

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING, FOSTON AND SCROPTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2021 7.30PM

Present: Councillors: Cllr P Groom (Chairman), Cllr T Bowles, Cllr Critchlow, Cllr Holgate, Cllr G Thornhill MBE, A Barnes (Clerk), Cllr J Patten (DCC & SDDC)

Members of the Public: 5 Members of the Public

Min No 11/21 Chairman and Clerk

- Cllr Groom was voted Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending via zoom he also confirmed no comments would be taken from the public. Cllr Thornhill joined the meeting later
- Clerk confirmed that she had put an invite on the website for the general public to email her if they wished to attend.
- Clerk clarified that Cllrs would vote by clearly saying their name and if they agree or disagree with any decisions made.

Min No 12/21 Apologies for absence

- None received

Min No 13/21 Members to declare an interest

- None

Min No 14/21 County and District Councillor Update

Cllr Patten reported the following: -

- DCC set the budget at 2.5% which is half of what Government allowed but in view of a lot of pressures on local Councils. 1% adult Social Care 1.5 Council Expenditure accounts. Band B property 50p increase & Band D 65p increase
- Scropton Community site – debris on roads were reported and have been cleaned
- Several drains have been reported as blocked and Cllr Patten has asked that they are looked at first.
- Cllr Patten has chased up R Ward re flooding. Cllr Groom confirmed he has sent an email regarding a report he has completed in the village. Cllr Critchlow has reported the litter on Watery Lane is terrible and a couple of individuals from out of area have been picking up litter
- Throughout Derbyshire COVID cases are falling, a new vaccination hub in Hatton is running really well
- Pavements in Scropton – Cllr Patten will check if she has received a response

Min No 15/21 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Resolved by all Cllrs present that the minutes of 12th January 2021 be accepted as a true correct record and be signed at a later date.

Min No 16/21 Clerk's Matters

- Clerk confirmed a Derbyshire Rural Safety and Crime Prevention Guide has been distributed, please email her if you would like a copy
- Clerk confirmed a couple of emails from Parishioners had been received regarding dog mess in Coplow Lane and litter on Uttoxeter Road which has been reported to Cllr Patten
- Clerk confirmed an emergency Closure of Footpath 10 in Foston & Scropton to facilitate a new bridge
- Clerk reported a resident had asked if a residents meeting could be arranged when the Solar Farm application is submitted and asked the Cllrs to consider this. Resolved that a meeting be arranged.
- Clerk asked the Cllrs to decide whether to go ahead with the 2021 02 03 Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Claims 2020-22. Resolved that Cllrs agree not to go ahead with the claim

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- Clerk confirmed guidance on the Possible Return to In Person meetings had been received from DALC as the remote meetings were only legal until 7th May 2021. Further guidance awaited
- Clerk reported Cllr Patten had sent information regarding support for residents and businesses affected by flooding
- Clerk confirmed residents are able to sign up for flood alerts when heavy rain is forecast for Derbyshire
- Clerk reported she had received a letter 20 is plenty and has sent out to Cllrs, organisation asking for Cllrs to attend a meeting on 7th February 2021.
- Clerk confirmed information has been received from Derbyshire County Council who are launching a new campaign aiming to help people get the facts about coronavirus.

Min No 17/21

Planning Matters

Planning Applications

DMPA/2020/1438 The erection of extensions and the erection of a detached double garage with office/games room above at The Old Vicarage, 163 Scropton Road, Hatton, Derby – no observation

DMPA/2021/0045 The erection of gates and alterations to vehicular access at Old Chapel House, Uttoxeter Road, Hatton, Derby – no observations. Cllr Critchlow confirmed it was only 1.8 metres and not sure it warranted a planning application

Planning Decisions

DMPA/2020/0995 The erection of a replacement detached garage/outbuilding at Sycamore Farm House, Church Broughton Road, Foston – Permission granted with conditions

DMOT/2021/0050 Non material amendment to planning permission ref. DMPA/2019/1205 seeking to amend various plans on Dove Valley Park, Park Avenue, Foston – approved with conditions

Min No 18/21

Finance

Accounts for Payment

Chq No	To	In respect of	Amount
001635	A Barnes	Clerk's salary January	£200.00
001636	M Hayes	Lengthman salary January	£109.30
001637	HMRC	Clerk and Lengthman PAYE January	£77.20

Accounts Received

Chqs	Payment for Allotments	£97.50
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Parish Hall Finance

000182	A Barnes	Reimbursement for Electricity for Parish Hall	£86.83
000183	British Gas	Electricity for Parish Hall	£104.31

Account payment

None

Accounts received- None

Resolved that all Cllrs agreed to payments for Parish Council and Parish Hall

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Matters Arising

Clerk went through the following Matters arising:-

Legionella Risk Assessment

- Clerk confirmed she had sent the Lengthmans email to Greenwater Services and is awaiting further information regarding training.

Play area – new equipment

- Clerk confirmed she had emailed the Solicitor who is chasing the Land Registry.

