

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING, FOSTON AND SCROPTON PARISH COUNCIL - UNCONFIRMED
HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, SCROPTON ON TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019 7:30PM**

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

Members of the Public: 5 Members of the Public for the ordinary meeting, **District Councillor:** J Patten (also County)

<u>Min No</u>	<u>Title and Description</u>	<u>Resolved</u>	<u>Action</u>
43/19	Apologies for Absence	-A Billings	
44/19	Members to Declare Interest	-None	
45/19	Public Speaking	<p>-Cllr Thornhill reported the elections are taking place on 2nd May and nominations should have been sent to SDDC by Wednesday 3rd April. (Added note: nomination papers were not available until 26th March). Only 1 nomination had been received, that of Cllr Thornhill, therefore a further procedure will have to take place. Cllr Thornhill reminded Cllrs that he had drawn attention to the need for nominations during the January meeting and this information is recorded in the January minutes. Due to circumstances, January's minutes and matters arising could not be discussed at either February or March meetings, otherwise arrangements could have been made for the distribution of nomination packs. Cllr Groom raised his concerns that the Clerk did not make them aware of the nominations and should have brought nominations forms to leave at the meeting as he was not aware of the elections until he saw a notice in the noticeboard. Cllr Thornhill reported the Clerk is impartial and as Cllrs they should have asked the Clerk for the nomination forms. Clerk reported she had received an email from SDDC confirming she could distribute the nomination pack if anyone asked for them. Cllr Thornhill asked for the Cllrs to approve May and June payments as there will be no Parish Council. It was agreed the Clerk would check the legal status with DALC.</p> <p>-Cllr Thornhill reported they would not be taking any comments from the public this meeting due to matters arising from the January, February and March Meetings.</p> <p>-Update from County and District Council</p> <p>-Cllr Patten reported the dog mess outside the Church had been cleared up</p> <p>-Cllr Patten reported the Parish Council should be able to co-opt individuals onto the Parish Council if less than 5 nominations were received.</p> <p>-D Bateman from SDDC attended the meeting and discussed the litter issues at Dove Valley Park confirming the management company CWC has adopted the main boulevard and Park Drive and it is their responsibility to clean up the waste every 2 weeks. Suggestion has been put forward to have double yellow lines to try and alleviate the lorries from parking. Cllr Bowles reported concerns this would lead the lorries to park near the residents' area and there are already issues with litter. Cllr Groom asked if legislation could be looked at as an option. Mr Bateman confirmed there was no easy solution but if anyone had any suggestions to contact him direct.</p> <p>-Cllr Holgate reported lorries on the A50 slip road parked up and offloading onto other vehicles which is dangerous for vehicles leaving the A50. Mr Bateman asked for any examples to be sent to him so he can</p>	Clerk

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		<p>report to companies. A resident confirmed he reported issues on the police webpage, Cllr Patten reported if issues keep getting reported they can keep a log.</p> <p>-Resident asked whether a bylaw can be put in place, CCTV and bins added to the end of properties? Mr Bateman confirmed this can be looked at, the CCTV only covers the company's yards and companies by law now have to let drivers use their facilities.</p> <p>-Resident asked whether individuals can put up signs they have? Mr Bateman did not see any issue with putting up legal signs</p> <p>-Resident asked whether Mr Bateman could contact Avara direct as there is a lot of issues from drivers and workers throwing out rubbish from their vehicles. Mr Bateman confirmed he could write to them and also stated that SDDC brought in a Public Space Protection Order which has been in place meaning individuals can be prosecuted for throwing rubbish out of the car.</p> <p>-Cllr Thornhill reported on a comment that the Cllrs are not being seen in the village and wanted to remind everyone that a Cllr can be doing many things in both villages including roles for the church, attending meetings, liaising with others, sending correspondence and other roles. If individuals want to target people who they think are not doing anything in the Parish to have a word with the 480 who are not present at this meeting.</p>	
46/19	Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>-Resolved by all Cllrs present that the January minutes be signed as a correct record.</p> <p>-All Cllrs apart from Cllr Groom agreed to the February minutes. Cllr Groom challenged the minutes and raised the following objections from 19/19 page 3.</p> <p>-At no point during the conversation with Cllrs Billings and Patten did they say they thought Cllr Groom was being personal. Cllr Groom believes this was after the meeting, Cllr Holgate and Cllr Bowles disagreed with him.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom states he did not leap up at the meeting and members of the public would agree with him.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom stated he was angry and passionate but not aggressive</p> <p>-Cllr Groom felt very upset by how the meeting turned out as he wanted to get his point across that the Planning law was an unbalanced playing field.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom would like it noted in the minutes that he thought the Chairs behaviour was outrageous</p> <p>-Cllr Groom does not feel like the minutes are an accurate record or a true reflection and thinks the public will agree.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom stated it was his suggestion to close the meeting.</p> <p>-Cllr Thornhill responded that although he and Cllr Groom simultaneously indicated that the meeting should be terminated, only he as Chairman had authority to close it, which immediately did.</p> <p>-Cllr Bowles reported the minutes are a fair representation and felt Cllr Groom was being aggressive in the meeting. Cllr Thornhill reported he put a stop to the meeting as he saw a build up to aggression and will not Chair a meeting if individuals are getting aggressive. Cllr Bowles suggested that a way to ensure that behaviour during meetings is acceptable, is to have a police officer present.</p>	

