

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm

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| Present: | Cllr. P. Groom Cllr V. Blackshaw Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. L. James Cllr. A. Crichlow Cllr. G. Lemmon Cllr. J. Patten Cllr. P Smith |
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OPM140323/01 – To receive apologies for absence:

None
 Cllr. C. Robinson has resigned as Parish Councillor

OPM140323/02 – Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None

OPM140323/03 – Declaration of Members Interest

None

OPM140323/04 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation

Invite our PCSO to a Parish council meeting

SDDC Councillor Gillian Lemmon

SDDC CEO

Frank McCardle who has been in post as CEO for 23 years at SDDC is retiring at the end of this month. The permanent position is currently going through the recruitment process and selection with an imminent announcement this week.

Council Tax Rise

This has been agreed at Full Council to be a 1% increase for the SDDC element.

Purdah

A reminder that the District Council will be entering Purdah on 23rd March meaning this will be the six weeks period leading up to the Local Elections.

Watery Lane Brook Rubbish

Update from PC regarding water jetting and rubbish/debris removal. Please advise if SDDC/CC Councillors can intervene and on what basis.

Letter from MOJ

SDDC and County Councillors have now received a further letter regarding the **NEW RAPID DEPLOYMENT CELLS AT HMP FOSTON HALL**

These are replacement units and are currently in the secure part of the prison. They are being updated and have a life span of 15 years. These house 40 prisoners and the old units were de-commissioned last year. They are being delivered under permitted development rights therefore, no planning permission is required.

Planning application ref: DMPA/2022/1594 may not be heard until June.

SDDC Cllr Peter Smith

Vehicle Crime and ASB

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

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

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](#).

Polling Station: Foston and Scropton Village Hall

DCC REPORT JULIE PATTEN

Bus Fares

The original Government scheme offering single journey for £2 was due to finish in March but has recently been extended until the end of June to try and encourage more people back on to buses instead of cars. The scheme has been extended to June this year.

King Charles III Coronation

We have been given extra funding to support our communities who are organising street parties and other village events to celebrate the coronation. I am sure it will be a year to remember and looks like there are lots of events we can all join in around the villages around where we live. There is also opportunities to apply for additional funding from the National Lottery please check out the DCC website for further information on funding.

Derbyshire Minerals Plan

The consultation for the proposed minerals plan and site allocations will begin its final stage. The consultation event at Scropton is due to take place on Tuesday 4th April here at the village hall.

Watery Lane issues:

Village sign replacement > Council next financial year.
Pipes in brook keep getting blocked with litter and causing flooding.
Reflector posts are falling into the brook due to no support from lack of grass verge in places.

Planning Conditions

This is a personal matter and needs to be referred to SDDC planning department by the Councillor concerned.

Alternative Fuel Payment

Entitled to £200 if no gas supply via electricity supplier, conditions apply.
Refer to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-alternative-fuel-bill-support-if-not-automatic> and complete the application form.
To be on FS website - Community page

OPM140323/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 14th February 2023

Metal noticeboard: awaiting response from SDDC Corporate Resources following outcome of the Council’s Finance and Management Committee concerning the Section 136 Grant Monies.

Play Equipment: 4 quotes now received, information on FS website. Decision needs to be made on equipment. Comparison chart.
Check if planning application is required.

Defibrators:

Scropton at Avara gatehouse
Foston: at ATL inside gatehouse
Details to be on FS website/community news.

Disabled ramp at village hall

Following snow fall it was noted that there are no grit bins in the village.

Proposed: Cllr. L. James
Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley
All agreed.

OPM140323/06 – Finance

Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:

| Date | Payee | Description | Amount |
|------------|--|----------------------|---------|
| 14/03/2023 | M Hayes | Lengthsman wages | £136.50 |
| 14/03/2023 | J Allen | Parish Clerk Wages | £115.20 |
| 14/03/2023 | SDDC | Service Dog Bins | £434.30 |
| 14/03/2023 | HMRC | Month 11 | £76.80 |
| 14/03/2023 | DSK ENGINEERING SERVICES (MIDLANDS) LTD. | Play equipment insp. | £48.00 |
| 14/03/2023 | Water Plus | Water Rates* | £350.77 |

Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:

| Date | Name | Description | Amount |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 14/03/2023 | Green Water Services Ltd | Quarterly Legionella Monitoring | £72.00 |
| 14/03/2023 | British Gas | Electric bill | £118.81 |
| 14/03/2023 | Christine Naylor | Refund of PH hire deposit | £20.00 |

* it was asked if the water supply for the village hall is on a meter > No

Cllr. A. Crichlow commented over the Lengthsman duties what's being done and what's not being done. Full review to be carried out by the parish clerk plus job risk assessment. Works/timesheet needs to be implemented and signed off. List of duties, forms, equipment supplied by Parish Council to be approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. L. James

All agreed.

OPM140323/07 - Planning Applications

- Past planning application DMPA 2019 1205 – Bottling plant in Foston Section 106 agreement for Foston. Details sent to Cllr. L James.
- Parish Clerk commented over the lack of build description when received application notifications e.g. warehouse unit B2/B3 but not the end use of the building.
- Planning committee meetings to be monitored concerning application DMPA/2022/1594
- Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan meeting 4th April village hall 14:30-18:30. The Mineral Planning Authorities for their areas are now at the stage of consulting on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan for the new minerals local plan.
Posters to be distributed.
Discussion regarding access to site and re-installation of 7.5 tonnes limit sign(s) on Leathersley Lane at A515/Sudbury junction.

OPM140323/08 – Coronation Funding

May have a fuddle type get together, Cllr. V. Blackshaw to update.

OPM140323/09 - Response from Highways regarding Highways issues in Foston village

Highways asked if the issues have been raised with highways previously. To provide reference numbers to investigate.

Are villagers logging issues themselves?

OPM140323/10 – Chairman Report

Thanks to Dave Robinson for cutting the hedge at the Parish Hall

Thanks to Cllr. L James for the report concerning HMP Foston Hall

Thanks to Cllr. V. Blackshaw for sorting out all the paperwork etc for the Village Hall.

Thanks to Dave, Lauren and Victoria for work above and beyond normal Parish Council duties.

OPM140323/11 - Parish Clerk Report

- a) DSK Engineering report on bench in playground > to be dismantled.
- b) Correspondence /Noticeboards > response received from Councillors to reply
- c) Website being updated. Allotments and playground to be a separate pages
- d) Election Timetable notified
- e) End of financial year 31/03/2023 > any outstanding invoices/payments
- f) Defibrillators > see item OPM140323/05

OPM140323/12 – Any Other Business

Cllr. V. Blackshaw attended the Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum meeting 13 March 23
Market Place Event: Heads of depts attended > discussed flooding and Highways
Update on the electronic sign at the A515/Sudbury end of Leathersley Lane which will trigger when the river gets to a certain height. Moving forward and money available to fund it.

PAT testing required for Hoover and amplifier being carried out by Cllr. A. Dolley.
Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw
Seconded: Cllr. A. Crichlow
All agreed.

OPM140323/13 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th April 2023

OPM140223/14 – 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

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| Signed: | |
| Date of issue: | 28 th March 2023 |