Flood Update

- Cllr Groom confirmed he has sent numerous emails and whilst they were on behalf of the Parish Council they hadn't been authorised and as such they were sent as an individual not as a Cllr regarding the flood situation in the village. Pictures have been sent regarding drainage and signs to DCC, Cllr Patten Heather Wheeler, R Ward and the clerk
- Cllr Critchlow reported it is evident when the level of water in the ditch on Watery Lane has gone down the water is still on the roads.
- Cllr Groom reported that he has discussed with R Ward and others that the ditch near the allotments is not a contributory factor to the flooding and a local parishioner has done some survey work which has shown that flood water at various locations of the village is the same height as the river Dove hence the river is the issue not the ditch. When the water level in the river drops the water level in the ditch drops correspondingly. Severn Trent have cleaned out the highway drains on behalf of the highway's authority and now, when the water level in the ditch drops sufficiently the roads drain accordingly. R Ward has informed Cllr Groom that Severn Trent have threatened to charge the riparian owner, for tanker charges whilst the sewage pumping station on Mill Lane was flooded. Apparently, Severn Trent believe that the state of the ditch contributes to the pump house problems as it affects their overflow, or something of the like. Cllr Groom has discussed the Severn Trent threat with R Ward and made him aware that the ditch has no influence on the pumping station at all. When Cllr Groom visited the site there was clearly flow occurring through the system whilst the Severn Trent pipe was discharging into the ditch.
- As yet riparian ownership has not been positively identified as R Ward has failed to pursue contacting the landowner on the Hatton side of the ditch. The Parish Council has funded the work to ensure the work is carried out.
- Cllr Critchlow asked if we should be looking at Severn Trent to assist with the ditch cleaning costs as they are discharging into the ditch and contributing to the silt build up. He also questioned whether Severn Trent should be paying a wayleave for their facilities crossing the Parish Council land.
- Cllr Groom informed the Parish Council that R Ward was supposed to be in the village yesterday with a surveyor to look at the area where a section of the highway drainage system passes beneath a railway underpass adjacent to the Hatton side of Avara's boundary. Cllr Groom has been informed by R Ward that work has been done on part of the flood defence that could affect the integrity of the defence. This is what the Survey is to investigate. At R Ward's request Cllr Groom had visually inspected the site and had informed R Ward that the underpass area was submerged in water so there was no point in them attending as intended.
- A Local Parishioner has done a survey on the ditch and there is definitely a fall in the level between the inlet pipes and the outlet pipes of the ditch.
- Cllr Groom confirmed C Bentley will be cleaning all of the ditch and that he has managed to source £500 from R Ward to complete the work, which is hopefully being done this Thursday depending on the weather and if the ditch is empty.
- Cllr Groom confirmed VB has been supporting with chasing R Ward up on various matters.
- Cllr Holgate thanked Cllr Groom and VB for all the work they have done so far.
- Cllr Bowles stated the work seemed to be dragging on, but more information has been obtained.
- Cllr Thornhill thanked Cllr Groom for the detailed summary and confirmed he goes along with all the suggestions that have been made.

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Outstanding Actions

- Litter in Foston and Scropton - Cllrs to look at considering wildlife cameras – Cllrs reported that a number of roads in the village are full of litter and the situation is concerning **Resolved that Cllr Bowles and Cllr Holgate and all other Cllrs agree to look at purchasing a wildlife camera.**
- Dog fouling on Coplow Lane – **Resolved that Clerk has reported to Cllr Patten due to not hearing back from SDDC**
- Land at the back of the play area to potentially be used for a flood storage area.

Clerk confirmed she had heard from DCC and is awaiting an update on the following

- Deep rut on Leathersley Lane
- Signs in Scropton/A50/Tutbury etc by Scropton village green
- Speeding sign in Scropton is not working
- Pavement repairs on Scropton Road. Cllr Patten providing an update
- Ivy growing on pavement between Coplow Lane and Hay Lane Foston, near the layby, hindering people using the pavement.

Completed Actions

- Fly tipping near Foston prison. **Noted that the rubbish has been removed**
- Clerk confirmed the tree has been removed in the play area

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Correspondence

Action

None

DALC

Vacancy - Stanton-by-Dale Parish Council - Parish Clerk – RFO

MEA Climate Action support

Training courses for 2021

Mayfield parish vacancy Clerk/RFO

DALC 2021 Newsletter

How to Conquer Town & Parish Council Accounting & Stop Worrying - Training Webinar - 3 March 2021 - 10am - 11.30am

Clerks' Forum and Chairs' Forum - Wednesday 10 February

SDDC

Active Communities & Health Team - Winter 2020/21 Newsletter

Think Digital When Contacting the Police

General

PCC Hardyal Dhindsa's Vulnerability Grant

Up to date contact details for SNT

The meeting was closed at 8.10PM

Date of Next Meeting: 9th March 2021 7.30PM Ordinary Meeting

Signature of Chairman..... Date.....