

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING, FOSTON AND SCROPTON PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, SCROPTON ON TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2018 7:30PM**

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

Members of the Public: 5 Members of the Public District Councillors: Cllr, A Billings, J Patten (also County)

<u>Min No</u>	<u>Title and Description</u>	<u>Resolved</u>	<u>Action</u>
184/18	Apologies For Absence		
185/18	Members To Declare Interest	Cllr Groom 196/18 payment to AG Platts for mowing of Parish Council land A Barnes Clerk 188/18 – prior professional work with Horizons	
186/18	Public Speaking	<p>-Cllr Thornhill read out emails received from local residents.</p> <p>-It seemed to me that the current minutes serve the purpose of confirming points discussed at the previous meeting, but not in sufficient detail to really inform interested parishioners who, for whatever reason, were unable to be present. Can the minutes be expanded a little, to provide a fuller report?</p> <p>- I refer the chairman to the points raised at the last meeting and look forward to hearing a response, or advice that the subject has been further noted and is to be carried forward and answered at a future meeting. Cllr Thornhill confirmed points are discussed in matters arising.</p> <p>-During the recent inclement weather, snow drifts were very evident on Leathersley Lane, Watery Lane and Scropton Road. There was a delay in gritting the roads after the first heavy snow fall and snow drifts were blocking half of the width of all aforementioned roads in many places, especially on bends. Why was a snow plough not deployed as some near misses were reported? Several drivers, including the resident, found oncoming traffic on blind bends where those vehicles had to be driven on the wrong side of the road to avoid the drifts.</p> <p>-I have previously, on at least 2 occasions, raised the point of inadequate signage on the green, at the site of the unwanted road alterations. As yet I have not heard any reply from Highways or the responsible authority. Traffic from Leathersley Lane heading for Hatton is missing the new right turn and entering Watery Lane, where they are reversing either into a residents drive or that of the Riding School. There should be signs near the head of the junction, perhaps just in front of the tree, showing a “Y” junction. The left arrow reading A50 East/M1 Hilton Foston, the right arrow Hatton Tutbury Burton.</p> <p>-It has been evident recently, from some of the replies given to the points raised by the public and parish councillors that letters to the District Councils, County Councils, or other authorities, may be unclear, incorrect and/or incomplete in the matters raised. It may be difficult for a Parish Clerk to take a note of everything raised in the meeting and to submit a query in the manner in which it was raised and intended. Pre-notice by email may help but could I suggest that prior to sending a letter, the Parish Clerk submits it for perusal by the person or persons (including the public), raising the question or comments. This would ensure that the letter may receive a more relevant reply and save further confusion and time for all correspondence.</p> <p>-A resident commented that the smell of rotting meat from Faccenda was very strong in Scropton Village.</p>	

