

# Foston and Scropton Parish Council

## Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. V. Blackshaw Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. N. Hickman Cllr. S. Meghani Invite to Frank McArdle
<b>OPM120923/01 – To receive apologies for absence:</b>  Cllr. P. Groom Cllr. L. James Cllr. J. Davies Cllr. J. Patten Cllr. G. Andrew	
<b>OPM120923/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)</b>  ➤ Item 7 Planning Applications moved to item 3	
<b>OPM120923/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests</b>  ➤ None appertaining to agenda items.	
<b>OPM120923/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.</b>  <b>Watery Lane:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amount of traffic that's coming down Watery Lane and speeding Lorries were meant to come one way into village and exist via Leathersley Lane. Now both ways. House shakes with the passing lorries and volume of traffic which must be causing some sort of damage to homes. A50 diversion - lorries still use Watery Lane and ignore diversion route. Suggest signage no access for HGV except for access Ask villager to report issue(s) to be able to produce evidence Letter to Avara to notify all drivers approach to and exit out of Scropton Still outstanding from highways - signage Speedwatch Group still pending setup Report to PCSO about speeding? Footpath required along Watery Lane Reporting to highways – cases being closed with no action taken</li> <li><b>Etwall Area Forum:</b> Discussion points (Full details in EAF minutes report) Free trees Scheme 2<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October trees available Hazel, Juniper, Holly, Alder Buckthorne. 2 trees per household Community Grant Fund, Speedwatch Safer Homes Security Scheme</li> </ul>	

**District Councillor: Sundip Meghani**

- Frank McArdle former South Derbyshire Chief executive, very knowledgeable who would be a great asset for the DVP completion programme.
- HMP Foston objections submitted to SDDC Planning, planning committee meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.
- Tracy Bingham new Chief Finance Officer replacing Kevin Stackhouse
- Local case work - variety of problems and issues particularly around overgrown vegetation, dropped kerbs
- Proposal to expand Hilton Village Hall, building a new extension for a new café, relaxation area.
- Recently met with Aldi, to discuss plans for relocating the ALDI supermarket. Move it onto the periphery of the village.
  
- Cllr. Victoria Blackshaw commented on improvements /expansion of Hilton VH if Cllr. Sundip Meghani can help with improvements for F&S community Hall. Future works: parking spaces, extending the patio area, having a pedestrian entrance.
  
- Pavement from Scropton Church to Hatton in areas still suffering from overgrown hedgerow and growth of vegetation underneath. Unable to use pushchair and can only walk in single file. Tarmac need repairing.

**Cllr Julie Patten:** Derbyshire County Council

Derbyshire Woodland Festival – taking place at Elvaston Castle between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September. Admission prices are £15 per car per day or if you wish to go both days its £20. It's a great event showcasing woodland crafts, food and drink outlets and once again the Vikings will be there doing what they do best!

Avian Flu – We have been advised that a new outbreak has happened in Staffordshire, the exclusion zone of 10km currently includes small parts of Sudbury and Doveridge. I will update all parish councils of any changes by email as news comes in.

Full Council – At our meeting tomorrow in Matlock we will be proposing to give Millie Bright, the women's football captain the Freedom of Derbyshire. A huge honour and so well deserved. We hope that it will get the support of all councillors.

I recently went to my first cricket match Sri Lanka v England Women's teams at Derbyshire Cricket Ground. It was a great family evening, and a positive way to encourage our young people especially girls into sport. As a former competitive rower, and never previously sporty, there's something out there for everyone to have a go at!

**District Councillor Graham Andrew**

On Behalf of myself and Cllr. Jayne Davies HMP Foston Hall and the 2 storey House Block planning application. Having read the Planners report, they've included the long list of objections from the parish council, 38 pages of the 119 page document is devoted to this one application. I didn't like the response from the developers about using the technicality that they are erecting secure accommodation, so they do not count as residential buildings where people are living. They also in the statement to the effect of the distances from other properties and overlooking issues are deemed to be acceptable. I'm not sure about the tree height around existing car park where the blocks are to be built. If it is above first floor level, and they may have a point, they are recommending approval of planning permission with a long set of conditions. Looking in the comprehensive set of documents, it is difficult to see that the members of the planning committee will refuse against the planning officers report. However, there are a lot of conditions that need to be satisfied prior to work commencing, so it may be some time before the work gets underway. A further recommendation the visual screening of the new building from existing homes,

I will attend the meeting as a ward member, even if Jane is attending as member of the committee, and I feel I am likely to suggest about screening using trees and other wildlife habitat. Other poster fencing. If you would like to have one of your number speak for three minutes contact our customer services. Speedwatch - Hilton Parish Councillors now have volunteers and has approached the County Council to get the group trained. Discuss with Speedwatch in the past they have said about joining up groups locally.

