

# Foston and Scropton Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

<b>Parish Council:</b>	Foston and Scropton
<b>Location:</b>	Village Hall, Scropton
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>Present:</b>	Cllr P. Groom, Cllr A. Critchlow Cllr. L. James Cllr. A Dolley Cllr. P Smith Cllr. J Patten

**1. Apologies:** Cllr V. Blackshaw, Cllr C. Robinson

Welcome given to Cllr. Alistair Dolley  
Cllrs. G. Lemmon and J. Patten were unable to attend

**2. Variation of Order of Business:**

Depending on arrival of Cllrs P. Smith, G. Lemmon and J. Patten item 4 may be moved

**3. Declaration of Members Interest:** None

**4. Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation**

**Comments from the Public:**

Watery Lane, Scropton

1. Speeding vehicles still a problem / **Parish Clerk to contact with Police.**
2. Community speed watch can operate in 30mph. Discussion took place if the speed watch can operate in 40mph zones providing in safe areas.
3. Highways don't have a lot of records of incidences
4. 40 mph speed limit to be marked on road / **Parish Clerk to report online to highways**
5. Sign on side of road - beware of Children playing/Dogs/Horses - **Parish Clerk to contact highways**
6. Speed indicator sign – Grant £65,000 but not sure what the grant is for. Can apply for up to 3, initial cost £2,500 to £3,000 each, plus licence fee, installation cost. Trial period 12 months. Further investigation required concerning the £65,000 grant.
7. Speed sign outside Scropton Riding School corrected showing correct speed limit / **Parish Clerk to contact Highways**
8. Delays on A50, Scropton used as a cut through with vehicle numbers increasing through village
9. Volume of traffic at peak times
10. 7.5 Tonne weight limit signs at Hatton end, Sudbury end and Watery Lane, except for access / unless formal diversion or by Police.

Foston: -

Felling of oak tree, in a row of oak trees on Hay Lane/ no tree preservation/can apply to Council for Tree Preservation Order, Tree Officer Martin Buckley.

**Report from Cllr Peter Smith:**

**New Electric Charge points for Melbourne, Hilton, and Hatton**

South Derbyshire takes another stride towards becoming a carbon neutral District with the installation of 24 more electric car charging points across three of the Council's car parks currently taking place and nearing completion.

The charge points are all being installed following successful bids for funding from the Office for Zero Emissions Vehicles.

The funding is aimed at providing residents with easily accessible charge points so they can recharge vehicles when they are at home. The additional benefit of having them in public car parks is that other people can use them when residents are not.

The Council now has 42 charge points to help with the transition to more electric vehicles in the fleet over the next decade.

**Wildflower planting**

Seed planting and the necessary preparatory works to the four pilot wildflower sites were completed across South Derbyshire last week in preparation for the summer by the Council's Grounds Maintenance Team.

**Grass Cutting**

The Grass Cutting Team are experiencing issues with a lack of available parts for the service and maintenance for the ride on mowers. This is not a major concern at present but if the supply issue is one to keep an eye on as it could impact on the mowing schedule during the summer months.

**South Derbyshire CVS**

Now have a Home Handy Person scheme to help those elderly or vulnerable people who live in SDDC owned property and need help with things like fitting light bulbs, locks, bolts, etc.

**What's on Over Easter**

- Animal Egg Trail - It isn't only birds that lay eggs, many creatures use eggs to produce young. Use the trail pack to explore the Rosliston Forestry Centre site this Easter and discover more about some of the many fascinating egg layers that live in the National Forest, from the 9th - 24th April.
- Children's Farmside Easter Activities at the National Forest Adventure Farm, Postern Rd, Tatenhill - Take the Easter Eggspress Tractor ride to Bunny Woods and follow the path to find the Easter Bunny who is giving out chocolate to every child. Meet some of the Easter Bunny's entertaining animal friends along the way.
- Family Fun Easter Trail - Enjoy this "egg" citing Easter family fun trail around the Sharpes Pottery Museum, celebrating all things Spring and get a treat at the end, from the 9th - 24th April.
- Easter Family Crafts at Sharpes Pottery Museum - 10 April 2022, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm and 13 April 2022, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Join us for a fun morning creating Easter crafts at this family craft workshop (accompanying adults not participating go free). Booking essential via our website.

