

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr. P. Groom Cllr V. Blackshaw Cllr. L. James Cllr. J. Patten
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OPM110423/01 – To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr. A. Dolley
Cllr. G. Lemmon
Cllr. P Smith

OPM110423/02 – Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None

OPM110423/03 – Declaration of Members Interest

None

OPM110423/04 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation

PC David Marley and Megan Taylor attended.

Police attend Area Forum meetings.

Part of South Derbyshire and Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Six areas,

Area 1: Dalbury Lees, Hatton, Foston, Hilton, Etwall, part of Mickleover

Area 2: Repton, Willington, Findon Newton Solney, Bretby, Stenson fields, part of Littleover.

Area 3: Melbourne, Aston, Weston, Sharlow, Alvaston, parts of Boulton Moor

Team is split into two:

Northern team which follows the 3 areas above

South team (Swadlincote) covers areas 4, 5 and 6, Swadlincote, Newhall, Church Gresley, etc

Challenging as covering a huge geographical area time spent driving around. For a small team, quite visible.

Encourage people to sign up to Derbyshire alert <https://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk> . Parish Councillor to receive the alerts. Ask you to fill 4-5 questions in about the type of information you're interested in e.g. rural crime, traffic, etc.

The Police and Crime Commissioner also has an area giving information about rural grant funding e.g. (CCTV). £5,000 maximum.

Safer neighbourhood team / Response Team based within the same area.

Safer Neighbourhood have 2 teams - principal role / respond to incidents / anti-social behaviour.

Work of the Response team: traffic collisions / neighbour disputes / anti-social behaviour / interactions with local schools / Community events.

Local issues:

Water levels on Watery Lane

Hilton skate park children are drawn from other villages to the area. Megan and other colleagues patrol the area quite vigorously. Also doing a lot of work with the local youth club and has made a big difference to the community.

Speeding is an ongoing issue. Tried to create a community speed watch in this area about 2 years ago but not enough volunteers.

Comment on Speed Gun by Cllr P. Groom: kits not being available. Availability of speed gun in Doveridge. Response: new digital form of speed gun. The new equipment is a digital handheld device and battery operated. Some parish councils have funded purchased of the equipment. 5 to 7 people to volunteer and be trained on the use of speed gun, recording of data, etc. There must be a community need and to identify the most strategic locations. Operational at least two or three times a week. The group wear hi viz clothing. If interested Clerk to contact the speed watch coordinators Paul Cannon and Sean Woodcock based at headquarters.

Encourage people to report crimes. The Police rely on the community to report things.

[Report a crime | Derbyshire Constabulary](#)
[Crime and community | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

Questions:

Reviving speed watch teams: connect/swap with local villages (Hatton).

Prisons: handled by South Derbyshire Police

Speed watch: risk assessment required for 40mph areas.

www.derbyshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/derbyshire/policies/community-speedwatch-enabling-guidance.pdf

Issues in Foston feedback from Police to person reported: General issue no feedback. PC Megan Taylor looking into issue raised by Cllr. L. James on the 23/3.

Reporting methods:

Reporting (Non-Emergency) Methods-

Telephone -101

Website- www.derbyshire.police.uk

The website has a couple of options – there are various contact forms which can be filled in to report different issues or there is a “live chat” facility.

Twitter @Derpolcontact

Facebook- Derbyshire Constabulary Page- private message

As always, if it is an emergency, please call 999.

SDDC Councillor Gillian Lemmon

Environmental Education Project - Rolls Royce Funding

Rolls Royce UK committee for Charitable Contributions and Social Sponsorships met last month to consider the proposal for sustaining the partnership with our Environmental Education Project at Rosliston Forestry Centre for a further three years to 2025. The proposal was approved by that committee at £20,000 per year.

This is great news for the team in the Environmental Education Team who are now on permanent contracts. They can begin to work with the new Education Outreach manager from Rolls Royce to work up priorities for the next 3 years and a program of activities with KPIs.

Residents Being Asked About the Future of Electric Charge points

Residents and businesses in South Derbyshire are being asked about their opinions on the future of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The results from the survey will provide evidence to help identify areas of demand. This will inform future decisions about the most suitable locations to provide EV charge points.

The survey is being run by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) who are working towards developing a comprehensive network of on-street and destination charge points across the County. The intention is to provide practical and realistic alternatives for those EV owners who do not have access to home or work charging facilities.

The East Midlands currently has one of the lowest number of EV charge points per head of population.

South Derbyshire District Council has been trying to help change this by installing 42 charge points in five of its car parks. Swadlincote, Melbourne, Hilton and Hatton all now have EV charge point hubs which both residents and visitors can use. But much more is needed.

Electrification of the fleet is one of the most important range of measures to reduce carbon emissions from transport.

Road traffic in South Derbyshire contributes about 25% of all carbon emissions – over a quarter of a million tonnes of carbon dioxide a year.

Where SDDC has already installed electric charge points we've seen a very rapid rise in their use. We are keen to encourage South Derbyshire residents and businesses to take the opportunity to have their say.

Access to the survey is here [Electric vehicle charging in your area - Derbyshire County Council](#)

To help you identify your nearest existing charge point please visit www.zap-map.com, which provides live and up to date information on charge point locations.

Refuse and Recycling Collections – Service delivery over the Easter Bank Holiday was delivered with minimal issues to overall collections for recycling and refuse.

Grounds Maintenance – The first grass cut of the season is continuing across the District. The team have also been busy planting trees for the Queens Green Canopy, great work by the team involved in the planting.