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		<p>-Cllr Groom reported he was only doing the best for the village and he would not be intimidated into keeping quiet.</p> <p>-Cllr Thornhill mentioned the confidential meeting that took place some months ago, after which he reported in public that the Parish Council still had a Chairman and Clerk even though their integrity had been questioned.</p>	
47/19	Matters Arising	<p><u>Matters Arising - January</u></p> <p>-Payback Scheme -Clerk confirmed she has emailed the scheme back requesting extra work however no reply had been received</p> <p>-Whisky bottles down Watery Lane – Resident confirmed there were still a number of bottles down the lane. Cllr Bowles proposed, and Cllr Holgate seconded that the Clerk contact the Clean team and Cllr Billings to get them cleared</p> <p>-Signs in Scropton – Cllr Carter to email Avara requesting another sign on the village green and Resolved an email had been received confirming they are purchasing further signs</p> <p>-The footbridge across from the roadway to the Scropton meadow where the flood protection is deteriorating rapidly with significant holes now forming. Who is responsible for the bridge? Resolved Cllrs agreed for the Clerk to contact Severn Trent to look at.</p> <p>-Village Green layout – damage to the green and concern regarding the Fire Hydrant – Clerk confirmed she had sent an email to DCC asking what action they would be taking following on from Derbyshire Fire and Rescues letter – emailed on 3rd March and 7th April for an update, cc J Patten in to emails.</p> <p>-Litter bins at the unofficial layby in Foston – discussed in public speaking</p> <p>--Avara Roadworks – Clerk confirmed she had contacted Avara who had replied with the following overview. “They raised the request for the works with the utility company; they then dealt with everything from that point on which included the management of the contractors and traffic flow measures. Avara did not officially suspend the one-way system, the issues seen at Sunnyside naturally forced the drivers to seek alternative routes away from Scropton so as to avoid adding to the congestion problems. In the manager’s view, the congestion issues were caused / worsened by residents not responding to the requests of the contractor to park vehicles elsewhere for a short-term duration whilst the work was on going.</p> <p>Avara reported that they have agreed to allow the contractors to finish the final part of the excavation within the boundary of the Avara site. In other words, the trench will now cut in at the far north-eastern corner of the site (just past the bungalow) and then run inside the boundary until reaching the front of the factory. This should minimise further disruption. Clerk confirmed the General Manager would be happy to attend a meeting.</p> <p>-Pavement in between Foresters and Lychgate in a bad state – Resolved Clerk confirmed she had received an email from DCC confirming they would be mending the pavement in the near future.”</p> <p>-ATL frontage – Clerk confirmed she had received a reply from ATL confirming they would reduce the</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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		<p>height of the pallets and unblock the emergency exit on Hay Lane -Deep rut on Leathersley Lane – Clerk confirmed Cllr Patten will be chasing up.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising - February</u></p> <p>-Additional dog bins near the entrance to the flood defences – bins being emptied in Foston and Scropton. Resolved resident reported the bin had been emptied and Cllrs agreed the situation would be monitored</p> <p>-CCTV in Scropton – Resolved Cllr Fryer reported he is waiting for a couple of quotes</p> <p>-Flood Committee – Clerk confirmed they had received £6000 from DCC and £1059.93 had been spent on equipment leaving a balance of £4940.07. Cllr Groom reported he had met with R Ward at DCC Flood team who seemed very knowledgeable and wanted to alleviate the flooding in Scropton, he would be completing a report and sending it to the Clerk. A discussion took place regarding the money received from DCC and Cllr Holgate confirmed they had completed the flood resilience plan. Cllr Groom reported they had stopped buying equipment as they did not want to spend money for the sake of it and was not sure what equipment was required and not much support from other agencies had been received. Could the Parish Council buy a sign for the flooding? Cllr Groom reported that there had been flooding issues near the Parish Hall but not on Watery Lane.</p> <p>-Neighbourhood Social evening – a resident reported the evening had gone well with a good attendance.</p>	
48/19	Exempt Meeting	-None	
49/19	Clerk's Matters	<p>-Clerk confirmed PKF Littlejohn have been appointed as the external auditor for Foston and Scropton. A change from last year will be acknowledgement that they have received the audit. Internal auditor B Woodcock will be picking up the accounts in April or May.</p> <p>-Clerk confirmed the annual fire extinguisher and PAT testing service is available. Are the Cllrs happy to go with the Yee Group again at the same cost? Resolved Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should get 2 other quotes before a decision is made.</p> <p>-Clerk confirmed the Aphrodite Eagles (Army Reserve in Sinfin) is looking for help fundraising or sponsorship. Resolved Cllrs agreed that they would not give a donation as they donate to Royal British Legion</p> <p>-Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre is looking for a donation - Resolved Cllrs agreed that they would not give a donation as they donate to Royal British Legion</p>	Clerk
50/19	Chairman's Matters	-None	
51/19	Outside Bodies Report	-None	
52/19	Parish Hall	-None	
53/19	Reports from Parish Councillors	Cllr Bowles proposed, and Cllr Holgate seconded for an extra 10 minutes to carry on the meeting, all	

