

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Council:	Foston and Scropton
Location:	Village Hall, Scropton
Date of Meeting:	10 th May 2022
Present:	Cllr P. Groom, Cllr V. Blackshaw Cllr. A Dolley Cllr. P Smith Cllr. J Patten Cllr. G. Lemmon

APM100522/01 - Variation of Order of Business:

Following Items to be moved to item 3

8. Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan
9. Flooding Update
11. Speed indicator devices Update.

APM100522/02 - Declaration of Members Interest:

Annual forms to be completed at next parish meeting

APM100522/03 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation

Report from Cllr Peter Smith:

Speed Watch

I have requested details of available training and a briefing on responsibilities from PCSO Kerry Wallington-Waite and once I receive this information I will forward onto the Parish Council.

Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan

At the Environmental and Development Services Committee held on 20th April, Cllr Smith raised concerns around the possibility of any future gravel extraction in the Parishes of Foston, Scropton and Sudbury, which Cllrs Patten, Lemmon and Smith are all very concerned about. These identified sites are actually just one site that straggles the Parish Boundaries and is dissected by Leathersley Lane. I have asked SDDC Officers to make DCC colleagues aware of this and help them understand the impact any extraction could have on flooding, highways and the residents of Foston and Scropton.

Flooding

Flood Liaison Meeting this Friday 10 – 12noon via Teams.

Speed Indicator Devices

The SIDS working group have asked that the application process be made a little simpler for those PC's that are wishing to fund, install and manage a SID's device. Some monies are available from the Police and Crime Commissioner, but this is not guaranteed, and each application will be based on its merits and the demonstrated need.

Seasonal Grass Cutting

The grass cutting programme for the District commenced on the 21 March. Grass cutting frequencies across the District range from two cuts per year through to 16 cuts per year depending their locations and type of land in line with the agreed Service Standards.

Roadside Verges

Roadside verges which are predominantly outside 30 MPH area are scheduled for two to three cuts per year with visibility splays cut four times per year. These frequencies are set by Derbyshire County Council as part of the Council's maintenance agreement. Due to the limited number of cuts the Team will adjust the start of these cuts to try and prevent the grass becoming too long between cuts. However, grass cutting has commenced in these areas where there are road junctions to ensure visibility is maintained for safety reasons throughout the year. Visibility splays are scheduled for four cuts per year. These schedules are currently on track.

Public Open Space & Housing

Public open space grass cutting is scheduled for 16 cuts per year. At present the service should be undertaking the third cut of the year. However, the grass has not grown as much as expected for this time of the year due to climatic conditions. The Team does adjust schedules accordingly as these conditions will usually mean that additional cuts will be needed later in the year. Last year the Team was still cutting grass in December in some locations across the District due to the grass still growing. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the Council's control it may be challenging to hit the scheduled number of cuts this year. External suppliers are struggling to obtain and supply spare parts to repair the grass cutting fleet. Actions are being taken to try and mitigate this but it appears that it is the same situation for councils across the country.

This presents an opportunity to try some new approaches and the Team is proposing to implement a "no mow May" pilot on public open space. This would involve mowing swathes/paths across these sites leaving the rest of the grass to grow. This will, I hope, be accompanied by signage with QR codes linked to the Council's website which will inform the public about the biodiversity benefits of this approach. Further information will be provided on this in due course.

Recreation Grounds

Sports and recreations grounds are scheduled for 16 cuts per year and as it currently stands these are on schedule.

Report from Councillor Gillian Lemmon

News and Updates

Dramatic Fall in Fly-tipping Incidents

Fly-tipping incidents in South Derbyshire have dramatically reduced over the course of the last six months.

- Reported Incidents of fly tipping in 2020/21 were higher than at any point since 2007/08, with over 1000 incidents being brought to the attention of the Council.
- The period of April 2021 to September 2021 saw a progressive reduction in incidents each month, from nearly 100 in April 2021 to 50 in September 2021.
- From December 2021 to March 2022 a total of 145 incidents have been reported – that is the lowest figure for that time of year in well over a decade.

