

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING, FOSTON AND SCROPTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 7.30PM

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

**Members of the Public:** 2 Members of the Public

### Min No 21/21 Chairman and Clerk

- Cllr Thornhill welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending via zoom he also confirmed no comments would be taken from the public.
- 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 22/21 Apologies for absence

- Cllr Patten

### Min No 23/21 Members to declare an interest

- None

### Min No 24/21 County and District Councillor Update

- Not present

### Min No 25/21 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Resolved by all Cllrs present that the minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be accepted as a true correct record and be signed at a later date.

### Min No 26/21 Clerk's Matters

- Clerk confirmed she had sent information out about a Flood Meeting that took place on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. No Cllrs in attendance
- Clerk confirmed she had received an email from a resident regarding someone in the parish having a bonfire and the mess it caused, never mind the safety concerns. Resident has requested an apology and to report the anti-social behaviour, however the resident does not know who the person was. Cllr Critchlow confirmed it was himself who had the bonfire for a tree and apologised for the distress caused but disagrees with it being antisocial behaviour. **Resolved Clerk to contact resident to confirm the matter has been discussed at the meeting and person who had the bonfire wishes to apologise to her.**
- Clerk confirmed she had received an email from a resident raising concerns about work taking place on Scropton Road and blocking drains, especially due to flooding. Clerk confirmed she had forwarded the email to R Ward and Highways but had not heard back yet. Cllr Groom reported Avara is completing the work and they have put sandbags to stop the detritus going down the drains.
- Clerk confirmed she had received an email reporting the temporary closure of Footpath 10 in Scropton until the end March 2021. Cllr Groom confirmed they have been working on the footpath today.
- Clerk reported she had received an email from SDDC regarding Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 - Venue Hire requirements for publicly owned venues asking that a section be added to the hire agreement. **Resolved to discuss at the next meeting**

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Min No 27/21 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

DMPA/2021/0201 Proposed extension of hard standing for external storage on Land near Brandons Poultry Farm, Unnamed Road From Cote Bottom Lane to Bent Lane, Heathtop, Derby, DE65 5AY – **no observations**

Planning Decisions

None

Min No 28/21 Finance

Parish Council Finance

Bank Balance as from 1 March 2021 £36205.13

**Accounts for Payment**

Chq No	To	In respect of	Amount
001638	A Barnes	Clerk's salary February	£200.00
001639	M Hayes	Lengthman salary February	£109.30
001640	HMRC	Clerk and Lengthman PAYE February	£77.20
001641	J A Croxall	Tree removal – play area	£400.00
001642	C Bentley	Cleaning out of the ditch near Parish Hall	£1032.00
001643	R Platts	Mowing of allotment area	£300.00

Accounts Received

Cheque	Rent for allotment - P Groom	£6.75
BACS	Rent for allotment-S Dawson	£15.00

Parish Hall Finance

Bank Balance as from 1 March 2021 £689.94

Account payment

BACS	Chair based exercise Sept and Oct hall hire	£63.00
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Accounts received- None

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

Min No 29/21 Matters Arising

**Clerk went through the following Matters arising:-**

Legionella Risk Assessment

- Clerk confirmed she had sent another email to Greenwater Services and is awaiting further information.

Play area – new equipment

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

Flood Update

- Cllr Groom reported he had met with R Ward on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and a DCC surveyor was with him to survey the Hatton end of Avara to look at the culvert. Someone has put pipes in to get it through but they have breached the flood defences. A Surveyor is looking at seeing if the pipes can be put through. R Ward also looked at the brook, but water has found its way in and a third of

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the brook is still piped. R Ward will try and organise a camera to have a look where the water is going.

- Cllr Groom has raised Health & Safety concerns regarding the brickwork structure which belongs to Severn Trent. Cllr Groom reported there is a key which is a trip hazard and they have been unable to remove. The brickwork structure is a 4-foot drop which is concerning if someone were to fall over.
- The wall head to the culvert has a safety rail across which causes issues, potential for people to fall over the edge. Now it has been identified formally it requires looking at and Cllr Groom believes it is not the Parish Council's responsibility neither is the pipe. Cllr Bowles thinks it is Severn Trent's responsibility.
- Cllr Groom confirmed the structure is on the Parish Council land and wonders if it is Severn Trent's responsibility and reported it is a grey area. There should be some agreement between the Parish Council and Severn Trent especially if the structure is built by them on Parish Council Land. Cllr Groom has asked R Ward to get Severn Trent to investigate.
- Cllr Bowles asked who else would have put it in if not Severn Trent? Cllr Critchlow said the Environment Agency did a lot of work there many years ago.
- Cllr Groom reported R Ward is getting in touch with Network Rail as there is 4 inches of silt under the pipes at the railway

### Outstanding Actions

- Litter in Foston and Scropton – Clerk confirmed she had spoken to someone who may be able to loan the parish one.
- Dog fouling on Coplow Lane – Clerk confirmed Cllr Patten has reported the issue
- Land at the back of the play area to potentially be used for a flood storage area.

Clerk confirmed she had sent the following matters to DCC and is awaiting an update

- 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.
- Ivy growing on pavement between Coplow Lane and Hay Lane Foston, hindering people using the pavement.

### Completed Actions

- Ditch near the parish hall has been emptied.

### Other

- Cllr Bowles reported ATL has cut a number of trees on the Main Road in Foston. Cllr Thornhill proposed and Cllr Holgate seconded that SDDC Planning be contacted. **Resolved Clerk to inform SDDC Planning.**
- Cllr Bowles asked when Foston will have a road sweep. Cllr Thornhill proposed and Cllr Bowles seconded that Highways be contacted. **Resolved Clerk to contact Highways**

Min No 30/21

Correspondence

### Action

None

### DALC

Vacancy - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer - Tibshelf Parish Council

Belper Town Council - Vacancy for Responsible Financial Officer

Notes from meeting with MHCLG regarding play grounds

South Derbyshire Covid Information Connectors

Notes from the forums

DIS 981 and Funding Bulletin

Parkinson Partnership Finance courses schedule update

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March 2021 Newsletter

Interim Deputy Clerk Job Advert - Killamarsh PC

Chair's Forum - Wednesday 10 March 2021 - 4pm

Masters in Public Leadership & Management - SLCC

**SDDC**

**General**

DCC - New local health apps library

PCC - Police Crime Commissioner Vulnerability Fund

The meeting was closed at 8.10PM

Date of Next Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 7.30PM Ordinary Meeting

Advance notice of May meeting to be moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month along with the Annual Parish Meeting due to not being able to hold meetings online legally after the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

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