

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING, FOSTON AND SCROPTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, SCROPTON ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 7:30PM**

**Present: Councillors: G Thornhill MBE (Chairman), T Bowles, A Critchlow, C Fryer, P Groom, A Holgate A Barnes (Clerk)**

**Members of the Public: 5 Members of the Public for the ordinary meeting, District Councillors:**

<b>Min No</b>	<b>Title and Description</b>	<b>Resolved</b>	<b>Action</b>
113/19	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	-Cllr Thornhill	
114/19	<b>Members to Declare Interest</b>	-Cllr Groom declared an interest on planning application DMOT/2019/1215 - 124/19 -Cllr Critchlow declared an interest on planning application DMPA/2019/1198 – 124/19	
115/19	<b>Public Speaking</b>	<p>-Resident wrote to express grave concerns regarding the bridge on Brook Lane because it has no handrails. When the water comes over the bridge, which has happened twice this year so far, it could sweep anybody off their feet. The bridge fills with water and if that froze a car could easily slip over. It is an accident waiting to happen. Currently there are no schoolchildren who live over the far side of the bridge but there are a growing number of older people.</p> <p>The resident has been in touch with the Environment Agency, the Highways, South Derbyshire Council and all refuse to help. The MP said it could be a case of riparian responsibility. One side borders a farm but is unsure who is responsible for the opposite side. Clerk confirmed after speaking with the Chair she had sent the information to District and County Cllrs and RW from the flood department.</p> <p>-Resident reported the severe potholes in Watery Lane and Scropton Road</p> <p>-Resident reported a Streetlight is not working down Watery Lane</p> <p>-Resident reported the Scropton Road footpath from village down to Hatton is not in a good state and very messy since the floods. Resident confirmed a flood sweep has been completed.</p> <p>-Resident asked if a Flood committee AGM meeting would be arranged? Can younger residents be invited? Cllr Groom confirmed they had stopped work on the Flood Committee until they had heard from Flood Dept at DCC and once a clear path forward had been agreed then the committee would restart.</p> <p>-Resident reported the litterbin on Leathersley Lane requires putting back up</p>	
116/19	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	-Resolved by all Cllrs present that the minutes of 14 <sup>th</sup> November be signed as a true record apart from. 109/19 A discussion took place not a heated discussion and Cllr Thornhill overreacted in closing the meeting.	
117/19	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>- Cllr Critchlow gave an update from the flooding meeting with RW who attended a site visit on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some of the highway's verges have fallen into the ditch along Watery lane, caused mainly by vehicle overrun. Sections of this ditch also require some clearance work. I shall be meeting with Highways on site to discuss this further.</li> <li>There is a lack of highway gullies on the nearside of Watery Lane, just down from the equestrian centre, so again I'll discuss that with Highways at the same time.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am still looking into the possibility of a pumped solution on the junction of Watery Lane and Leathersley Lane, and will be progressing an options appraisal, to see if this is viable or not.</li> <li>• haven't had time today, but at some point, in the future, I'll undertake an inspection of the Salt Brook watercourse, as there were some concerns about the lack of maintenance on this watercourse.</li> <li>• I'll raise the suggestion from Cllr Critchlow with Highways, about widening Watery Lane, but I am not too hopeful of any progression with this, given the likely capital cost of a scheme of this nature. A discussion took place regarding the Water Lane and resident were not in agreement that the road be widened as it would mean further lorries down Avara.</li> <li>• The watercourse at the side of the Parish Hall, is fine. The reason it has standing water in it, is that the flap valve on the outfall into the River Dove for this watercourse is shut. The reason it is shut, is because the River Dove is still very high. The flap valve is there to stop the river backing up this system. This watercourse also picks up all the highway drainage on Scropton Road and some land drainage from fields to the north of Avara Foods. Until such a time the River Dove water level drops sufficiently to allow this drainage system to drain away by gravity, this road will continue to flood, if we have further rain. This is a difficult one to try and resolve, but I'll have a think about what options we have and come back to you at a later date.</li> <li>• Someone has purposefully lifted the 2 flap valves which discharge into Foston Brook (back of the Church) and tied them up, so they remain permanently open. I'm sure this was done with good intention, but not really understanding what the flap valves are there for, which is to stop Foston Brook backing up these systems and therefore increasing the flood risk to the village. The environment Agency has now removed the ties on the flap valves, but I'd appreciate if the message could be circulated around the village, that these flap valves shouldn't be tampered with in the future.</li> </ul> <p>-Gate closed on Scropton Road – Cllr Groom reported he had heard back from the landowner who confirmed a stile will be provided at the side of the new gates. However he has brought to the councils attention that the rest of the footpath through other people's land, north of the gates in question is blocked by permanent obstacles, possibly barbed wire and fencing, and it is not possible for the footpath to be walked for its whole length. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to contact footpaths officer at SDDC to report.</p> <p>-Foston Hall containers – Cllr Holgate reported the land was not meant to be used as a car park which they have been using until this week whereby notices have gone up not to park there and a member of staff received a parking ticket when they parked on the yellow lines.</p> <p>-Cllr Holgate reported the latch on the gate used to work near Foston Bridge and reported it due to a cyclist coming straight through the gate.</p> <p>-Cllr Critchlow reported the Noticeboard in Foston has been opened, new posters put in and the glass</p>	Clerk
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		<p>cleaned.</p> <p>-Additional dog bins near the entrance to the flood defences – <b>Resolved</b> Clerk confirmed the bins have been ordered and awaiting delivery.</p> <p>-Poppies on the lamppost – <b>Resolved</b> Clerk confirmed she has placed an order and is awaiting delivery</p> <p>-Legionella review for Parish Hall – <b>Resolved</b> Clerk confirmed the review has been completed</p> <p>-Clerk confirmed she has chased up the District and County Cllrs for an update on the below items:</p> <p>-Deep rut on Leathersley Lane</p> <p>-Signs in Scropton/A50/Tutbury etc by the village Green</p> <p>Broken road around the drains on Scropton Road.</p> <p>-Pot holes near Avara</p>	
118/19	<b>Exempt Meeting</b>	-None	
119/19	<b>Clerk's Matters</b>	<p>- Derbyshire Records Office consultation has been sent out regarding reducing opening hours – <b>Resolved</b> will not affect the Parish Council</p> <p>-Clerk confirmed she had received a Community Safety Clean Up email – Any thoughts for applications? <b>Resolved</b> Cllrs did not have any thoughts for an application at this time</p> <p>-Clerk confirmed there is an IOSH Managing Safely Course 23rd, 27th &amp; 30th January 2020 £490 per person if Cllrs wished to attend</p> <p>-Clerk confirmed she had received an email regarding the launch of the Digital MOT Service – Tackling cybercrime - <a href="https://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/what-we-do/cyber-crime/reporting-cybercrime/digital-mot/digital-mot.aspx">https://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/what-we-do/cyber-crime/reporting-cybercrime/digital-mot/digital-mot.aspx</a></p> <p>-Digital Derbyshire – Clerk confirmed she had received an email confirming work is being done for fibre broadband in Scropton and they are looking to be completed by March 2020. Parish meeting dates have been sent as they would like to attend a parish meeting in the New Year</p> <p>-Play area – Clerk confirmed she has received several quotes which will be sent to Cllrs and SDDC will be attending the January to discuss options and equipment. <b>Resolved</b> Cllrs agreed to the following equipment - Multiplay area with handrails, slide, swings, roundabout, spring animal.</p> <p>-Clerk confirmed she had received an email from South Derbyshire Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Draft Methodology would like an input in the methodology. Cllrs reported the planning do not listen to what Cllrs have to say with regards to planning applications. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to put forward that they take notice of the comments that Parish Councils put forward and be more consistent, and too much input is put on employment and business growth and Highways should have more understanding and consider the local area when it comes to big planning applications.</p> <p>-Clerk confirmed she had completed a Retention, Health and Safety and Freedom of information Policies which were emailed to all Cllrs. <b>Resolved</b> Cllrs agreed to the policies</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
120/19	<b>Chairman's Matters</b>	-None	

