

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr. P. Groom Cllr V. Blackshaw Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. A. Crichlow Cllr. G. Lemmon
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OPM131222/01 – To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr. P Smith
Cllr. J. Patten
Cllr. L. James
Cllr. C. Robinson

OPM131222/02 – Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None

OPM131222/03 – Declaration of Members Interest

Members Interest: Cllr. P Groom Allotment to be declared under item no. **OPM131222/12**

OPM131222/04 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation

• **SDDC Councillor Gillian Lemmon**

Recent Scam Alerts

There has been an increase in scams concerning paypal. There has also been concern raised about a scammer contacting housing residents asking for bank account details. If you hear from residents about any concerns, please report to SDDC. This is a particular concern for our elderly and vulnerable residents.

CVS Food Bank – Christmas

There is an ask from CVS to 'fill a fire engine full of food' for their foodbank service. You can take any donations to Morrisons Car Park in Swadlincote between 10 AM and 4 PM on Tuesday 13th December if any residents want to make a donation. Any financial donations would also be most welcome.

Planning Applications – Notifications

It has come to our attention that some planning application notifications are not coming through on the email to the PC. This has been notified but, in the meantime, I will keep an eye on applications and send them through to PC even if this is a duplication.

• **SDDC Cllr Peter Smith**

Feedback from the Flood Liaison Meeting held on 17th November 2022

Question raised by Councillor Peter Smith (on behalf of Scropton and Foston Residents):

Q - Based on the response from Mark Swain (Environment Agency) I have a question for Derbyshire County Council.

Because of the potential of a serious flooding risk for Scropton, which could put properties and lives at risk can the two potential mineral extraction sites at Sudbury and Foston be linked together please?

A - Mark's response:

The advice I've received is that because the two sites are owned by two different operators they are treated as two different allocations. Each operator will decide what timescales they would want to bring the site forward for use which won't necessarily be in line with each other's plans. We suggest that this could be a question put to Derbyshire County Council to see if they can link the sites together, but it is not something within our power as I understand it.

From the EA's perspective when we responded to the draft Mineral Plan, we asked for the comments below to be added to both Foston and Sudbury's allocations planning requirements, requiring a FRA to be provided that shows that there would be no impact on the existing Lower Dove Flood Storage scheme. Each site would have to provide the relevant information to show there is no impact on the Lower Dove scheme. We are currently waiting for the next stage of the mineral plan to see that the wording that we have asked for is included in these requirements.

'A detailed flood risk assessment (FRA) will be required to ensure the development does not increase flood risk to others during the operational phase of the development in line with the requirements set out under our 'general flood risk comments for allocated sites'. The FRA will also need to detail how during all stages of development, the operation of the Lower Dove Flood Storage scheme will not be impacted. We ask that the following wording is also included within the planning requirements.

'A detailed flood risk assessment (FRA) to be provided showing how, through all development phases (Construction, Operation and Restoration), that there will be no impact upon the operation of the existing Lower Dove Flood Storage Scheme. Opportunities to provide betterment in flood risk, and other environmental enhancements at the restoration stage, should be explored, however these should not have any detrimental impact upon the existing Lower Dove Flood Storage Scheme.'

A – Richard Ward DCC, to take away the question and respond to Councillor Smith outside the meeting.

Peter: I am still awaiting a further update from Richard on this, but in principle he does not see this being a problem.

Emerging Local Plan

The recent consultation and the 2 'local' drop-in events regarding the Emerging Local Plan Update (Etwell run by SDDC and Hilton run by the PC) were very, very well attended. Despite the efforts of Julie, Gillian and Peter to seek further rural events the Chairman of Environmental and Development Services refused to agree to these requests. However, the three of us will continue to lobby of more rural events at the next stage of this process which should be summer 2023.

New Strategic Director

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Heidi McDougall to the position of Strategic Director for Service Delivery. Heidi has already joined the SDDC Management Team for 2-3 days a week (whilst she works her notice) until she joins fulltime in the New Year. Heidi has taken on the role vacated by Allison Thomas when she left the Council to become the new Chief Executive of North West Leicestershire.

EV Charging Points

Hatton now has 8 new electric vehicle fast charging points in the SDDC public car park in Station Road.

Christmas Events

The SDDC Christmas lights were switched on, on Saturday 26th November in Swadlincote Town Centre. A 'Santa Passport Trail' has begun where residents look for baubles in the retail shops to claim their prizes. A Final draw will be made to win in the Big Prize Draw.

Saturday 17th

Yours to Mine, Christmas Craft Market, Hilton 11am – 1pm

- **Report from DCC Cllr Julie Patten**

Gritting - Primary routes will be treated both day and evening, and secondary routes will be treated during the day, as there are less parked cars enabling the gritter to carry out their job. Just for information Derbyshire has 10000 miles of primary routes and 550 miles of secondary routes!

Avian Flu - Cases have been identified in Hatton. There is a 3km protection zone and a 10km surveillance zone around the area. Restrictions are in place for all birds which must be kept indoors. Any sightings of dead birds, swans, geese etc must be reported to DEFRA on 03459 335577.