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	<p>-Resident asked for better signage to be deployed when there is flooding in Scropton. The resident reported he had put up the signs on the lanes but vehicles were ignoring the signs and still going through the flood waters. HGV's and tractors also went down the lane when it was flooded causing a tidal wave of water up resident's drives. Emergency services were called out on 2 occasions to rescue individuals from the flood waters.</p> <p>-The resident confirmed that they have emailed SDDC to request the road sweeper in the parish to clean up the mud from the roads.</p> <p>-Resident D Allen confirmed he was resigning from the flood committee.</p> <p>-A resident commented that the Fire Brigade do not receive any funding for rescuing individuals from the floods, could barriers be put up?</p> <p>-Resident raised concerns regarding the potholes in the Parish and how they are getting worse, the potholes are on Watery and Leathersley Lane.</p> <p>-Resident asked for a flooding sign to be put up in Hatton warning drivers of potential flooding?</p> <p>County and District Councillors</p> <p>-Cllr Patten confirmed she would report the potholes in the village however there may be a backlog due to the bad weather.</p> <p>-Cllr Patten confirmed that DCC were informing individuals to contact the highways team via email during the recent snow fall due to the high number of calls but she has not been notified of any issues in Foston and Scropton</p> <p>-Cllr Patten confirmed that the Council have agreed to amalgamate the Area 1 Safer Neighbourhood meetings and area forums; a start time of the meetings is still being discussed.</p> <p>-Cllr Patten confirmed that the digital lighting upgrade is starting to take place and would begin in this area in April 2019. Both Cllr Groom and Cllr Bowles expressed concern that all the lights are being replaced where the budget could be used elsewhere such as filling in potholes.</p> <p>-Cllr Billings confirmed he had attended a housing meeting where the committee agreed to restart the Community Partnership Scheme with a pot of £250,000. Parish Councils and other groups can apply for up to £25,000 but must be match funded, SDDC will hold the grant until match funding had been found. A change in process is in place where £2000 can be paid in advance for legal or planning fees. Cllr Billings confirmed that Hatton Parish Council had applied for the fund for their play park and been successful. Cllr Patten confirmed she had sent funding opportunities for the Parish to look at and her Community fund could also be applied for.</p> <p>-Cllr Thornhill asked Cllr Billings for further information on larger waste bins. Cllr Billings confirmed that Hatton Parish Council were going to place their bins on the park and suggested the Parish Council use them in the laybys on Leathersley Lane and Uttoxeter Road.</p>	
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187/18	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Resolved by all Cllrs present that the minutes be signed as true record	Clerk
188/18	Matters Arising	<p>-Noticeboard in Scropton required fixing – Clerk confirmed the work has been done.</p> <p>-Farm vehicles with bright lights in the middle of the night – Clerk confirmed no response has been received from Highways</p> <p>-Village Green signs – Cllr Thornhill confirmed that Highways has replied confirming they are satisfied with the sign. Resolved it was agreed the Clerk would write to Highways stating that the observations from the residents are that clearer signs are required on the village green and the sign at the east side of the village green needs to be further east.</p> <p>-Chasey Croft planning application neighbours not being notified via letter. Cllr Thornhill read out the reply from SDDC stating that they did not post a letter to the neighbouring property due to it being under construction and their policies had not changed. A discussion took place between the Cllrs who confirmed that the questions sent had not been answered correctly.</p> <p>-Website – Clerk confirmed that the Parish had been successful in gaining funding from the transparency fund application for a total of £1573.54. £500 towards a website, £350 towards a laptop, £200 towards software, £100 towards a scanner, £150 towards staff training and £324 towards staffing costs. Clerk confirmed that she had obtained 3 quotes one from 2commune that DALC suggested one from Burton Web solutions and one from Horizons. The Clerk declared that she knows Horizons professionally due to working with them in a previous company and did not have any financial connections to them. The quotations were passed around and Cllr Holgate proposed that Horizons be used, Cllr Bowles seconded and all other Cllrs agreed. Resolved Clerk to gain further information from Horizons.</p> <p>-Play area – Clerk confirmed that the inspection report from last year was sent to Cllr Groom to look at any issues however a new inspection is planned for May/June</p> <p>- Church Broughton Community Plan – Cllr Thornhill confirmed that all Cllrs had received and read through the plan. Cllr Thornhill reported that a committee of volunteers had been set up in #church Broughton and information the volunteers had gleaned had been put together in the plan. The issues in the book are similar to Foston and Scropton and it was noted things still need to be done by parishioners. A discussion took place which was opened up to members of the public, a resident confirmed that Church Broughton is a close knit community and very proactive, Cllr Holgate confirmed that the support of the residents would be imperative for the plan to be a success and it could not be left to the Cllrs and certain residents to organise . It was discussed and agreed that there is no purpose at the present time in pursuing a community plan for the parish due to lack of funding and purpose, Resolved Cllr Groom proposed and Cllr Bowles seconded. Cllrs agreed to note in the minutes that a member of the public had originaaly suggested the idea.</p> <p>-Faccenda – it was agreed that the offer of Faccenda buying a defibrillator for the village would be discussed at the next meeting once Cllr Carter had approached a local company for further information.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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		<p>-Emergency vehicle rushed through Scropton village at 3am one night with the sirens blaring – Clerk confirmed no response had been received</p> <p>-Litter – The Code of Practice read out by a resident point 1 and 2 issued by DEFRA, of the Environment Protection Act states that the local authority is responsible for keeping the highways clean. Under the environmental Act individuals can take legal action and a Magistrate can enforce the Act. – Clerk confirmed no response had been received</p> <p>- Flood on Leathersley Lane – flood signs are still out – Clerk reported the Environment Agency replied to confirm they do not put out the signs it is South Derbyshire District Council and would send an email to them</p> <p>Is the Flood Warden Scheme still going ahead? – Clerk confirmed that a Charlotte Riddel was now in post.</p> <p>-Grass on the Floodbank</p> <p>-A new planning application having to be built 5.8 metres above sea level</p> <p>- A discussion took place regarding the above environment issues and the concerns of the Parish Council that they are not getting any further in regards to the scheme and the money given by DCC is not being spent. Cllr Holgate confirmed a flood plan was agreed and sent to Victoria Coombes the last Flood Warden contact who approved the plan. Resolved It was proposed that the Clerk would contact Charlotte Riddel to invite her to a meeting in April or June to discuss along with the emergency coordinator.</p> <p>- Pot holes on Watery Lane and outside the Saltbox in Hatton are getting worse – Clerk confirmed she had not received a reply</p> <p>-Inviting the Police and Crime Commissioner or a senior police officer to a meeting to discuss a shortage of front line staff and delay in attending incidents. Resolved Clerk to invite to a meeting</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
189/18	Exempt Meeting	Cllrs agreed to Cllr Thornhills proposal to discuss concerns related to the clerks work raised by parishioners via email in a confidential meeting after the ordinary meeting	
190/18	Clerk's Matters	-Clerk confirmed that the Parish has been successful in getting the Community Payback Scheme to come and paint the Parish Hall inside and out and tidy up the car park and front hedge. Cllr Thornhill confirmed he would be meeting them on 23 March 2018 to discuss requirements.	Cllr Thornhill
191/18	Chairman's Matter	-None	
192/18	Outside Bodies Report	-Cllr Carter confirmed that he has been looking at the planning application regarding Faccenda and will be reminding them that all inbound traffic areas for HGVs come down Watery Lane, he would also be bringing up the issue of damage to the verges by Appletree Farm and inform them no decision had been made on the defibrillator when he contacts the R Jennings the General Manager of Faccenda.	
193/18	Parish Hall	-Clerk confirmed that the Neighbourhood Watch social evening is taking place on Friday 16 th March in the	

