

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Parish Council:	Foston and Scropton
Location:	Village Hall, Scropton
Date of Meeting:	9 th February 2022
Present:	Cllr P. Groom, Cllr A. Critchlow Cllr V Blackshaw Cllr C. Robinson Cllr. P Smith Cllr. G. Lemmon

1. Apologies: Cllr L James, Cllr J Patten

2. Variation of Order of Business: None

3. Declaration of Members Interest: Cllr A Critchlow Planning application DMOT/2022/0066

4. Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation

Report from Cllr Peter Smith:

The New Year is the perfect time to make some changes to our health and wellbeing and for anyone who needs a little help and advice around healthy changes, stopping smoking, weight management or getting active it's free at: livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk

South Derbyshire District Council has successfully bid for government funding to enable a further 24 electric recharge points to be installed in three District Council owned car parks across the area. £90,000 of funding will come from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles and will enable publicly accessible charge points to be installed in car parks in Hatton, Hilton and Melbourne. The remaining cost of the installation will be met by BP Pulse who are the private sector delivery partner.

The District Council already offers the following charging points...

- One Rapid Charge - where a battery can be charged in 20 – 60 minutes, are located at the Council's Bus Station car park, Swadlincote, DE11 0AH.
- Fast Charge Points - where a battery can be charged in 4 – 6 hours, at Rink Drive, Swadlincote, Local residents are being provided with an additional reason to switch to electric as they can apply for a discount card at <http://www.chargeyourcar.org.uk/d2n2/> There is a £20 yearly fee for the card, however, this provides access to a reduced tariff which currently saves 20p per kWh charge. Provision of the new charging points is the latest initiative in South Derbyshire District Council's bid to become carbon-neutral by 2030, having declared a Climate Emergency in 2019.

SDDC have a mobile Safer Homes service which is operated by South Derbyshire CVS and available to any elderly or vulnerable South Derbyshire residents that are over 60. This service provides and installs door and window locks and other safety equipment. To take advantage of this free service contact: safety@sd cvs.org.uk or telephone 01283 219761.

Peter would also be interested to hear from anyone across the Parish who has had recent issues or problems with Wildlife crime such as poachers/hare coursing etc, Agricultural crime or other rural crime problems. Please email peter in confidence at: peter.smith@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Report from Cllr Gillian Lemmon: District

Plan B Restrictions Lifted

As a reminder to our residents, we are now returning to Plan A measures in relation to Covid Restrictions. We still urge you to take care of yourselves but enjoy life in a less restricted way. There are many resources on the SDDC Website and Facebook Account to give guidance on what measures have been lifted and when.

Podbac

A new initiative introduced by South Derbyshire District Council to recycle used aluminium and plastic coffee pods at home has been launched. You can find out more about this by visiting www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/podback

Green Homes Grant

And finally, you can still apply for a Green Homes Grant. You may qualify for home insulation worth anything from £1000 to £20,000. All work will be carried out by Council approved insulation installers. Find out more by visiting www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/environment/apply-for-a-green-homes-grant

The Safer Neighbourhood Fund - £2500 grant available – Contact either one of us for details.

Two inspiring commemorative tree plantings took place at Rosliston Forestry Centre yesterday afternoon.

A Japanese Flowering Cherry tree was planted in the picnic area by specially invited guest, Misako Sato from the Japanese School in Etwall. The tree has been donated to mark the school's 30th anniversary and to celebrate Rosliston Forestry Centre and South Derbyshire's close and long-standing connection to Japan and Toyota City.

Misako Sato was joined by the Leader, Chair, Vice-Chair and the Chief Executive of South Derbyshire District Council along with staff members and volunteers from the Forestry Centre.

In the second ceremony three greengages were planted adding to the Tree Trail on site which starts outside the sensory garden and includes over 30 different species of tree.

The tree planting ceremony signified the start of The Queens' Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place in the Summer at Rosliston Forestry Centre. This week was chosen as Sunday marked 70 years since the Queen's accession to the throne.

This ceremony was hosted jointly by the Council and Forestry England who are the landowners at Rosliston Forestry Centre. Lizzie Hartshorne from Forestry England, John Everitt from the National Forest Company and Councillor Kevin Richards from South Derbyshire District Council each spoke about the significance of the Jubilee event and of tree planting for the benefit of the natural environment.

Partners and guests then joined the Rosliston Ranger volunteers in planting some additional trees in a new Jubilee Hedge which overlooks Jubilee Meadow. Jubilee Meadow is dominated by a giant "ER70" wildflower motif which will blossom over the coming months making a spectacular tribute to Her Majesty.

The Tree Trail, Jubilee Hedge and Meadow are all in place and set to bloom into life this summer thanks to the support and generosity of many donations, partners, corporate groups and volunteers.

A total of 1,600 trees have been ordered for the Jubilee Hedge and meadow area thanks to grants and donations from the Tree Council, The Trust for Conservation Volunteering, The Woodland Trust and Arcus Global. All have been planted by volunteers this winter.

