

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr P. Groom, Cllr V. Blackshaw Cllr. A Dolley Cllr. C. Robinson Cllr. P Smith Cllr. J Patten Cllr. G. Lemmon
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OPM120722/01 – To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr. L. James

OPM120722/02 – Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None

OPM120722/03 – Declaration of Members Interest

Members Interest: None

OPM120722/04 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation

Report from Cllr J. Patten

Pavements: Been added to the work programme and the work should be completed within the next three months. Immediate patching all pavements throughout the village and will go to capital programme in the next financial year. Everything will be included, cutting back of bushes, etc. The actual resurfacing will start three months.

DCC website couple of information, Woodland Festival 17 and 18 September 2022 **Elvaston Castle Country Park** <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/countryside/whats-new-this-season/derbyshire-woodland-festival/derbyshire-woodland-festival.aspx>

information again on the DCC website:- Cost of living crisis, help on debt management, information for carers and mental health.

Report from Cllr P. Smith

Unfortunately Covid is causing real problems with shortages of drivers. However the refuse teams have been doing really well within some of them doing double rounds, starting little bit earlier finishing later and the request is to put your bin out the night before. If they don't pick it up that day they will pick it up the following day.

Gullies mapping spreadsheet, could the Parish Council have a look through to make sure we got all the gullies and if there's any areas where you are having real problems with leaf fall that is blocking the drains, report to DCC.

Scam phone calls taking place – saying working on behalf of the Council and they are taking over the community alarm system. Trying to obtain bank details to maintain the service, they're also saying that

it's basically the current system has gone bust. This is certainly not the case and current system is still up and running with no issues.

Report from Cllr G. Lemmon

Another Scam relating to DWP, again asking for bank account details relating to the winter fuel rebate.

SDDC are conducting a survey **Shaping Future Services** about the leisure services in the area to get an understanding of take up and if affects decisions about services or additions to services. Survey is open to 22nd July. <https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/news/2022/jun/community-survey-2022-shaping-future-services>

Grass cutting: ride on mowers, difficult to resource parts. Staffing levels shortage due to increase of covid cases.

July is a quiet month in terms of District Council meetings etc. more activity in August, Councillors will update us at September meeting.

Villager: footpath maintenance Mill Lane closed by Severn Trent – hole to be filled in.

OPM120722/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 14th June 2022.

Agreement received to discuss the following items under this section.

- **OPM140622/05/2** – update pending
- **Wheelchair access**, Cllr V. Blackshaw spoke to Cllr J. Patten who spoke to County Council again and the advice that was given at the previous meeting still remains. Cllr P. Groom commented that nothing has been received in writing. Parish Clerk to contact parties to request written response.
- **Visually Impaired**
 - a) Website - review to be carried out
 - b) Contrasting wall colours where handrails are in the toilets.
 - c) Dayglow paint/ ziz/zag markings at edge of ramp

Village hall grant - expression of interest, figures £15,000 to £20,000 for hall refurbishment. (Cllr. C. Robinson handling)

- **Notice Boards** – Parish Clerk to chase HMP Sudbury for update and invoice.

Proposed: Cllr. A Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. C. Robinson

OPM120722/06 – Finance

Parish Council Expenditure - Cheques to be approved:

Date	Payee	Details	Cheque no	Amount
12/07/2022	J Allen	Stamps and mop	001731	£ 13.03
12/07/2022	Butler Cook	Salaries	001732	£ 60.00
12/07/2022	M Hayes	Lengthsman Salary	001733	£ 109.10
12/07/2022	J Allen	Parish Clerk Salary	001734	£ 115.20
12/07/2022	HMRC	PAYE Month 3	001735	£ 104.20
12/07/2022	M Hayes	Expenses	001736	£ 80.50

Parish HALL Expenditure

Date	Payee	Details	Cheque no	Amount
12/07/2022	Allsuns Electrical Ltd	P. A. T	000200	£ 60.00
12/07/2022	Greenwater Services	legionella Services	000201	£ 378.00
12/07/2022	British Gas	Electricity	000202	£ 10.23

Proposed: Cllr. A Dolley
 Seconded: Cllr. C. Robinson
 All agreed.