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194/18	Reports From Parish Councillors	<p>-Rotting smell of meat from Faccenda – Resolved it was agreed that Cllr Carter would discuss the matter with Faccenda.</p> <p>-Fire Service no budget for call outs – Resolved to note in the minutes</p> <p>-Cleaning mud from the lanes after the floods – Resolved Clerk to contact Highways and ask them to clean up</p> <p>-Flood signs at Hatton/Sudbury – Resolved Clerk to contact Highways to request signs</p> <p>-D Allens resignation from the flood committee – Resolved noted in the minutes and Cllrs thanked Mr Allen for his contribution</p> <p>-Cllr Groom raised his concerns regarding the poor quality of material used to fill in pot holes and that B roads are not a priority but this should be looked at and given more attention in Scropton due to the roads being used more for HGVs</p> <p>Cllr Bowles proposed that the meeting continue for an extra 15 minutes, all Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom commented that the flood containers approval should be discussed at the flood meeting</p> <p>Resolved Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom informed the Parish that AG Platts who mows the parish council land would be increasing his price to £250. Cllr Groom declared an interest due to family. Resolved Cllrs agreed to make a decision at the next meeting whether to get another 2 quotes but are very happy with the service provided.</p>	<p>Cllr Carter</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																												
195/18	Planning Matters	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>9/2018/0015 – The erection of temporary material storage structure and reposition of flags at Tophat Industries Ltd, Dove Valley Park, Park Avenue, Foston, Derby – Resolved Cllrs agreed no observations to be made</p> <p><u>SDDC PLANNING DECISIONS:</u></p>																													
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		001446	AG Platts	Mowing of parish council land – Chq made out incorrectly in the previous month	£200.00
		Accounts Received:			
		<u>PARISH HALL FINANCE</u>			
		Accounts For Payment:			
197/18	Correspondence				
		Accounts Received:			
		Resolved Cllrs agreed to the Parish Council payments and receipts			
	Action	DALC			
		Clerk - Responsible Financial Officer Vacancy - Draycott and Church Wilne PC			
		Derbyshire ALC - Circ 4-2018 - DALC Spring Seminar - New Training Offered			
		- GDPR - NALC Lobby - Keep Britain Tidy - Census Survey of Cllrs - National Agreement Clerk Contract - Collab working with principal council -			
		Consultations - New Legal Briefings			
	SDDC	General			
		RAD - PAT Training 22 nd March			
		GDPR Training 20 th March			
		DCC – Mobile Library route			

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15 PM

Next Ordinary Meeting:

Tuesday 10TH April 2018 7.30pm

Signature of Chairman.....

Date.....