## Report from Councillor Gillian Lemmon

**Adult Activity Brochure** has been launched for April and you can find the at the link here. <https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/health-and-wellbeing/news-and-updates>

### Support for Ukranian Guests

The government has changed the Homelessness Guidance to allow for Ukrainian Refugees to be dealt with by councils. The Housing Service has not had any direct approaches yet but is expecting this to happen shortly. The Environmental Health Team is undertaking assessments of properties of those who have volunteered to provide a home to Ukrainian families and is working closely with the County Council from a safeguarding perspective. More information will be produced regarding this shortly.

Unfortunately, there is a small but significant risk that organised crime gangs will use the scheme to entrap vulnerable Ukrainian families and so Council staff have offered to provide home safeguarding visits to local sponsors to check for evidence of any suspected ulterior motives.

It also gives the Council the opportunity to do a quick hazard check in the sponsor's home and to provide advice, support and access to resources to enable any sponsor to make their Ukrainian guests stay as safe and happy as possible.

The Team has been working at national level to develop processes for implementation across the UK.

### Queens Jubilee SDDC Plans

The Events Team is busy planning the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration events which will take place across the summer in the District. Many existing events such as Liberation Day, Music in the Park and the Festival of Leisure will be Jubilee themed, and a further themed event is planned on the Band stand at Maurice Lea Park on 1 June. Local schools will be given the opportunity to have Jubilee trees planted and a visit and talk by the Chair of the Council and Beacon lighting events will take place at various locations on 2 June 2. Further information will be released in the coming weeks.

### Further discussion

£4,000 pot available for former name community neighbourhood watch area (Etwall, Foston and Scropton, Hatton etc.). Discussion concerning speeding safety signs and a grant available. Several grants available via Police and Crime Commissioner, part of Cllr J Patten pot as County Councillor and Safer Neighbourhood Branch. Need to consider location, type of sign, electricity supply, etc. Meeting to be arranged and a report to be issued to Cllr. J. Patten of requirements. **Cllr. A Dolley to arrange.**

**NB Please see attachments from Cllr P. Smith:** There are couple more things which have come out since 12<sup>th</sup> April meeting and attached the 3 SIDS documents.

## 5. To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Item 9: Flood Update / **Parish Clerk** to contact Highways water depth sign the other side of the flood defence and reinstatement of flooding sign at Sudbury end.

Proposed Cllr A. Critchlow  
Seconded Cllr. L. James  
All agreed

**Action points:-**

Item 7: Green Water Services contract expires April 2023 (Review Jan/Feb 2023)

Item 9: Quite a few people on the flood committee and meeting held / Cllr. V Blackshaw taking lead

Item 10: update from Cllr. C Robinson at next meeting

Item 15: Speedwatch training to be organised for 6 people by **Parish Clerk / Cllr. A Dolley and Cllr. P Smith**

Item 15: Parish hall keys, 1 set returned.

Item 17: Parish notice boards - still waiting response from HMP Sudbury and Burton and South Derbyshire College. Lengthsman has offered to strip down and re-varnish.

**6. Finance**

- Concurrent return query regarding clerk salary

Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
12/04/2022	Mrs J Allen	Stationery /Postage	£91.90
12/04/2022	DALC	P.C. Training	£30.00
12/04/2022	SDDC	Service Dog Bins	£434.30
12/04/2022	DALC	Annual Subscription	£374.56
12/04/2022	Butler Cook	Invoice no: 22210	£120.00
12/04/2022	HMRC	PAYE month 1	£142.40
12/04/2022	Matin Hayes	Lengthsman Salary	£109.30
12/04/2022	Jacky Allen	Parish Clerk Salary	£172.78
12/04/2022	Green Water Services Ltd	Quarterly Monitoring	£72.00
12/04/2022	British Gas	Electricity Bill 01/03/22 to 28/03/22	£165.77

Proposed: Cllr L. James

Seconded: Cllr A. Critchlow

**7. Planning Applications**

**Application ref. DMPA/2022/0283: Notification of planning application**

The variation of condition no. 2 (relating to drawing refs.) of planning permission ref: 9/2016/003 (relating to the erection of six dwellings with improvements to site access and to Brook Lane/ Leathersley Lane junction

**Action:-**

- Submissions before 5<sup>th</sup> May, ask for extension if there are any concerns from residents.
- Planning Application: DMPN/2022/0226 to contact highways as site access is within 50mph limit.

