

# Foston and Scropton Parish Council

## Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 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 Cllr. J. Patten Cllr. P Smith
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**OPM140223/01 – To receive apologies for absence:**

Cllr. A. Critchlow

**OPM140223/02 – Variation of Order of Business (if required)**

None

**OPM140223/03 – Declaration of Members Interest**

None

**OPM140223/04 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation**

**SDDC Cllr Gillian Lemmon**

**Beat the Street Update**

Official launch event will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March at Sharpe's – Invites to key stakeholders will be going out soon. As part of the launch day Dr William Bird MBE, CEO and founder of Beat the Street will do a talk. We'll also be holding a led walk to demonstrate the game.

**Bin Collections**

Refuse and Recycling Collections - A lower level of vehicle breakdowns and staff absences has helped collections for recycling and refuse be delivered with no issues this week.

**Public Bin in Scropton**

I've spoken with my colleagues in Environmental Health regarding camera enforcement for the layby, unfortunately the type of camera we currently utilise wouldn't be suitable for this location. One option could be the increased deployment of No fly-tipping signs with the threat of camera enforcement, I will explore this option and notify you in due course if this is something we can arrange.

**Appointment of Interim CEO**

Andrew Grant has been appointed as Interim CEO and will be in post from end of March 2023. The permanent position is currently going through the recruitment process.

**Council Tax Rise**

This will be decided and ratified at Full Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.

**SDDC Cllr Peter Smith**

**Parish Visit**

I arranged a Ward visit with the new Strategic Director for Service Delivery for SDDC Heidi McDougal which, Cllr Julie Patten I carried out on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, when we gave Heidi a tour of the Parish and surrounding area. Unfortunately, Cllr Gillian Lemmon was unable to attend due to important work commitments.

### **New PCSO**

We are pleased to say that you have a new PCSO who will be covering the Parish going forward - PCSO Megan Taylor.

### **Vehicle Crime**

Vehicle crime around the A50 is increasing (mainly fuel thefts from parked lorries). If anyone sees anyone acting suspicious – please report to the Police on 999.

### **Safer Homes**

CVS have extended their Safer Homes service for the elderly and vulnerable. This provides practical help and advice on staying safe in your home.

### **Ready To Burn**

With the increase in the use of log burners DEFRA has published a useful leaflet (attached) giving helpful advice and information on staying safe when using log burners and open fires in the wake of people setting up as log suppliers and selling unseasoned or wet wood.

### **Flooding Issues in Foston**

Following conversations with the Parish Council, I'm looking into the possibility of providing some form of support/funding to tackle the potential flooding issues around the Foston Brook.

### **District and Parish Council Elections on 4 May 2023**

Anyone attending a polling station to vote will be required to show an accepted form of photographic identification. This is designed to reduce voter fraud. You are not required to provide photo ID for postal voting.

### **What types of photo ID will be accepted?**

The following forms of identification will be accepted:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving licence (including provisional licences)
- Biometric immigration documents
- Identity cards bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) hologram
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- Blue Badge
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Concessionary travel passes, Older persons' bus pass, Disabled persons' bus pass
- Oyster 60+ card
- Freedom Pass

If your photo ID has expired, it will still be accepted as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you.

### **Staff at Polling Stations will not be able to accept photocopies or other pictures of photo ID.**

If your name has changed (e.g. through marriage, deed poll etc), you should bring along additional supporting documents, such as a marriage or civil partnership certificate that provides evidence of the name change. If you have appointed a proxy to vote on your behalf, your proxy must bring their own photo ID to the polling station.

What do I do if I don't have any photo ID?

If you do not have any of the accepted forms of photo ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. Voter Authority Certificates can be applied for by post by downloading the form from [Voter ID | Electoral Commission](#), or online by visiting [Voter ID | Electoral Commission](#).

### **DDC Report from Cllr Julie Patten**

At a recent council meeting held in Matlock the DCC precept was voted through at 3.75%, it was acknowledged that many households are struggling, and we aimed to keep it as low as possible without affecting services. 1.25% of the 3.75% has been allocated to adult care, providing much needed services and also, for the care service.

### **Minerals Consultation**

Cabinet approved the second part of the consultation regarding mineral sites in Derbyshire. As you know we have two very close new sites proposed in Scropton and Sudbury. I supported the policy to consult, but registered concern of residents regarding the sites, whilst keeping an open mind during the consultation process. I had to repeat the same during Full Council as did Peter Smith and our DCC colleague at the Sudbury end.

### **Bus Fare Reductions**

Bus fare journeys have been reduced to £2 per single journey until end of March.

### **Potholes**

At this time of year, we get more potholes due to the weather. The busiest time for our maintenance gangs is in the winter months especially when we have prolonged periods of wet and cold weather. Every year we fix approx. 100,000 potholes across the county. We currently have around 2000 defects including potholes.

Normally we have 18 gangs working from our depots, which we have increased to 31. We have also hired 3 Jet Patchers to help reduce numbers.