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		<p>other Cllrs agreed.</p> <p>-Cllr Holgate reported the parking at the prison was very bad and notices had been put on to cars. Containers have been placed on to the grass areas. Cllr Holgate proposed, and Cllr Bowles seconded that the Clerk contact SDDC planning to look at the containers to check they were appropriately located.</p> <p>-Cllr Holgate reported the spring on the gate on the footpath leading to Foston footbridge over the A50 in Foston keeps getting broken and thinks it is cyclists. Cllr Holgate and Cllr Thornhill seconded that the Clerk contact Highways.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom reported the pointing for the drain had been completed</p> <p>-Cllr Groom reported the planks over the footbridge on Leathersley Lane are starting to deteriorate and the barriers have a build up of branches. Cllr Groom proposed and Cllr Bowles seconded that the Clerk contact Highways and Severn Trent.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom reported there was a leak in the disabled toilet, but he had managed to fix it.</p> <p>-Cllr Thornhill reported there is an inconsistency of signs at Broomhill Ford, at the Sudbury end there is no ford sign but a depth of water measure and at Foston there is a Ford sign but no depth of water measure. Cllr Thornhill proposed, and Cllr Bowles seconded that the Clerk contact Highways to request new signs for each end.</p> <p>-All Cllrs agreed for the Clerk to email election nomination forms to them when they are available.</p> <p>-Cllr Groom reported the smoke alarm requires a new battery and he would purchase one.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
54/19	Planning Matters	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p><u>SDDC PLANNING DECISIONS:</u></p> <p>9/2019/0209 – The erection of a double garage at Coplow House, Coplow Lane, Foston – no observations</p> <p>92018/1375 – Change of use from agricultural land to storage and distribution use (use class b8) along with demolition of existing buildings and laying of hardstanding at the former Midland Pig Producers Ltd, Woodyard Lane, Foston – Following comments sent to SDDC considerably increased traffic in Woodyard Lane which is a narrow country lane and verges being ruined and the junction onto former Uttoxeter Road where road markings and warning signs are not clear.</p> <p>9/2019/0205 – Temporary consent for borehole drilling works including ancillary infrastructure at Dove Valley Park, Park Avenue, Foston – no observations</p> <p><u>Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>9/2018/1121 - certificate of lawfulness for existing satellite dish at Mill Green House Brook Lane Scropton – Lawful Development Certificate Granted</p>	
55/19	Finance	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE</u></p> <p>Accounts for Payment</p>	

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Chq No	To	In respect of	Amount
001522	A Barnes	Clerks Salary March	£182.08
001523	HMRC	Clerks PAYE March	£45.52
001524	M Hayes	Lenghtmans Salary March	£96.10
001525	HMRC	Lenghtmans PAYE March	£24.02
001526	Park Hall Design	Old website March 18 to Oct 18	£112.33
001527	DALC	Annual subscription	£209.57

Accounts Received:

BACS	SDDC	Precept	£4716.75
Chq	Western Distribution	Wayleaves	£36.53

PARISH HALL FINANCE

Accounts for Payment:

Direct Debit	SDDC	Annual rates	£49.90
Chq	Water Plus	Annual Water Rates	£216.71
Chq	British Gas	Gas for parish hall	£57.14

Accounts Received:

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All Cllrs agreed to the finance payment and receipts

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Correspondence

Action	DALC
SDDC Civic Council Meeting 23 rd May – The Potteries, Swadlincote - Resolved Cllr Thornhill confirmed he had a prior engagement and would be unable to attend the installation. Cllr Holgate will look at her diary to see if she is able to attend.	Derbyshire ALC - Circular 04-2019 - VAT making Tax Digital Update, Purdah Guidance, External Audit News, Report from Committee on Standards in Public Life, BREXIT, Government Guidance, Rural England's State of Rural Services, Persimmon Homes, giving £1M Hognaston Parish Council - Vacancy - Clerk RFO
SDDC	General
SDDC - The National Forest Walking Festival, 18-30 May 2019	Rural Services Network - Rural Services Network call on Government for a Rural Strategy RAD - Training opportunities for community halls

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30PM

Date of Next Meeting: Not possible to arrange as there will be only one Cllr until nominations are received by SDDC and an election held if necessary. Instead, the Chairman and Clerk will be present in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 14th May 2019 7.30PM in case anyone wishes to raise matters with them.

Signature of Chairman.....

Date.....