

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:	<p>Cllr. P. Groom Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. N. Hickman Cllr. S. Meghani Cllr. G. Andrew</p>
OPM110723/01 – To receive apologies for absence:	
<p>Cllr. V. Blackshaw Cllr. L. James Cllr. J. Davies Cllr. J. Patten</p>	
OPM110723/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)	
<p>➤ Item 6a Planning Applications moved to item 6</p>	
OPM110723/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests	
<p>➤ None appertaining to agenda items.</p>	
OPM110723/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Parish Councillors • Introduction and brief résumé of new District Councillors <p><u>Councillor Sundip Meghani</u> Lives in Hilton and is a Solicitor by profession. Originally from Leicester and served as a City Councillor for 4 years. Committees: ❖ Finance & Management Committee, ❖ Standards Committee, ❖ Joint Consultative Committee. Currently involved with cases concerning overgrown vegetation, grass/weeds/bushes etc. Also involved with other issues, Housing, highways.</p> <p><u>Councillor Graham Andrew</u> Newly elected Councillor worked in local government for the last 37 years. Work for a whole range of different councils in the East Midlands area. Worked for South Derbyshire in 1998 to 2001 as the head of IT and customer services. Committees: ❖ Economic, Environments and Development Services Committee, ❖ Finance & Management Committee. ❖ Licensing & Appeals Initially joined the Parish Council due to over development of Hilton and surrounding area.</p> <p><u>Councillor Jane Davies</u> On 2 committees, Planning and Housing Communities Committee.</p>	

OPM110723/05 To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 13th June 2023

Approved

Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

OPM110723/06 - Planning Applications

- **DMPA/2023/0650:** Proposed change of use of land for the formation of external open storage and trailer parking area, together with associated drainage attenuation features, landscape bund & planting buffer for the expansion of Foston Park for ATL, including diversion to Public Footpath No 8. Parish of Foston and Scropton at Hanger House, Woodyard Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DJ

Now receiving too many Change of Use of land applications: Councillors approval to respond to Planning with comments raised by Cllr. V. Blackshaw

“Foston and Scropton Parish Council object to the planning application DMPA/2023/0650. The proposal appears to be turning greenfield/ farming land into a car park extending even further the reach of the Dove Valley industrial park. As discussed in the June 23 meeting, as a parish council we are concerned about the reach of this industrial site into Foston and Scropton and beyond. This industrial takeover is negatively changing the character of the area and should cease”.

- **DMPA/2022/1594:** HMP Foston Hall Houseblocks Response and Daylight Sunlight Response (email dated 14/06/2023) **DMPA/2022/1594:** 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 - The above application has been amended.

Comment 1:

Requesting District Councillors support.

Cllrs. S. Meghani and G. Andrew are unable to vote but can make statements to the planning Committee as Ward members and are allowed to talk without any time restriction. Members of the public only get 3 minutes.

Comment 2:

Responding to the initial planning application, F&S Parish Council submitted report with various key points and errors in the application. The applicant then submitted a further report addressing the errors but nothing concerning main objections.

Comment 3:

What's the process concerning the amendments. Parish Council submitted a report follow planning application. Planning/Cushman Wakefield have come back with amendments. What's the process to counter the amendments or at least understand what the amendments are? So that we can get ourselves into a known position rather than an unknown position.

Onus is on the Parish Council to check out the planning website to see what documents have been uploaded, go through them and work out what's changed and then put in an objection or a set of comments as a parish council before the deadline. We can, if particularly anxious about something that might go through as an officer decision, we can elect one of the District Councillors to respond to the planning committee. The Planning Committee will have a discussion, immediately put it on hold until the next time it comes to a planning committee.

Comment 4:

Parish Clerk to apply for an extension and contact Cllr. V. Blackshaw, Cllr. Lauren James and Wendy get together to formulate a response – objections and counter proposals.

The following link is an 8 step guide to How to Respond to a Planning Application
<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/1632-how-to-respond-to-planning-applications/file>

**OPM110723/06a – Finance –
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Parish Council Expenditure

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
11/07/2023	HMRC	Month	£76.80
11/07/2023	Martin Hayes	Lengthsman Wages	£136.50
11/07/2023	J Allen	Clerk Wages	£115.20
11/07/2023	Scropton & Foston PCC	Donation to St Paul's for mowing	£500.00
11/07/2023	J Allen	Microsoft 365 Renewal	£59.99
11/07/2023	Virgin Money	Bank charges	£6.80
11/07/2023	Butler Cook	Payroll Processing + P11D	£84.00

Parish Council Income :

Date	Name	Description	Amount
11/07/2023	SDDC	Section 136	£1,099.20
11/07/2023	SDDC	2nd Instalment of Precept	£9,050.00

Parish Hall Expenditure

Date	Name	Description	Amount
11/07/2023	British Gas	Electric Bill	£33.90
11/07/2023	Midland Fire Extinguishers	Servicing of fire extinguishers	£66.00

Parish Hall Income

11/07/2023	Chair Exercise Class	Chair Exercise Class	£36.00
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Proposed: Cllr. P. Groom
 Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley
 All agreed.

OPM110723/07 – Allotments

- 2 villagers have contacted Cllr. Peter Groom about size of allotment plots etc required.
- Plot 8 is looking to give up part of his plot. Proposal that Mrs Brown may have the remaining plot.
- Discussion took place over plot 9 and if tenant is looking to relinquish the plot.

Tenancy Agreement states:-

3 Determination of the tenancy

3.2 By the Tenant giving one month's notice to quit in writing expiring at any time

Cllr. Peter Groom will be updating the Parish Council of tenants' plot requirements for the next Parish Council meeting (12th September)

In September/October Cllr. P Groom to carry out review of allotment area and plot size per square meter.

Best Allotment Plot -

Suggestion was made for the allotment holders to judge the best allotment plot. They know who's looking after their plot and have the best diversity.

Hilton Facebook page:

there is a great demand for allotments plots but have a waiting list expanding years

Considerations:-

1. We open up plots to out of area
2. keep some plots back for the local area.
3. We could get more rent which reduces this mowing charge
4. Review / compare allotment agreement
5. Parish Clerk to write to allotment holders that the Parish Council is considering opening up new plots.

OPM110723/08 – Action Tracker

Co-option: refer to South Derbyshire Election team/Ardip Sandhu

Councillors to update tracker / notify Cllr. Victoria Bradshaw when action completed.

OPM110723/09 – Chairman’s report

❖ Nothing to report

OPM110723/10 - Clerk’s Report /June items /Correspondence

- Draft Accessibility Statement for website approval – still under review by Councillors. Content of the website is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Web host responsible for service. Suggestion the Accessibility Statement is put under Parish Council main heading on website.
- Councillors’ availability for cheques to be signed for August – Meeting approved.
- Scropton replacement signs update – Ref: FS-Case-528814299, FS-Case-528817600 and FS-Case-528913100 response pending from DCC concerning reinstating.
- Remaining pecuniary interest forms – 1 still outstanding
- Co-option advertising – see item OPM110723/08 – Action Tracker
- Speedwatch – past emails to be forwarded to Cllr. Alistair Dolley.

OPM110723/11 - Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

➤ 12th September 2023

OPM130623/15 – 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

Signed:	
Date of issue:	29 th August 2023