Please report any defects on the DCC website at [Derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit](http://Derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit)

### **Public:**

Foston keeps been bombarded by planning decisions-

- 2 storey houseblock HMP Foston Hall
- A50 issues next to the village
- All business on Airfield (Dove Valley Park)
- extraction, processing, bottling and distribution of water-based products.

Resulting in noise, road problems/numerous potholes in Woodyard Lane, litter, light pollution.

- Cllr. P .Smith: light pollution is being looked at. Council received a lot of complaints in and around Church Broughton, that's being monitored. Woodyard lane should not be being used by the factory developers. The entrance to that site is Via Dove Valley Park. If you see any vehicles take registration number and inform Parish Council. To access site there is a temporary access direct onto Woodyard Lane. Villagers to take photo evidence of vehicles and send to Clerk.
- **Watery Lane closed for works on brook side:** hedge trimming/ditch clearing and jetting under drives access. Debate over notification of road closure.
- **Fly Tipping** again at small layby on the left of Leathersley lane when leaving Scropton. Issue to be discussed with Cllr. Lemmon. Taken from last council meeting to ask whether we could have cameras. None available. Camera equipment has to be regulated, recording crime being committed has to be in the correct way using correct equipment.
- **Bus Stop Home Farm area/Uttoxeter Road incidents:**  
Been stopped in the middle of the road asking for money  
Sexual comments  
harassing, abusive comments  
Glass and wine bottles  
Bus Stop shared by school children.
- Cllr. G. Lemmon: This prison was inspected in 2022 current population is under improvement in the following areas, i.e. violent towards staff, prison residents, staff problems, attitude and culture. These are the areas where the residents need to concentrate on concerns and communicating that at the planning committee.
- 20% of prisoners being released at Foston with no fixed abode, no consideration for the infrastructure and local area.

- Cllr. G. Lemmon: Needs to concentrate on getting their current house in order in a closed prison, These prisoners are going to be assessed and resettled in the in the open units, in the 2 Storey blocks.
- Blocks are 12 metres high, compare that with the houses which are 5 meters high. The plans are not at the edge of the plot so being less obtrusive to the neighbours, they put them end on overlooking the neighbours. There are 8 private dwellings on Woodland Drive not prison officers' dwellings.
- Cllr. G Lemmon – referred to Cushman and Wakefield report
- Generator being installed on top of the blocks. Again, going to be incredibly noisy especially when you consider how near it will be to the private houses.
- Petition: 300 online signatures plus another 300 individually signed up to Friday.
- No Right to Light in the report.
- Cllr. P. Groom: Reports and from Saturday meeting to be sent to Parish Clerk
- Inspectorate report: Corrective actions wasn't completed from the previous report. They were carried over to the 2022 and is also indicated in the 2021 report corrective action for the homeless that will be released they pointed towards the 2019 White Paper, government white paper that investments in expansion of the prisons. So that was actually use of corrective action. Inside that report there are certain things that was and wasn't completed and staffing and violence has been continuing. Perhaps suggest that the location is one thing that probably doesn't help with staffing. Prison location too rural for both Prison staff and inmates.
- Cllr. G. Lemmon: everybody put their objections on the planning portal  
any incidents must be reported to police. When we talk about how we don't see any of the police around unless you report them on 101 they won't put the resource is into that area. Any issues, regardless how small is to be reported and will send out patrols.  
Approached the prison and asked to send a representative this evening, but they decline the invitation.  
Is anybody prepared to speak at planning? Parish Council or member of public needs to be registered. Only 1 person for 3 minutes speaking time. May be given dispensation as a public body representing the area.  
Representation from the Ministry of Justice given the magnitude of this application suspect it's likely to be by Cushman and Wakefield.
- Cllr. L James to speak at the planning meeting, facts to be bullet point to get the information across in allotted time.
- Attendance numbers to be confirmed to the planning committee for room allocation. More people turn up the more the planning committee will realise this is an extremely emotive subject.
- Villagers to feed back to the Parish Council responses received from Police/Prison to issues raised.
- Cllr: J Patten: Little time between now and planning committee for logging issues to Police and Prison. Otherwise, when goes to planning there is no evidence.
- Car Park –staff cars parked on double yellow lines - Woodland Drive The Ministry of Justice state on their initial planning application form is this development going to be visible from a public road - No. That's a public road.

**OPM140223/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Approved

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

**OPM140223/06 – Finance**

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

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
14/02/2023	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£409.50
14/02/2023	J Allen	Parish Clerk Wages	£144.00
14/02/2023	L G Woodward Ltd	5 yr electric inspection	£172.80
14/02/2023	J Allen	Expenses/ Stamps/Keys	£17.44
14/02/2023	A G Platts	Grass Cutting	£300.00

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

Date	Name	Description	Amount
14/02/2023	Green Water Services Ltd	Legionella Monitoring Jan 2023	£72.00
14/02/2023	British Gas	Electric bill	£20.14

- a) *Refund of Parish Hall deposit to Christine Naylor not Heath Farm Flowers* **Approved**
- b) *Approval of charge for Website update £410 - £500 (+ vat).* **approved**
- c) *British Gas – contract due for renewal on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023/quotes to be obtained Parish clerk to organise.*

Proposed: Cllr. A. Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. L. James

All agreed.