OPM120722/07 - Planning Applications

DMPA/2022/0693: Erection of a single, detached three bed dwelling and associated access and driveway. Land at Uttoxeter Road, Hatton, Derbyshire, DE65 5PX

- Noted – no action

OPM120722/08 Greenwater Services - Duty Holder training

Action required from report

- Priority 1 Findings (Required to be closed within 1 month from the date of this report)
- Priority 2 Findings (Recommended timescale for completion is within 2 months)
- Priority 3 Findings (Recommended timescale for completion is within 6 month)

Parish Clerk to handle

OPM120722/09 Update on Actions/ issues

- **Highway:** Signs fixed on Watery Lane
- **Hedges management** - Letter to residents
- **Western Power Works:-** Cllr. V. Blackshaw - I reported some time back with regards to the works Weston Power (WP) has carried out. I met with someone from Derbyshire County Council last week who has assured me they are working very closely with WP to ensure that temp surfaces are brought back to a fit and proper surface once works are completed. I will continue to connect with DCC on a monthly basis to get updates. There is an open case on this activity and will not be closed until DCC are happy with the resurfacing works. I understand the last part of WP activity is taking place over the next month or so, which is connecting Leathersley lane with Watery Lane. We should not expect to see this resurfacing activity take place until late summer. Concerned was raised about road compacting on Leathersley Lane.

- **Wall and Eld Charity – Letter from G. Thornhill**

In their wills of 1807 and 1885 respectively Thomas Wall and Elizabeth Eld bequeath funds to be invested to establish the charity of Thomas Wall and the charity of Elizabeth Eld for the poor.

Both Charities were to distribute money or specific items to needy people in Foston and Scropton detailed specifications of recipients and items distributed being laid down in the terms of both charities.

Over the years the terms of distributions have several times been changed to make them more relevant to changing times and in 1960 the two charities were amalgamated to form the Wall and Eld charity. Since then, the terms and reasons for distribution of grants have several times been updated to be more relevant however applications are rarely received, or grants paid.

The administration of the charity is vested in the parish church and all documents are kept by the church. Since the resignation of the last resident vicar in 1992 I have been the chairman/secretary and so regarded by the charity commission's commissioners and Lloyds Bank where the funds are kept.

The funds are a modest few hundred pounds the only income being annual bank interests when there is any. If there were to be any donations to the charity, they would be received by me to bank. The parish council has never donated to the charity and has never been expected to.

An important purpose is to preserve the funds of the charity for this parish and not allowed to be transferred elsewhere

Charity Commission Charity No:244064-1 Charity register the charity was removed 21/11/2011

- **Smell from Avara:** reported when happens with Aviva - update to be advised at next Parish Council meeting
- **Parish Hall:** Quotes for Electrical works – only received 2 quotes, chased other contractors for their quote terms. Cllr. A Dolley declared an interest.
- **Governing Document** – struggling to locate. There should be a separate Parish Hall Committee for the interest of the Parish Hall. Cllr. V Blackshaw and Parish clerk are looking further into this and will update the Parish Council accordingly. Parish Hall updates needs to be on future agendas.
- **Play Area Latest:** last correspondence received was from the Solicitor advising Land Registry require actual signed documents, not scanned. Visited Solicitor 13th July with the documents requested.

OPM120722/10 – Chairman’s Report

Nothing to report

OPM120722/11 – Clerks Report

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service visited 11th July and made the following comments.

- reasonable standard of fire safety was evident
- 50 is the maximum allowed in the hall
- Fire alarm bell and smoke alarm to be tested weekly and logged
- Provided latest fire assessment document

OPM120722/12 – Any Other Business

None

OPM120722/13 – Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th September 2022

OPM140622/26 – 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:	28 th July 2022