

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. P. Groom Cllr. N. Hickman Cllr. J. Smith
Chairman welcome to Cllr. Joanne Smith	
OPM140125/01 – To receive apologies for absence:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr. S. Meghani ➤ Cllr. G. Andrew ➤ Cllr. J. Davies ➤ Cllr. J. Patten 	
OPM140125/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None 	
OPM140125/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests appertaining to agenda items.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None 	
OPM140125/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.	
Public Speaking:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Hall event: Burns Night /Bingo event 24th January / 30 + participants ➤ Death announcement of Doug Swinscoe past parish activist ➤ Parish Hall Group – maybe disbanding 	
District Councillors: Cllr. J. Davies, Cllr. G. Andrew	
Cllr Davies is actively engaged with the Planning Enforcement team over issues on the Dove Valley Business Park with residents of Church Broughton and their Parish Council, although the applications concerned are strictly speaking all in your Parish (but the residents are in Church Broughton Parish is most cases just across the road).	
The issues concern	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Storage / Maintenance facility on Woodyard Lane apparently operating without correct permission • Demolition of Turkey Farm on old runway apparently without permission • Use of Turkey Farm site to store 42ton tankers that then use Heath Top and Woodyard Lane apparently without change of use application • Various failures of consultation with local residents including the most recent application for Miry Lane • We also opposed the construction of the 36m high extension to the MEG plant next to Woodyard Lane, but were voted down by other members of the Planning Committee 	
All these issues are currently under investigation.	

Some people have expressed concerns over the Governments White Paper on Local Government reorganisation. At the present time there are no concrete proposals how this may work in Derbyshire, with no agreement either politically or between organisations. It is therefore likely that Derbyshire will be at the back end of any enforced mergers involving the County and/or City Councils. The Government have stated the process will take between 2 and 5 years. My personal prediction is that the District elections scheduled for May 2027 will be for a shadow authority to come into effect in April 2028, but that is just a personal guess, it could be later than that.

District Councillor: Sundip Meghani

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) are no longer providing a pest control service following the resignation of the pest control officer. The service was not viable, SDDC are hoping to be able to recommend trusted traders in the near future from the private market.

County Councillor Julie Patten

Derbyshire County Council have moved forward with devolution and unitary authority status. A letter has been sent by our leader to government asking to be considered in the first wave. Just to be clear this is being imposed on us by the labour government and we must be ahead of the game to keep Derbyshire together. We have no idea what Derby City are intending, however we should know our position by the end of January. The result from government will also determine whether county elections will be held or not. I will have more to update you at the next meeting.

I have been asked to put forward areas of roads, pavements for capital projects. There are no guarantees of inclusion but if we don't ask.....please let me know of any areas to be considered.

I have also reported Leathersley Lane in for inspection.

OPM140125/05 - Other Correspondence

- Ditch on watery lane near Holm Farm falling into brook – Parish Clerk to email Council advising needs pulling out.

OPM140125/06 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd December 2024

- Approved.
Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman
Seconded: Cllr A. Dolley

OPM140125/07 – Finance

Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:

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Date	Payee	Description	Amount
14/01/2025	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages Dec & Jan	£ 292.64
14/01/2025	J Allen	Parish Clerk Wages Dec & Jan	£ 645.60
14/01/2025	HMRC	Month 10 Dec & Jan	£ 91.20
14/01/2025	J Allen	Expenses	£ 14.29
14/01/2025	Butler Cook	Payroll Process	£ 60.00

Parish Hall Income

Date	Name	Description	Amount
14/01/2025	Chair Exercise Class	Hall hire	£ 36.00

- Precepts: 2025/2026: £22,783 signed
- Approved.
Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman
Seconded: Cllr. A Dolley

OPM140125/08 - Planning Applications

- **Application ref. DMPA/2024/1373:** The variation of condition no. 3 of permission ref. DMPA/2023/0896 (relating to vehicle tracking) for 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**
- **South Derbyshire Draft Local Plan Part 1 Consultation**
On the 19th of September, Environmental and Development Services Committee agreed the Draft Local Plan Part 1 to go out to consultation between 7th of October 2024 and 6th of December 5pm. The plan will update the existing Part 1 Local Plan, adding two new strategic housing and employment sites, a major employment site, and updates the plan to reflect national policy. To read the plan please see item 10 here: [CMIS > Meetings](#)
A further email setting out additional details of the consultation will be sent to you in due course. - **NOTED**

OPM140125/09 - VH Electrical quotes

- 3 quotes received – Cllr. P Groom (Chairman) to review and provide report for February Parish Council meeting.
- Not having batten lighting

OPM140125/10 – New Website

Now Completed except for Playground and Allotments, awaiting photos.

- No Councillors mobile numbers
- Parish Clerk to have a VoIP mobile. Cllr. A. Dolley to assist
- All Councillors to have either .gov.uk (payable) or [.fspc@gmail.com](mailto:fspc@gmail.com) email address

OPM140125/11 – CCTV Installation

- Discarded rubbish on both Watery Lane, and Leathersley Lane
- **Code of practice:**
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a81aa14e5274a2e87dbed93/SCC_Councillors_Guide_-_February_2016.pdf
- To be on February agenda to discuss with District/County Councillors

OPM140125/12 – Allotments Renewal

- Waiting final measurement of plots
- 2 New Allotment holders waiting response from Cllr Groom.
- Allotment renewal notices are to be issued and payment received before end of financial year 31/03/2025

OPM140125/13 - Chairmans report

- Electronic flood signs top of Watery Land and Leathersley Lane not triggered in recent flooding in Scropton.

- Lights in Watery Lane - Connect Road Operators / Council Depot / or unit next door - needs to be adjusted as shining into properties nearby on Watery Lane and causing a nuisance.
- Flood temporary signs – this needs to be controlled by Foston and Scropton Parish Council
- Balancing ponds / attenuation basins not working to efficiency

OPM140125/14 - Clerk's Monthly report/Items

- DALC Round Robin - Question 3
Council has installed a TV in the Village Hall for planning applications, online training, and occasional film nights. It will only have Sky TV, not terrestrial channels. Does any Councils have similar experience and know if we need to register for performing rights?
To be considered at a later date.
- Fibre connection to the Community Hall – Cllr. Dolley to assist Parish Clerk.

OPM140125/15 – Date of Next Meeting

11th February 2025

OPM140125/16 – 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.

- Separate Minutes

Signed:	
Date of issue:	22nd January 2025