

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr. P. Groom
Cllr V. Blackshaw
Cllr. A. Dolley
Cllr. N. Hickman

OPM130623/01 – To receive apologies for absence:

None received.

OPM130623/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)

- Yes, item 5 moved to item 3

OPM130623/03 – Gordon Thornhill

Minute silence was observed for past Chairman Gordon Thornhill who died 3rd June 2023

OPM130623/04 - Declaration of Members' Interests

- None, appertaining to agenda items.
- Annual Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest form to be completed by Councillors.
- Welcome to new Cllr. Nick Hickman

OPM130623/05 - Public Speaking including County, District and Police Representation

- Cutting of verges / No Mow May
Verges are looking unkempt and grass very long which gives Foston and Scropton villages a scruffy appearance. Edges left uncut.
When mowed/strimmed this leaves a mess in the gutter and on the road.
Drains are becoming blocked from the excess grass.
No grass collection on Machinery and garden blowers seems to be no longer used.
No Mow May detrimental to Hedgehogs and other small wildlife – suffering injury when grass is eventually cut.
Cllr. J. Patten is taking this up with SDDC.
- Watery Lane -
 - Parked vehicles - problems with sight line for homeowners coming off drives.
 - Parking on verge opposite houses is not part of highways
 - Speeding vehicles – request for speed limit to 30mph
 - Continuing water problems

- Safety of pedestrians using Watery Lane as no footpath with volume of traffic especially at school and peak times
- Villagers need to report any incidents on either or both Police or Highways website.
- Contact PCSO Megan Taylor Taylor, Megan, 17285 megan.taylor@derbyshire.police.uk concerning continuous issues plus 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

Community speed watch to be coordinated at the houses A50 end of Watery Lane. Details at <https://www.crestderbyshire.org/in-the-community/community-speed-watch> and <https://www.derbyshireneighbourhoodwatch.co.uk/what-is-derbyshire-community-speedwatch>

Cllr. A. Dolley to organise Community Speed Watch.

- Slip road A50 (HMP Foston Hall) for residents at Woodland Drive being visibility blocked by Construction vehicles. Cllr. Daniel Corbin writing to SDDC.

District Report - Julie Patten:- Carers Week was launched on the 5th of June and there's various events and information given out. However, residents can still contact The Derbyshire Carers Association on 01773833833, there's lots of information and help for residents. Information is on Derbyshire County Council website <https://staff.derbyshire.gov.uk/news-and-engagement/employee-news/news-items/carers-week-%E2%80%93-events-and-information.aspx>.

Other initiative from Derbyshire County Council is National Smile Month, launched 15th of May to the 15th of June to promote oral health help and advice to families. Treatment is free for children and the recommendation is that that parents take their child after the first tooth appears. There's lots of information on the website.

Another campaign is Trusted Trader Network and probably already aware of the trusted trader information that you can get from Derbyshire County Council and it's the trying to do a campaign to target good, trusted traders and try and get away from the scam traders specially for older and vulnerable people. You can report incidents if there's been any people trying to scam, knocking on door, which they shouldn't do, cold calling, trying to get you to use their services. You can report anything like this to the police and again this information is on Derbyshire County Council website. List of trusted traders is also in the Hilton Directory. Directory to be made available for Foston and Scropton.

OPM130623/06 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2023

- **Matters arising:-**
- Outside light needs adjusting down – completed
- Standing Orders Annual review: Review to be completed
- Website – Accessibility statement: response from Horizon not my area of expertise. Details can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/model-accessibility-statement>
- Noticeboards: Order placed, waiting delivery 6 to 8 weeks.
- Playground equipment Grant: application form for playground equipment is 18 pages. Application being submitted prior to 31st of July.
- Electricity supplier: transfer to Yu Energy – National Grid have yet another address for the Community Hall, needs amending.
- Village signs replacements:
 - ❖ Leathersley Lane:
 - 7.5 tonne weight limit

- Leathersely Lane sign at Sudbury end
- ❖ Watery Lane
 - Scropton village sign to be place before house at 40 mph signs
- ❖ Scropton Road
 - Scropton Village signposts showing signs of metal fatigue.
 - New sign for Community Hall
- Fire Extinguishers check: chase company
- Platinum Jubilee Grant for Village Halls: Parish Clerk to take over until allocated to a Councillor

Proposed: Cllr. A. Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. N. Hickman

All agreed.