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121/19	<b>Outside Bodies Report</b>	-None	
122/19	<b>Parish Hall</b>	-Resident raised why the hall is not being used for the elections and Cllr Bowles reported it will be used for all future elections.	
123/19	<b>Reports from Parish Councillors</b>	<p>- Cllr Critchlow met with RW from the Flood Dept at DCC and reported he seems very proactive and wants to resolve the flooding issues in the village.</p> <p>-Cllr Holgate reported she could not get through to the library and Hatton end was blocked with barriers. Avara staff debating whether they could get through and causing a hindrance on the road.</p> <p>-Severe potholes in Watery Lane and Scropton Road- <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to contact Highways</p> <p>- Streetlight is not working down Watery Lane - <b>Resolved</b> resident to forward light number to Clerk</p> <p>-Scropton Road Footpath from the village down to Hatton is not in a good state and very messy since the flood. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to contact SDDC, copy to Highways</p> <p>-Resident reported the litterbin on Leathersley Lane requires putting back up. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to contact SDDC</p> <p>-Bridge on Brook Lane – <b>Resolved</b> Clerk confirmed County and District Cllrs along with RW from Flood Dept have been contacted but no reply has been received</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
124/19	<b>Planning Matters</b>	<p><b><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>-DMPA/2019/1198 Outline application (matters of access to be considered now with matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for later consideration) for the erection of 10 dwellings with associated works on Land north of Scropton Lane, Scropton, Derby - <b>The Parish Council response to the local plan consultation, the Parish council objected to land beyond the line of existing dwellings being developed. This is, in part, an intrusion into a greenfield site that the Parish Council does not usually condone however they do not see anything with the application, but the boundary should be brought forward. Cllrs Bowles, Groom, Fryer and Holgate all agreed. Cllr Thornhill agreed to the above comments at an earlier date.</b></p> <p>-DMOT/2019/1215 The Crown Reduction of a weeping willow covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order no. 184 at Greenfield Lodge, Watery Lane, Scropton, Derby, DE65 5PL – <b>no observation. All Cllrs agreed.</b></p> <p><b><u>Planning Decisions</u></b></p> <p>DMPA/2019/1086 - The erection of two modular demonstration show homes with landscaping, car parking and associated works at Top Hat One, Unit 3000, Park Avenue, Dove Valley Park, Foston, DE65 5B – <b>Approved</b></p> <p>DMPA/2019/0875 Change of use of area of agricultural land to domestic curtilage and the erection of a double garage at Coplow House, Coplow Lane, Foston, Derby DE65 5DL - <b>Approved</b></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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Date of Next Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.00pm Allotment Meeting, 7.10pm Finance Meeting, 7.30PM Ordinary Meeting

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**Signature of Chairman.....**

**Date.....**