OPM131222/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2022.

Approved

Matters Arising:

➤ None.

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

OPM131222/06 – Finance**a) Parish Council Expenditure - cheques to be approved:**

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
13/12/2022	Mr D Robinson	Purchase of Bulbs Queens Jubilee)	£257.99
13/12/2022	J Allen	Expenses (Stamps, noticeboards, PH cleaning products)	£67.43
13/12/2022	J Allen	Wages	£144.00
13/12/2022	M Hayes	Wages	£109.30
13/12/2022	HMRC	Month 9	£123.20
13/12/2022	RBL	Donation	£75.00
13/12/2022	Butler Cook	Wages	£60.00

Parish Hall Expenditure - Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
13/12/2022	British Gas	Electrics	£63.59
13/12/2022	Heath Farm Flowers	Refund of hall hire deposit	£194.00

b) Concurrent Expenses

Deferred to April meeting, return deadline date 30th June 2023

Concurrent Expenses (S136) CONCURRENT EXPENSES – WHAT ARE CONCURRENT EXPENSES? Section 136 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that: ‘Two or more local authorities may make arrangements for defraying any expenditure incurred by one of them in exercising any functions exercisable by both or all of them.’ Using this provision the Council had devised a scheme whereby such expenditure (i.e. concurrent expenditure) is reimbursed by the District Council. However, budget limits have to be imposed. Each Parish will be notified of their budget for the following financial year beginning of March. CONCURRENT EXPENSES - **£3,259.90 (2023/24)**

– please see Guidance Notes attached

C) Fixed Assets

Following intensive discussions, the following Fixed Assets were agreed

	FIXED ASSETS	2022/2023	2023/2024
	Building Plot at Village Hall:	£30,000.00	£30,000
	Play Area land	£0	£6,000
	Play Equipment	£0	£500
	Parish Hall- Newly Constructed Building 2010	£47,000.00	£100,000
	Public bench	£0	£420
	Queens Jubilee Bench (New Purchase 2012)	£420.00	£420
	2nd Queens Jubilee Bench (New Purchase 2012)	£420.00	£420
	2 wooden notice boards	£750	£750
	Metal Noticeboard Foston (New Purchase 2013)	£400.00	£400
	TOTAL	£78,990.00	£138,910

C) PRECEPTS (Budget) 2023 / 2024

Following intensive discussions, the following Precepts were agreed

	Budget 2022/2023	Spend 2022/ 2023 (*to Date)	Variance RED = Over Budget	Percentage Difference	Estimated Budget 2023 - 2024
Section 137					
Chairmans Allowance	£ 150.00	£ -	£ 150.00	100%	£ -
Scropton Foston Church	£ 250.00	£ -	£ 250.00	100%	£ -
Other Donations	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Royal British Legion	£ 75.00	£ 75.00	£ -	0%	£ 75.00
Churchyard Mowing:	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£ -	0%	£ 500.00
Allotments Mowing	£ 300.00	£ 300.00	£ -	0%	£ 300.00
Total	£ 1,275.00	£ 875.00	£ 400.00	31.37%	£ 875.00
Clerk Salary					
Wages inc. HMRC	£ 3,500.00	£ 2,496.00	£ 1,004.00	28.69%	£ 2,500.00
Gen Admin					
DALC	£ 200.00	£ 374.56	-£ 174.56	-87.28%	£ 400.00
Rural Action Derbyshire	£ 110.00	£ -	£ 110.00	100.00%	£ -
Zurich Insurance	£ 600.00	£ 497.19	£ 412.57	17.14%	£ 600.00
Audit Int & Ext	£ 360.00	£ 271.85	£ 88.15	24.49%	£ 500.00
Playsafety Ltd	£ 80.00	£ 84.00	-£ 4.00	-5.00%	£ 600.00
Office/Clerk Expenses*	£ 230.00	£ 400.00	-£ 170.00	-73.91%	£ 500.00
Printing SDDC	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00	100.00%	£ 100.00
Training	£ 320.00	£ 110.00	£ 210.00	65.63%	£ 500.00
Trimming of hedges	£ 300.00	£ -	£ 300.00	100.00%	£ 150.00
Website	£ 200.00	£ 303.60	-£ 103.60	-51.80%	£ 400.00
Total	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,041.20	£ 458.80	18.35%	£ 3,750.00
Minor Maintenance					
Allotments	£ 250.00	£ -	£ 250.00	100.00%	£ -
Other	£ 250.00	£ -	£ 250.00	100.00%	£ 300.00
Total	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00	100.00%	£ 300.00
Hall Development					
Car Park	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ 1,500.00	100.00%	£ -
Hall					
Water	£ 210.00	£ 278.79	-£ 68.79	-32.76%	£ 325.00
Electricity*	£ 675.00	£ 493.74	£ 181.26	26.85%	£ 1,000.00
General Repair	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	£ -	0.00%	£ 1,000.00
Legionnaire*	£ 300.00	£ 630.00	-£ 330.00	-110.00%	£ 700.00
Total	£ 1,435.00	£ 1,652.53	-£ 217.53	-15.16%	£ 3,025.00
Lengthsman					
Wages inc HMRC	£ 1,420.00	£ 1,530.00	-£ 110.00	-7.75%	£ 1,550.00
Expenses	£ 25.00	£ 80.50	-£ 55.50	-222.00%	£ 100.00
Total	£ 1,445.00	£ 1,610.50	-£ 165.50	-11.45%	£ 1,650.00
VAT*	£ 100.00	£ 178.00	-£ 78.00	-78.00%	£ -
Projects	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	100.00%	£ 4,000.00
Reserved Fund	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ 1,500.00	100.00%	£ 2,000.00
Total	£ 14,755.00	£ 8,853.23	£ 5,901.77	40.00%	£ 18,100.00