**8. Derbyshire & Derby Minerals Local Plan – Proposed Draft Plan Drop-in Session held at Foston & Scropton Parish Hall, 6 April 2022 - From Derbyshire County Council**

64 people attended over a 4-hour period from 2:30pm to 6:30pm. County Cllrs Julie Patten and Martyn Ford attended.

People in general were very concerned about the impact of the two proposed new quarries on the area, which has so far experienced no significant mineral extraction. A summary of the issues raised is set out below.

**Traffic**

Concern was expressed about the impact of quarry traffic on the local roads; on Leathersley Lane because of its narrow width and capacity to take such large vehicles and the fact it is part of the National Cycleway; and on the junction of the A515 with the A50. People raised the fact that the Sudbury roundabout is due to be upgraded by 2030 and how, while the work is being undertaken, this would impact on the quarry traffic. They asked whether this had been taken into account. People also raised the issue of the potential for quarry traffic to ignore the specified access route and travel through Sudbury and Scropton villages, particularly at times when the A50 is closed as a result of accidents. Many thought that road improvements would be essential to reduce the impact of the quarry, particularly by either widening Leathersley Lane or providing passing points and also improving the junctions with the A515 and A50.

**Flooding**

The issue of how a new quarry would affect flooding in an area already highly susceptible to flooding was a concern expressed by some people. The site proposed for extraction closest to Scropton is part of a floodwater holding area. It was considered by residents that the proposal for sand and gravel extraction would create a large area of open water, which would only further increase the risk of flooding in the area.

**Noise and Dust**

The impact of noise and dust from the quarries was raised as a concern.

**Restoration**

There was a lot of interest in what the restored sites would look like and the benefits that the restored sites would offer the community. People also expressed concern about the additional lorry movements that would be required to fill the Sudbury site. They also asked what it would be filled with.

**Visual Impact**

People that lived close to the site were particularly concerned about the visual impact of quarrying on their views.

**Community Benefits**

People asked whether the operators would be required to provide benefits to the local communities in terms of road improvements (particularly Leathersley Lane), village facilities etc.

**Cumulative Impact**

The cumulative impact of another industry operating in a rural area which is already the focus of major employers, such as Avara was raised as an issue. It was suggested that increasingly there seems to be more employment than people living in the area. Again, the issue of increased traffic passing through the village was raised in this respect.

**Impact on House Prices**

A number of people asked whether compensation would be provided to offset the likely reduction in market value of properties close to the quarries.

**Other issues**

- Some people were surprised that the two quarries would be operated separately even though they adjoin each other. They thought it would make more sense and be less disruptive if it was worked as one area with one processing plant and access.

- Related to this, it was requested that the plans of Foston and Sudbury be adjacent to each other in the next version so that people could more easily see that the sites are adjacent.
- Disappointment was expressed that Hanson and Cemex were not present to discuss their proposals.
- People expressed concern about the hours that the quarry would be open.

People were concerned about the level of information that was available at the local plan stage and were seeking more information about the sites more akin to the level of detail required for a planning application.

**Discussion at Parish Meeting:-**

- Report provided by Derbyshire County Council / in village hall
- Access Leathersley Lane to quarry.
- To protect village if allowed 7.5 tonne limit to be moved closer to the village
- On completion back filled and return to agricultural land
- Monitoring and control of noise and pollution coming from site
- Traffic issue on completion with improved Leathersley Lane

Discussion concerning site on completion, various suggestions were raised

- Water sport activities
- Backed fill and return to agricultural land
- Open water/wildlife area/walks
- Vote: to have the land backed fill and return to agricultural land