Comments from the Public:

There has been a number of incidence's and near accidents to pedestrians on Watery Lane due to speeding vehicles. There is no pavement for residents, i.e. school children, dog walkers, non drivers.

Following discussions took place

- Local speed watch group but only can be done in the 30mph speed limitation area
- Footpath/pavement between the 2 riding schools
- Piping in and paying a pavement over the brook
- Police and County Council to be informed every time of the situation then they will see there is a problem
- Safe spots for pedestrians
- Signage - grant available
- Highways signage issue - photographic evidence, speed limit signs/road markings

Action:-

1. Write to Highways
 - a) 40 mph area on Watery Lane is insufficiently marked and need visiting
 - b) Look to upgrade signage
 - c) Photos and video of whole length

Cllr. P Smith have raised the Watery Lane issues with Cllr Julie Patten.

Queens Diamond Jubilee – Cllr G Lemmon

- Roughly £300 to go towards event
- Official date Thursday 2nd June
- What would we like to do as a village
- Organise Jubilee group
- Need to get entertainment booked soon

Parish Clerk:-

- 1) Write to Highways for a site meeting
- 2) Speed Watch reinstated - find out about the speed gun
- 3) **Allotments, Tree(s):** To be discussed at next meeting

Thanks to Julie Patten, Peter Smith and Gillian Lemmon

5. To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2022

Amendments required:-

- Thanks to Peter Smith (page 2)
- Welcome to new Councillors (page 2)
- Full surnames to be noted

Matters Arising:

Sports Pass and Grant Scheme:- Action- Young teenagers of sporting excellence – children in village top of their game in certain sport - details on Parish Council website / notice board / Facebook - to be discussed with Cllr Lemmon

To be actioned by Cllr C. Robinson

6. Parish Council Vacancies and Co-option

Vacancy for 1 more councillor. Advertise for 1 more parish councillor, advert to be placed on the notice board or via Website, facebook, word of mouth. Apply to the Clerk.

7. Planning Applications Received

APPLICATION REFERENCE **DMOT/2022/0066 (Cllr Critchlow declared an interest)**

Proposed Development

The crown lift of 2 no. Blue Atlas Cedar trees and 1 no. Weeping Willow (including the pruning of branches) covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order no. 507 at: Site Location Hawthorn Farm, Main Street, Scropton, Derby, DE65 5PP **NOTED**

APPLICATION REFERENCE: **DMPA/2021/1880**

Proposed Development

Proposed extensions and alterations to re-purpose the existing milk production facility for alternative milk processing activities at: Site Location: Muller Milk and Ingredients , 4000 Park Avenue, Dove Valley Park, Derby, DE65 5BZ **NOTED**

APPLICATION REFERENCE: **DMPA/2021/0467**

Proposed Development

The variation of condition nos. 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15 of permission ref. DMPA/2020/1117 'for removal of conditions 13 and 15 and variation of condition 7 for change of use from agricultural land to storage and distribution use (use class B8) along with demolition of existing buildings and laying of hardstanding' at: Site Location: Former Midlands Pig Producers, Woodyard Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DJ **NOTED**

APPLICATION REFERENCE: **DMPN/2021/1360**

Proposed Development:

Demolition of timber framed buildings at: Site Location: HMP Foston Hall, Uttoxeter Road, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DN **NOTED**

APPLICATION REFERENCE: **DMPA/2021/0841**

Proposed Development

Outline application (matters of access to be considered now with matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for later consideration) for the erection of one dwelling at: Site Location: The Old Mill, Home Farm Drive, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DL **NOTED**

8. Finance

Cheques to be approved:

15.02.2022	1692	M Hayes	Lengthsman Salary - February	£109.30
15.02.2022	1693	R Male	Locum Clerk	£200.00
15.02.2022	1694	J Allen	Parish Clerk	£115.20
15.02.2022	1695	HMRC	PAYE month 11	£106.00
15.02.2022	1696	P Groom	Rexel (cable Ties)	£5.06
15.02.2022	1697	A G Platts	Grass cutting	£300.00

British Gas (Electrics) to be on Village Hall account

Greenwater Services to be on Village Hall account

Proposed: V.Blackshaw

Seconded: A. Critchlow

All in favour

9. Parish Clerk Report

- Allotment fees to be paid item on March Agenda
- Recognition of previous Chairman – March Agenda
- Mobile library – March Agenda
- Play Area – Land Registry slow to respond communication received from Solicitor and Land Registry – March Agenda

10. Parish notice boards

In a bad state of repair: needs 3 quotes

Parish Clerk to contact:-

- Sudbury Prison
- Burton and South Derbyshire College

Asking if they have any capability to refurbish the notice boards as a community project

11. Date of Next Meeting

- Extraordinary meeting to approve Precepts: 15th February 2022
- Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7:30

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public etc. None

Signed:

Date of issue:

27th February 2022