**OPM120923/05 To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Approved

Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

**OPM120923/06 – Finance –**

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**Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:**

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
12/09/2023	M Hayes (August)	Lengthsman wages	£136.50
12/09/2023	J Allen (August)	Parish Clerk wages	£316.80
12/09/2023	DSK Engineering	3 monthly Playground Inspection	£48.00
12/09/2023	Streetscape	Playground Equipment	£29,755.20
12/09/2023	Streetscape	see invoice no 5929	£1,804.80
12/09/2023	M Hayes (September)	Lengthsman wages	£136.50
12/09/2023	J Allen (September)	Parish Clerk wages	£192.00
12/09/2023	J Allen	Expenses	£19.98
12/09/2023	HMRC	Month 6	£48.00
12/09/2023	DALC	Chairman Training	£50.00
12/09/2023	Information Comm	Data protection fee renewal	£40.00

**Parish Council Income :**

Date	Name	Description	Amount

**Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:**

Date	Name	Description	Amount
12/09/2023	Yu Energy	Electricity Bill (by DDM)	£35.06
12/09/2023	Green Water Services Ltd	1/4 Legionella Monitoring	£72.00
12/09/2023	Zurich	Insurance Renewal	£516.60
12/09/2023	Yu Energy	Electricity Bill (by DDM)	£204.91
12/09/2023	Laura Newton	Refund of Hall Hire Deposit	£150.00

**Parish Hall Income**

12/09/2023	Chair Exercise Class	Hall Hire	£36.00
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12/09/2023	Kath Phillips	Hall Hire 24/08/2023	£18.00
12/09/2023	SDDC	Hall Hire (Etwall Area Forum 05/09/2023)	£36.00
12/09/2023	Laura Newton	Hall Hire 09/09/2023	£60.00
12/09/2023	Laura Newton	Hall Hire Deposit	£150.00

## Playground

All installed and final checks carried out.

£10,000 due from SDDC Parklife

The grant application they keep changing the goal posts. To progress we have to get quotes again. Technically we can't re-apply if already installed. Precepts were increase for the current financial year, therefore proposing the Parish Council use this to pay the difference. and use the Community Grant Fund for the improvements. The grant has gone from £25,000 to £50,000.

Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

## OPM120923/07 - Planning Applications

- **Reference SCOM/9/87:** at Land south of Foston, Derbyshire  
letter is a consultation from Derbyshire County Council as the relevant planning authority.  
Proposal: Extraction of sand and gravel with restoration including flood storage and biodiversity  
Location: Land south of Foston, Derbyshire. Reference: SCOM/9/87  
Please see the attached letter for further details and Parish Council response.  
**Noted**
- **Application DMPA/2022/1594:** – The construction of 2 x 2 storey houseblocks (with additional rooftop plant), additional car parking, substation and generator. HMP Foston Hall, Uttoxeter Road, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DN  
**FSPC have sent in their objections.**
- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/0365:** Listed Building Consent for replacement windows at the front of the property and the upper side window with wooden windows at 39 Uttoxeter Road, Hatton, Derbyshire, DE65 5PX  
**Noted**
- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/0892:** Erection of an agricultural barn at The Haven, Uttoxeter Road, Hatton, Derby, DE65 5PX  
**Noted**
- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/0896:** Outline application (matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for later consideration) for the erection of a dwelling at The Haven, Uttoxeter Road, Hatton, Derby, DE65 5PX  
**Noted**
- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/0650:** Proposed change of use of land for the formation of external open storage and trailer parking area, together with associated drainage attenuation features, landscape bund & planting buffer for the expansion of Foston Park for ATL, including diversion to Public Footpath No 8. Parish of Foston and Scropton at Hanger House, Woodyard Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DJ  
**FSPC have sent in their objections**
- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/0863:** Variation of conditions 2 and 10 relating to planning permission ref. DMPA/2020/0305 to allow for amended layout for plot 2, and amended landscaping scheme at The Forge, Boggy Lane, Heathtop, Derby, DE65 5AR  
**Noted**
- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/1004:** Change of use of land to Equestrian use, and for erection of a menage (60 x 40m) with post and rail fencing at Land at SK2131 3686, Miry lane, Foston.  
**No comments**

- **Application ref. DMOT/2023/1069:** Application for hedgerow removal notice to allow for the installation of a new water main on Land at Uttoxeter Road, Derbyshire, DE65 5BG

**Noted**

- **Dove Valley Park:** report from Frank McArdle

Dove Valley Park development is coming to an end.