**9. Flooding Update**

- Have sent full update doc to councillors, please include in minutes.
- We had the first Scropton Community Flood Group meeting 1s month which was really successful. Notes are embedded in the flood update do.
- We meet again on 28th April where the EA will be attending to provide some education & background to the group.
- I have been liaising with Cllr Peter Smith, who will now be our Single Point of Contact for all things flooding.
- I will be attending the next flood liaison meeting. I have sent questions over to the group to review. Please add any additional questions you feel appropriate and I will submit prior to the meeting. This will hopefully ensure they are reviewed & responded to.
- MLP Consultation
- I have had lots of communication from residents on this, they have sent me copies of their objections to this. These include the following issues;
- Affect on local people – noise, dust, traffic, pollution from increased HGV/ machinery, negative affect on house price, risks of damage to flood defences, destroying local character, safety (traffic), destruction of the ‘village’ environment, working hours 5.5.days per week unreasonable, loss of environment/ fields
- Traffic – increase in HGV traffic is approx. 11,000% as to what it is today, Rd is unsuitable – to upgrade rod would require significant works again compounding the issues for the local community, what happens when A50 closed – already becomes dangerous and plagued with cars, increase in cars frm staff/ visitors/ maintenance, Rd has 7.5t restriction, A50 is a collision cluster already this poses a real danger at the Sudbury to uttox stretch,

- Environment – destruction of agri land, is countryside location, flood risk, destruction of hedgerows
- Pollution – massive volume of HGV just for Foston it will be 164 trips min per day, also machinery on site, use of fossil fuels for associated equip, noise – no barriers fairly open with railway running through village which would carry noise from the industry, dust creation, waste production (more trucks), fumes from equipment & HGVs. Concern if being used as diversion route, which it regularly is, that there will much more traffic using the village increasing safety risk as well as pollution and character of village
- Wildlife – total destruction for this area.
- Resident did some poking about and found this successful objection - <https://www.savedruridge.co.uk>
- I have arranged to meet with Cllrs from Sudbury 19th April to discuss our objections and pull together a more weighty joined up objection from both councils. Adding to the objection previously sent in 2020

Discussion took place concerning the implementation and removal of signs/cones before and after flooding. **Parish Clerk to write to Highways**

**10. Queens Jubilee Update**  
On Agenda for next month

**11. Speed indicator devices Update**  
Previously discussed see item 4

**12. Chairman’s Report**  
Leathersley Lane closure / notice on the day it was due to open it will be closed for another 2 weeks. Wrong dates on the board.  
Sill to go underneath the flood defence. Traffic to be by traffic lights control  
  
Playing Field - progressing slowly with Solicitor and Land Registry

**13. Clerks Report**  
Nothing to report

**14. Allotments expansion**  
All current allotment sites are now taken.  
  
Looking to expand and open up further plots - to be advertised on notice boards/website

**15. Parish Hall hire charge**  
  
Currently at £9 per hour and with price of electricity – looking to increase to £12 per hour.  
Start date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

**16. Lengthsman duties/job description**

1. To undertake a range of tasks to include:
- a) Maintenance of open spaces and play areas
  - b) Litter picking and sweeping.
  - c) Removal and control of weeds and other vegetation
  - d) Cleaning and minor repairs of street furniture
  - e) Grass cutting
  - f) Pruning of bushes and trees
  - g) Removal of dog faeces
  - h) Removal of road kill
  - i) Minor building/ground work
  - j) Checking and maintenance of public rights of way, stiles and fences.
  - k) Clearance, digging of ditches, drains etc.
  - l) Reporting of fly tipping
  - m) Removal of fly posting
  - n) Removal of graffiti
  - o) Painting of various items (benches/bus shelters)

Plus - To undertake any other duties as assigned and that might reasonably be expected of a Lengthsman.

**17. Correspondence**

Removal of hedge Uttoxeter Road, Foston, raised with Planning enforcement officer.  
Acknowledgement received

Roundabout on the south side of A0 needs serious cut back of growth

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

- Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:00
- Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow straight after the Annual General Meeting

**19. Exclusion of the Press and Public etc.**

Discussion over village hall security  
British Legion wreath

<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Date of issue:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022