The call for volunteers to provide emergency home care support has now been withdrawn. However, the Council will be meeting with the County Council locally to pursue joint working with a view to using this to inform the consultation process that is underway about future service delivery of the Independent Living and Careline Services.

Community Development Officer

A new Community Development Officer (Ian Hey's previous role) starts next Monday 25 April. The main part of the role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary Sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Council's Community and Environmental Grant Scheme.

Duel Fuelled Hydrogen Powered Refuse Vehicles

The Council has approved funding for two new vehicles using this pilot scheme. The vehicles will be base at Toyota initially where there will be a temporary siting of a mobile hydrogen refuelling point. The scheme is working towards the vital step to meet the Councils commitment to become carbon neutral by 2030. One vehicle will be used for commercial collections and the other for residential areas.



Liberation Day
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Liberation Day details – 18th May 2022 – a free day for residents over the age of 60.

Report from Councillor Julie Patten

I have set up a meeting with senior highways officer to inspect pavements in Scropton. Meeting is set for 9th June between myself and highways.

The Funding for the Jubilee Celebrations is being processed and should be sent from County very shortly. This will be £500

APM100522/04 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 12TH April 2022

- Page 1 Present Cllr. L. James missed off attendees
- Page 1 Item 4 bullet point 4 - Highways issues now to be reported online
- Page 5 - Cranberry Foods to be removed

Proposed: Cllr. A Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

APM 100522/05 - Actions taken from previous meeting

- Speed gun can be operated in 40mph zone provided in safe area
- Old concrete post reflector in brook
- SLOW sign on Watery Lane needs repainting
- Children beware sign is side on to the road, needs turning

APM100522/06 - Finance

Cheques to be approved:

Cllr. A Dolley to have cheque signature authorisation

Cheque No:	Name	Lengthsman Salary	Amount
001715	Green Water Services Ltd	Quarterly Monitoring	£72.00
001711	HMRC	PAYE month 1	£142.40
001712	Matin Hayes	Lengthsman Salary	£109.30
001713	Jacky Allen	Parish Clerk Salary	£172.78
000192	British Gas	Electricity Bill 29/03/22 to 28/04/22	£107.88
00193	Water Plus	Water Rates	£278.79

APM100522/07 - Planning Applications

- None

APM100522/08 - Derbyshire & Derby Minerals Local Plan

See item **APM100522/03**

Parish Council objection submitted, waiting for formal planning application

APM100522/09 - Flooding Update

See item APM100522/03

- Flood signage on going issues

APM100522/10 Queens Jubilee Update

Secured funding grants for bulbs to be planted around the parish of Foston and Scropton to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. These will be purchased in late summer ready to be planted in September/October. Cllr. C Robinson will be looking to bring the community together for this nearer the time.

APM100522/11 - Speed indicator devices Update

See item **APM100522/03**

APM100522/12 - Chairman's Report

- Parish notice board – Lengthsman started painting but requested to stop. Looking to have HMP Sudbury to carry out refurbishment

APM100522/13 - Clerks Report

- Play Area – Ordnance Survey being conducted
- Times when 2 black wheelie bins are required for Lengthsman – refer to Council for extra bin
- Review risk assessment for Lengthsman

APM100522/14 - Any Other Business

- **Website from Cllr C. Robinson**
The website has taken a step back whilst other commitments take place, however I have now received some training so that I can update various entries within the website. Ongoing.
- **Village Hall electrics** needs to be reviewed – quotes required for:-
 1. Heating controls:
 - a) Automatic control via a timed switch removing the risk of the heaters being left on accidentally after the hall is vacated
 - b) Automatic frost function
 3. Toilet hand driers: 2 hand dryers a low energy faster drying variant
 4. Hall Lighting: LED recessed disc type lights (14) to replace existing
 5. Keysafe Lighting: a sensor LED bulkhead with a switch internal to the store shed for isolation.
- **Grass cutting** – blades to be lower when cutting play area – refer to Grass/Hedges/Weeds Council section
- **Flood fund** - £7,000 check accounts

APM100522/15 - Date of Next Meeting

- 14th June 2022

APM100522/16 - 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

Signed:	
Date of issue:	6 th June 2022