Final development plans:

- Improve /provide public footpaths - improve existing footpaths to make them tree line so suitable for dog walkers and for people to get through the site.
- Boundaries to have bushes, trees, balancing (attenuation) ponds, flora and fauna used to divide them.
- New countryside walks connecting Pennywaste wood to Heath Top, take ownership and maintaining for the benefit of residence.
- New bus route to the site that will be for all the factories inside in a timely manner for start and end of their shifts. Bus service to be paid for by Clowes Developments - meeting the companies as to how best a bus route coming in from Derby, Burton, Uttoxeter, picking up employees who are working on production line there
- Small area for development right in the centre of the site for an innovation centre for meeting, Development and learning with three offices and the boardroom that could be shared by tenants/employees.
- My reason for being here is to make sure that both Parish Councils Foston and Scropton and Church Broughton, have their input, would like to suggest a meeting with representatives of both Parish Councils with representatives from Clowes.
- The Completion of Dove Valley Park Business Park Plans were handed over to the Parish clerk.

#### **OPM120923/08 – Correspondence from Villagers**

1. Hedges and potholes / Coplow Lane and Hay Lane (email dated 14/08/2023)
2. Traffic on Watery Lane (emails dated 11<sup>th</sup> August)
3. Scropton: foot path from the notice board to church entrance, trees & bushes overhang the path and also obscure vehicles vision exiting from the church entrance (email dated 11/8)
4. Watery lane speeding and Avara

All been actioned

#### **OPM120923/09 – Speedwatch update**

Pending - Post on Facebook.

#### **OPM120923/10 – Allotment Judging / Allotment Plots Review / *new enquiry***

Returns received from existing plot holders to size of plots going forward, see attached spreadsheet.

Dave Coles won the best plot. Presentation to be arranged

Cllr. Pete Groom to carry out plot assessments in October for 2024 rent renewal.

Plot waiting list expanding.

#### **OPM120923/11 - Insurance Renewal**

The following amendments to apply:-

Additional playground equipment (from Streetscape) to All Risk Section, Part C. Sum Insured inc. VAT.

- PLAY-SIGN Play Area Sign with galvanised steel post: £720.00
- SS24-BN2 Inclusive Sturdy Basket Swing: £5,238.00

- R4292 Spinning Tribbox multi-play unit: £8,184.00
- SR103/AP Inclusive Sturdy Flying Saucer: £1,758.00
- R4613 Inclusive Springer: £1,272.00
- SNTP Norton STIMBA Steel & Timber Picnic Table: £846.00
- Elephant Springer (existing): £1,272.00
- Supply and lay safamat surfacing - 120sq.m: £6,336.00
- Total: £25,626

The following existing items under All Risk Section Part C amended to:

Parish notice board, ~~wooden~~ Metal- Foston £1,252.00

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3 wooden public benches – Scropton/Foston £2,310.00

Part F – Hirers' Liability: £5,000,000

Additional Premium: £108.17

Assets list to be updated - attached

#### **OPM120923/12 - Installation of the New Noticeboards**

Struggling to get someone to quote / install. Suggestion to contact a villager in Scropton

#### **OPM120923/13 - E- Bulletin Village and community Buildings August 2023**

Noted.

#### **OPM120923/14 - Action Tracker**

1. Review of Lengthsman contract, job description, PPE to be carried out when Martin is back from holiday.
2. Website Accessibility Statement and Privacy Policy pending
3. Play area mowing leave pending
4. Fire Procedure. should be testing on monthly basis. knocking the power off and making sure exit signs illuminate. Yeah. Every six months should be knocking off power for three hours and making sure stay illuminated after three hours.
5. Signage, chased up Highways for response to Ref Nos: FS-Case-528814299, FS-Case-528817600 and FS-Case-528913100
6. Village (Community) hall sign. Chased up Highways still waiting for response.
7. All Portable Appliance Items - testing now carried out.
8. Outside Light flickering – quotes obtained.
9. Co-option advertising via various media.

#### **OPM120923/15 - General update**

- Grass has now been cut on roundabouts
- Speedwatch see previous comments
- Playarea – 2 fencing quotes received £3,500 and £5,500

#### **OPM120923/16 - Request change name of Charity to from 'Parish Hall' to 'Foston & Scropton Community Hall'.**

- Apply to change name from Parish Hall to 'Foston & Scropton Community Hall
- Register address with SDDC
- Notify all concerned the correct address of the Community Hall

Proposer: Cllr. N. Hickman

Seconded: Cllr A. Dolley

All agreed

**OPM120923/17 – Chairman’s report****Community Hall Group Activities:**

Library area refurbished

Donated books to HMP Dovedale

New noticeboard on village hall

Purchase champagne flutes

Ladies pamper night 13<sup>th</sup> October. 7:30 to 10 o’clock, tickets £5.

Play area opening event possibility at Halloween. Ask Cllr. Julie Patten to open.

Hoping to apply for warm space grant again.

**OPM120923/18 – Clerk Report/Monthly Items**

- Sand store fully stocked.

**OPM120923/19 - Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

- 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**OPM120923/20 – 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

<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Date of issue:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023