Planning Applications

- **Application ref. DMPA/2022/1147:** Widening of existing residential vehicular access at The Haven, Uttoxeter Road, Hatton, Derby, DE65 5PX
- **Application ref. DMPA/2022/1169:** Erection of agricultural livestock and fodder storage building at Abattoir, Church Broughton Road, Foston, Derby, DE65 5PW

Noted – no action

Cllr. A. Crichlow commented - Planning conditions are taking too long to be approved – **Clerk to email planning**

OPM081122/08 – Footpaths

See item OPM081122/04 – Cllr. J Patten report

OPM081122/09 Village Hall Grant.

Cllr. C. Robinson: Not heard, application takes a couple of months. Should be hearing soon will chase.

OPM081122/10 – Lengthsman Contract (appendix 2)

To be discussed under item OPM111022/16

OPM081122/11 – Play area – quote from Wicksteed

- £30,000 is significantly more than the original quote of £17,576.30 (Jan 2020). Wicksteed quote is valid to 23/11.
- Parish Clerk to investigate alternative quote. Councillors mentioned Cosy in Fauld.
- Parish Clerk to investigate funding
- Site needs fencing at front and back

OPM081122/12 – Clerk’s Report

- Noticeboards – HMP Sudbury are waiting for adhesive and hopefully will be ready by Friday 18/11. Update to Cllr. V. Blackshaw
- RBL donation – Cllr. P. Groom may need more large poppies for Watery Lane. Purchase will be as a donation. Agreed to delay donation pending next Parish Council meeting.

OPM081122/13 – Chairman Report

- None

OPM081122/14 – Any Other Business

- Thank you to everyone that helped out with the bulb planting
- Foston there are a few areas that needs to be looked at for repair work, e.g road signs, etc. **To be on next agenda**
- Surplus of bulbs left – offer to local residence
- Hall toilets – completion required, loo roll and paper towels holders to be installed

OPM081122/15 – Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th December 2022

OPM081122/16 – 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

Signed:	
Date of issue:	24 th November 2022