OPM130623/07 – Finance –

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Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
13/06/2023	J. Allen	Donation British Heart Foundation	£186.00
13/06/2023	V. Blackshaw	Chairman Allowance	£150.00
13/06/2023	V Blackshaw	Purchase of 2 Noticeboards	£2,504.00
13/06/2023	ROSPA	Playground equipment safety check	£90.00
13/06/2023	HMRC	Month 3	£96.00
13/06/2023	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£136.50
13/06/2023	J Allen	Clerk Wages	£144.00
13/06/2023	DSK Engineering	Playground Inspection	£48.00
13/06/2023	Butler Cook	Wages Processing	£60.00
13/06/2023	J Allen	Expenses/stamps/soap/bleach	£10.20

Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
13/06/2023	British Gas	Electric Bill	£91.15

Parish Hall Income

Date	Description	Amount
13/06/2023	Chair Exercise Classes	£36.00
13/06/2023	SDDC	£186.00

Proposed: Cllr. P. Groom

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

OPM130623/08 - Planning Applications

DMPA/2022/0544: Notification of Planning Committee meeting Full planning application proposing the erection of 2no. employment buildings (Use Class B8, B2 and Ancillary E(g) at Plots 3a and 3b with associated landscaping, drainage (including attenuation basin), car parking, refuse stores and other infrastructure Plot 3, Dove Valley Park, Foston

DMPA/2023/0607: The erection of a portal frame agricultural fodder and machinery store. The Rhymes, Aston Lane, Aston Heath, Derby, DE6 5HG

DMPA/2022/0544: Notification of amendment to planning application Full planning application proposing the erection of 2no. employment buildings (Use Class B8, B2 and Ancillary E(g) at Plots 3a and 3b with associated landscaping, drainage (including attenuation basin), car parking, refuse stores and other infrastructure Plot 3, Dove Valley Park, Foston

- No Councillors were available to attend the planning committee meeting concerning **DMPA/2022/0544**
- Due to the number of issues at Foston and Scropton meeting to be arranged with Highways.

OPM130623/09 - The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Consultation closure date noted.

OPM130623/10 - RoSPA Annual Play Safety Inspection Report/DSK Engineering Report

- Fence posts loose
 - Fence timbers fencing posts are not in good condition with splinters and nails projecting.
 - Needs Brambles/Hedge Cutting Back. Bench better ground fixings as rocks
 - The site in general could do with tidying up i.e. Grass Cutting Hedges cutting Back and some of the Tree Branches cutting back to give approx. 2M Height Clearance.
1. Agreement to re-fence playground – all agreed
 2. Hedge to be cut back – Councillors to carried out work.
 3. Removal of bench seat and back being carried out by Councillors /Village volunteers.
 4. Removal of fence to be carried out by Councillors/Village volunteers.
 5. Play equipment to be paced to allow machinery/vehicle access to ditch at bottom of playground.
 6. Cllr. Pete Groom providing contact to re-fence playground, noting machine/vehicle access required to ditch at bottom of playground.

OPM130623/11 – Chairman’s report

- ❖ Remaining Jubilee grant money purchase of bulbs to be used in suitable areas in playground.

OPM130623/12 - Clerk’s Report /June items /Correspondence

- a) Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest forms to Democratic Services plus copy to Parish Clerk – *Parish Clerk to chase up outstanding forms.*
- b) & c) Correspondence from villager / St Paul’s Church grant for upkeep of church yard, ground/ refuse freighter – *email received from SDDC refuse freighter was stopped in 2021.*
St Paul’s Church annual grant for churchyard mowing previous donation £275 – Councillors agreed to £500 donation for mowing of Churchyard including churchyard extension only.
- d) Correspondence from Highways re damage to Woodyard Lane: Highways reference/issue number required to enable highways to deal. Issues raised by Public under Agenda item Public Speaking – Councillors to request back to the public the item (if appropriate) to be logged on the relevant portal.
- e) Allotment judging / prize £20 Firs Farm nursery voucher: Parish Clerk to contact Gavin at Firs Firms regarding judging and prize money.

<p>Discussion took place as to the criteria for allotment judging.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enquiry received from villager for an allotment plot. ▪ Plot 11 becoming vacant ▪ Plot 12 asked if able to extend so plots 11 and 12 becomes 1. <p>All enquiries to be noted on allotment waiting list.</p> <p>Enquirer to Contact Cllr. P. Groom for plot size requirement and if shed/greenhouse is going to be erected.</p> <p>f) Benches protection – <i>Parish Clerk to arrange date with Lengthsman</i></p>
<p>OPM130623/13 - Any other Business</p> <p>Co-option of new Parish Councillor: No interest from existing advertising. Parish Clerk to contact relevant party regarding advertising.</p> <p>Cllr. Victoria Blackshaw carrying out risk assessment and job description for Lengthsman</p>
<p>OPM130623/14 - Date of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>➤ 11th July 2023</p>
<p>OPM130623/15 – 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.</p> <p>➤ None</p>

Signed:	
Date of issue:	3rd July 2023