South Derbyshire Environmental Health

Fly tipping. Please report all fly tipping when you see at any roadsides or in your area. The Team are keen to catch and fine the offenders and will send the clean team as soon as possible to clear away. There have been some recent successful fines issued.

Active South Derbyshire

Please find the 2023 Brochure Attached



Adult Activity
Brochure 2023 (final v

Report from Julie Patten

Residents, parish councils and businesses have been asked by DCC to shape how flood risk is managed by taking part in local consultation. The review sets out the strategy for the next 5 years. Closing date 28th April. Details on the DCC website.

Avian bird flu restrictions have lifted from 18th April. Only Bakewell still remains part of the protected zone, good news for local businesses and those with smallholdings.

Speedwatch – Police have confirmed they have new equipment and are looking to support parish councils to form a local community speedwatch team. I suggest working with other parishes and doing a swap to avoid working in your own patch.

1. DCC have introduced unlimited bus travel in Derbyshire starting from £6 per day for young people and £8 for adults. This applies to all bus companies in Derbyshire and great value. Family tickets also available.

OPM110423/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2023

Approved

- Comment was made to the number of items being handled by Councillors, produce an action tracker.

Proposed: Cllr. L. James

Seconded: Cllr. V Blackshaw

All agreed.

OPM110423/06 – Finance

Parish Council Expenditure:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
11/04/2023	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£136.50
11/04/2023	J Allen	Parish Clerk Wages	£115.20
11/04/2023	J Allen	Expenses	£12.69
11/04/2023	DALC	Annual Subscription	£406.39
11/04/2023	F&SPHC	Annual Subscription	£1,000.00

Community Hall Expenditure

11/04/2023	Allsuns Electrical Ltd	PAT Testing	£15.00
11/04/2023	Mrs Louise Oates	Items for Village Hall	£107.00

- Discussion over obtaining alternative quotes for mowing: formal decision for May meeting.
- Approved and signed Concurrent Expenses.
- Allotment mowing: Moved to next parish council meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. V. Blackshaw

Seconded: Cllr. L. James

All agreed.

OPM110423/07 - Planning Applications

- Application ref. **DMPA/2023/0331** The erection of 2no. employment buildings (Use Class B8, B2 and Ancillary E(g) at Plot 1) with associated works Dove Valley Park, Park Avenue, Foston, Derby, DE65 5BG

Noted – no action

OPM110423/08 – Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan meeting 04/04/2023

Environmental statement

150 leaflets delivered to villagers in Foston and Scropton

16 villagers attended.

Drop in event: disappointed with responses from the panel to environmental queries raised.

OPM110423/09 - Playground

Contacted Streetscape about moving forward, Cllr. V. Blackshaw arranging site visit.

Put together a couple of options for things like swings and climbing frame type thing.

Setting out to do a proper plan and understand procedure and next steps.

What contracts have to be signed, health and safety etc.

Leaving room for clearing out ditch at bottom of play area.

Email Yvonne Waring: Parklife Officer checking normal processes, understanding process, health and safety and what questions need to ask.

OPM110423/10 – Chairman Report

Nothing to report

OPM110423/11 - Vice Chair report

- Charity Management:
Foston and Scropton Community Hall
Details will need to be changed on the Charity Commission website plus others, bank account/utility bills etc. Also correct address to be noted: Foston and Scropton Community Hall, Scropton Road, Scropton, South Derbyshire DE65 5PS.
SDDC to note these changes/registered on postcodes/post office etc, cost £64.
Policies to be updated for the Charity.
- Bingo Event
Good time had by all, raised £242.00 for the Community Hall.
Group successful with warm space grant.
Money spent on re-equipping hall, new mugs, clock, kettle, tables.
Survey carried out for renaming of hall, known by various names. Voted to be Foston and Scropton Community Hall.

Various grants available

Review of policies and Community Hall hire agreement to be carried out.

Upcoming Community events:
Napkin folding with Saturday library/coffee morning.
First aid training
Shopping night

- Highways/Foston update
The resident who the reported issues in Foston if they reported it previously, no.
- Flooding update
Video sent to Richard Ward, inspection was then carried out and found a dam was built in the brook, now cleared. Valve at allotment/railway end being taken up with Severn Trent.
- Letter received by Cllr. V. Blackshaw from Network Rail regarding consultation concerning update of signage at level crossings.

OPM110423/12 – Parish Clerk Report/April Tasks

1. Fire Extinguishers service: carried out June 2022 moved to June task.
2. PAT Testing (if required) : All up to date except water urn
3. VAT reclaim for previous year: to be completed.
4. Rights of Way Minor Maintenance claim: Not applicable remove from list
5. Risk Assessment Training: not available now / query over who is responsible for Lengthsman risk assessment/contract etc. Lengthsman contract / duties: responsibility of the Parish Clerk.
6. Website update: Allotment page to be moved from Parish council list to a separate page. About page needs updating to be punchier. Parish Clerk training needed for blog page (Community News)
7. Section 136 Grant Monies: Approve purchase of noticeboards and installation. Purchase invoice required to receive grant.

OPM110423/14 Any other Business

- planning issues at Mill Green Development: – noted, raised as a courtesy but not for parish council

OPM110423/15 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

- AGM: Tuesday 9th May 2023 start time 7:00 p.m.
- Parish Council meeting follows AGM

OPM110423/16 – 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:	25 th April 2023