e) Annual Governance and Accountability Returns

Exempt authorities

Since 2017-18, authorities where the higher of income or expenditure for the financial year was £25,000 or less and who meet all the qualifying criteria have been able to declare themselves as 'exempt' from a limited assurance review by an external auditor. However, all authorities, even if they declare themselves 'exempt', still need to fully complete, agree and publish an annual return (AGAR).

All authorities require an external auditor appointment even if the authority meets the criteria to qualify for exemption, as a Certificate of Exemption is required to be submitted to the external auditor and a named auditor must be in place to deal with questions or objections from local electors about the accounts.

Table 1 sets out the scales of audit fees for smaller authorities that complete their AGAR fully and accurately within the required timescales and provide the necessary supporting information and any explanations sought.

Table1 - Scale of fees for bodies subject to limited assurance review

INCOME/EXPENDITURE BAND (£)	FEE £	FOR LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW
0 - 25,000	0	(if a Certificate of Exemption is submitted)
0 - 25,000	210	(if a LAR review is required)
25,001 - 50,000	210	

Due date: End of financial year 2023

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

OPM131222/07 - Planning Applications

- **Application ref. DMPA/2022/1345:** The variation of Condition 2 (relating to approved plans) of permission 9/2016/1271 (relating to the erection of storage and distribution buildings (use class B8) (units DC2 and DC3)) at ATL Warehousing, Hanger House, Woodyard Lane, Foston, Derby.
- **Application ref. DMPA/2022/1282:** Approval of reserved matters (appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline permission ref. DMPA/2020/1135 for the erection of an agricultural dwelling at Land at SK1832 2627, Breach Lane, Foston, DE6 5HH
- **Application ref. DMPA/2022/1237:** Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden at Caballo Casa, Breach lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5PU

Noted – no action

OPM131222/08 – Foston Issues

Deferred to January meeting

All Agreed

OPM131222/09 Flood Update.

Flood Liaison meeting in November, Scropton update was the flood storage area they have to do the clearance on that next financial year. They've had issues with Network Rail around being able to access it and approving what they're doing so they're working with Network Rail and it's going to be next year but they have agreed to do it. Work is underway with signage, they have some monies from the environmental agency to put some smart signage at Sudbury end which takes the levels from the equipment over in Doveridge. Working with highways to design it but no date when it will happen. Working with riparian owners around keeping the ditches etc. clear. There was some funds for the pump, not going forward. Allocate that funding to residents in Foston and Scropton whose houses and property are at risk flood. They said it was only available to Scropton not Foston. Challenged council that should be available to Foston residents.

There has been works carried out by Severn Trent, cameras down fixed pipes, etc. Finding assets that they didn't know they had in the village. Updated their mapping system and hopefully will maintain those systems.

OPM131222/10 – Play Area

Monthly inspection now needs to be arranged and paid by F&SPC

Suggestion to contact local PCs with play areas to arrange join inspections to possible cut costs.

Insurance: Public Liability is covered - question over insurance for the equipment. No

New playground equipment quotes:

- a) Do we want wooden equipment – No require metal
- b) Wicksteed quote – items seem to be for very young children and doesn't cater for age range.
- c) Discussion over installation to be spread over a time period
- d) Obtain re-quotes for age range, disability equipment
- e) 3 new quotes required for funding
- f) Letters to local companies for sponsorship when agreement is reached on the equipment required.
- g) Villagers to be involved with decision making on equipment via Facebook/noticeboard/website etc.

OPM131222/11 – Noticeboards

Needs to be put together and installed.

Contact: Cllr P Groom brother, other villagers.

OPM131222/12 – Invoicing Allotment Holders

Parish Clerk queried why invoicing was in December considering other financial returns. To remain

Current income from allotment holders: £134.25

Current cost of maintaining allotments:

1. £300.00 (allotment mowing)
2. Hedge trimming?

Deferred to January meeting

Invoicing to be asap after January meeting.

OPM131222/13 – Clerk Report

➤ None

OPM131222/14 – Chairman Report

➤ None

OPM131222/15 – Any Other Business

➤ None

OPM131222/16 – Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2023

OPM131222/17 – Exclusion of the Press and Public Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

➤ None

Signed:	
Date of issue:	4 th January 2023