

# Foston and Scropton Parish Council

## Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.30pm

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. J. Tryner	Cllr. S. Wild Cllr. N Hickman
<b>OPM161225/01 – To receive apologies for absence:</b>		
<p>➤ Cllr. G. Andrew ➤ Cllr. S. Redfern ➤ Cllr. S. Meghani ➤ Cllr. J. Davies ➤ Cllr. P Groom</p>		
<b>OPM161225/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)</b>		
<p>➤ No</p>		
<b>OPM161225/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests appertaining to agenda items.</b>		
<p>➤ None</p>		
<b>OPM161225/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.</b>		
<b>Villagers:</b> 1. Warm Space Grant – received 2. Porthole – outside Fryers – to be reported 3. Porthole – corner of Watery Lane – been reported 4. Building materials on Allotment plot - letter to allotment holder to clear.		
<b>OPM161225/05 Correspondence:-</b>		
<b>District Councillors Grahame Andrew and Jayne Davies</b> Updates		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unauthorised Bus/Coach Maintenance facility on Woodyard Lane – Cllr Davies has “called in” the application to legalise this use of the site to be reviewed at Planning Committee, now that the application has finally arrived.</li><li>• Unauthorised use by WG Tankers use of Heath Top Business Park – application by the business to legalise this by making an access onto the Dove Valley Business Park – now in process should be “valid” as an application soon and put on the Council website.</li><li>• Local Plan – Part 2 Consultation – nearest drop in event to us is Hilton Village Hall – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 4pm to 7pm</li><li>• Etwall Area Forum – next one Frank Wickham Hall, Etwall, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026</li><li>• District Council offices will be closed 12:30pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Christmas Eve), reopening Friday 8:30am January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026</li></ul>		

**OPM161225/06 - 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 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

➤ Approved

Proposed: Cllr. J. Tryner

Seconded: Cllr A. Dolley

**OPM161225/07 – Finance**

**Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting - 16th December 2025**

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

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
16/12/2025	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£ 156.73
16/12/2025	J Allen	Parish Clerk Wages	£ 336.00
16/12/2025	HMRC	Month 9	£ 86.00
16/12/2025	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	£ 252.00
16/12/2025	DSK Engineering	Playground Inspection	£ 48.00
16/12/2025	J. Allen	Stamps	£ 6.95
16/12/2025	SDDC	Emptying of Dog poo bins	£ 361.92

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

Date	Name	Description	Amount
16/12/2025	Allsuns Electrical Ltd	repair hall junction box	£ 90.00
16/12/2025	Allsuns Electrical Ltd	Installation of Heaters timers	£ 405.00
16/12/2025	Cllr. Dolley	Christmas Lights	£ 56.99
16/12/2025	Cllr. Dolley	Batteries	£ 14.16
16/12/2025	Scottish Power	Electricity Bill	£ 70.01

**Parish Hall Income**

Date	Name	Description	Amount
16/12/2025	Chair Exercise Class	Chair Exercise Class	£36.00
16/12/2025	SDDC	Refund of Premises Licence fee	£100.00
16/12/2025	Warm Space Grant	Warm Space Grant	£ 1,200.00
16/12/2025	Add Warm Space Grant	Additional Warm Space Grant	£ 1,000.00

➤ Approved.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. J. Tryner

**OPM161225/08 – Planning Applications received.**

- **Application ref. DMPA/2025/1570:** Erection of 2no buildings in B2/B8 and ancillary E(g) uses, associated infrastructure, service yards, landscaping, and a structural landscape buffer at land to the east of Dove Valley Park and the erection of an innovation centre in sui generis use at Plot 2 within Dove Valley Park on Land to the east of Dove Valley Park, Park Avenue, Foston, **Woodland walk not included email to planning 21<sup>st</sup> December.**
- **Application ref. DMPN/2025/1249:** Prior Approval for change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings including associated external alterations at The Firs Farm, Firs Farm Nursery, Scropton Road, Hatton, Derby, DE65 5PN – **No Observation**
- **Application ref. DMPA/2025/1364:** The removal of condition no. 11 of permission ref. 9/2008/0186 (relating to agricultural ties) for the erection of a dwelling with office space at (Nether Close House) Firs Farm Nursery, Scropton Road, Scropton, Derby, DE65 5PN - **No Observation**

#### OPM161225/09 - 2026 Precepts

- 2025 Precepts £22,783
- Village Hall electrics upgrade - Completed
- Village Hall Structure - report by year end
- Disabled parking – to be part of the village hall rebuild
- Repair/Renew Disabled ramp – repair of 2 slabs

1. Future Development: Need to be looking at rebuilding village hall with funds supporting Charity Grants available?
2. 2026 Precepts approved at: £29,230

#### OPM161225/10 – Village Hall Vandalism Electric box

- Unfortunate accident

#### OPM161225/11 - Allotment plots invoicing

- Invoices being issued in New Year.

#### OPM161225/12 - Warm Space Grant - £1,200

- Breakdown:-
- Heating £534
- Fridge £160 – larder undercounter style
- New kitchen units £740 - keep the 2 sinks, new taps.
- Total: £1434

Application details: Hello Foston and Scropton Community Hall

Thank you for submitting your application to the **DVA Warm and Welcoming Spaces Grant**. The Grants Panel has now completed its review, and I am delighted to inform you that your application has been successful. You have been awarded **£1200**.

It transpires that a 2nd application for Warm Space Grant been made by a villager. Query projects applied for.

- Heating and lighting cost (15% of total usage ) = £210
- Crafting materials, bingo tickets =£40
- Refreshments = £30
- Approx 10 x new large print novels (these are very hard to source second hand) = £90
- Replacement of the carpet. This is heavily stained and unpleasant aesthetically for young children to play on. The area 90 m sq at £6 per metre £540 plus £250 labour = £790

We don't have to give evidence of how the money is spent but the evaluation form asks for numbers of attendees, photos and a couple of case studies of activities.

The only overlap is heating.

Weekly open hall e.g. breakfast club once a week. Day to be confirmed after broadband installation.  
Cllr. Tryner to advise on Facebook.

Second hand wall units and refresh floor units

Notice use required over sinks

Cllr. Dolley to advise plumber

Expansion vessel in hot water tank service/replace

Total Grant received £2,200.

**OPM161225/13 - Broadband**

- Installation date Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January morning
- May have problems with installation due to rotten post.
- Moden received

**OPM161225/14 - Purchase 2 Soldier Silhouette from RBL £175 2026**

- Approved.

Proposed: Cllr. J Tryner

Seconded: Cllr. S. Wild

**OPM161225/15 - Hearing Loop**

- Decision: Portable hearing loop.
- Review if use increases
- Rebuild: will include hearing loop
- Purchase from Contacta Portable 121 loop kit £240 + VAT

**OPM161225/16 - Chairmans report**

- Playground Fencing  
May have problems round the roots of the big tree  
Quote from Stuart for materials and installation soon

**OPM161225/17 - Clerk's Monthly report/Items**

1. No RBL annual donation £75.00 - review 2026
2. New dog poo bin outside playground
3. New larger litter bin inside playground
4. Items for January meeting
  - a) Village signs  
Scropton village sign  
Parent and Child Watery Lane  
Water Depth marker on Leathersley Lane  
Speed camera repair
  - b) Speed watch - group

**OPM161225/18 – Date of Next Meeting**

- 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**OPM161225/19 – 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>	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2025