**OPM140223/07 - Planning Applications**

- **Planning Reference SCOM/3/84 (Extension approved to 28<sup>th</sup> February)** at Land off Leathersley Lane, Sudbury, Derbyshire (appendix)

Cllr. V. Blackshaw send out letter highlighting concerns with environmental impact. Flood risk, noise, pollution with lorries, light pollution, visual impact, road deterioration, loss of hedges and trees, wildlife and removal of agricultural land.

- **Application ref. DMPA/2022/1594: (Extension approved to 28<sup>th</sup> February)** The construction of 2 x 2 storey houseblocks (with additional rooftop plant), additional car parking, substation and generator. HMP Foston Hall, Uttoxeter Road, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DN **see OPM140223/04 - Public Speaking**

Foston and Scropton Parish Council strongly objects to the planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. L James

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

Discussions to be bullet points.

Impact people / residents

Light impact

impact of being overlooked  
items discarded into people's gardens.  
Councillors to meet up with Lauren to go through what everybody has said to have bullet point report from the parish council. Alternative is to use the comment box in word. Tuesday 21st Parish Clerk to submit officially to Planning from the Parish Council. Friday 17th draft report to be circulated by Cllr. L. James. Councillors to return by Monday 20<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr. C. Robinson mentioned about past planning application on Dove Valley Park, Foston but this is on the opposite side of the A50 / Uttoxeter Road where groundworks are currently. Need to review planning applications in more details.

**OPM140223/08 – Section 136 Grant money: £1,099.20 (quotes to Cllr. 08/02/23 for consideration & approval)**

- New metal Noticeboard(s)
- Funding towards new play equipment

Agreement from all Cllrs. to proceed with new metal noticeboard(s) size A1. The Parish Council will add funds.

**OPM140223/09 - Play Equipment 3 Quotes (quotes sent to Cllrs. 08/02/23 for consideration and approval)**

1. Cllr. V. Blackshaw precis the suggested equipment to 4 from Streetscape.
  - a) Frog sit in springer
  - b) roundabout
  - c) 3 swings
  - d) slide / climbing frame
2. Site visit to be arranged – re full quote to include installation/play area clearance/welfare site area, etc.
3. Parish Clerk to check if planning application is required.
4. Current fund: £3,000 plus balance of Jubilee fund £250 (approx.)
5. 3 quotes need to be presented to SDDC for funding requirements.
6. Suggestion project to have a working group.
7. Agreement the existing equipment to be removed.

**OPM140223/10 - Coronation of King Charles III - 6th May 2023**

To be discussed under AOB

**OPM140223/11 District elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

- Invoice to be issued for hire of hall - £12ph x 17 = £204.00

**OPM140223/12 - Defibrillators - request from villager.**

There are Defibrillators at:-

- a) Foston: Woodyard Lane > ATL inside gatehouse / 24 hr operation
- b) Scropton: Avara at the back of the gatehouse / 24 hr operation
- c) Verbal agreement to use but need to contact the Facility Managers for formal approval.
- d) Do we have 1<sup>st</sup> responders for Foston and Scropton?

Parish Clerk to write to ATL and Avara for written approval and having details on F&S Website

**OPM140223/13 – Chairman Report**

- None

**OPM140223/14 - Parish Clerk Report**

- a) Suggested Parish Councillors to have fspc email address. Request from Cllr. P. Groom that all Cllrs. should be included in email correspondence.
- b) Training: Election training for Clerks - **approved**
- c) Correspondence from villager: work taking place next to common house farm, just off the A50 roundabouts on Uttoxeter road, in the wildlife area where the large lake is, them seem to be digging it all up. **See Comments from Cllr. C. Robinson Planning applications ref OPM140223/07**
- d) Village hall road sign – **discussion over if sign should be Village or Parish Hall see AOB**
- e) February tasks:-\_Cutting of hedges Parish Hall/Allotments/Playground – **Councillors arranging to do the work over the weekend**

**OPM140223/15 – Any Other Business**

- Parish Hall Grant: Still at stage 1
- Parish Hall: had first working group meeting, 4 volunteers. Funding will be required for activities relating to the hall
- Hall name: Village / Parish or Foston and Scropton community Hall. A few suggestions will be put it on Facebook page to see what people require, plus a sign outside. Looking to fund sign from local companies.
- Issues with the car park - parking for the disabled: grant now available to hopefully fund tarmacking disabled space(s).
- Land Registry: Need to get parish hall area registered.
- Disabled ramp: The ramp is very slippery when it's wet, there's lots of grass on it. Cleaning required.
- Wheelchair friendly separate pedestrian access from Scropton Rd: make new path by removing some of the hedge so people don't have to walk across the car park to get in.
- New mugs
- Social event: bingo event 31st March
- OPM140223/10 - Coronation of King Charles III - 6th May 2023: to be discussed by the Parish Hall Group

**OPM140223/16 – Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

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

**OPM140223/17 – 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>	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023