

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr. V. Blackshaw Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. N. Hickman Cllr. S. Meghani Cllr. J. Patten Cllr. G. Andrew
OPM141123/01 – To receive apologies for absence: ➤ Cllr. L. James ➤ Cllr. J. Davies ➤ Cllr. P. Groom	
OPM141123/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required) ➤ No	
OPM141123/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests appertaining to agenda items ➤ None	
OPM141123/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation. Pavements: Thanks to Cllr Sundip Meghani for progressing the repairing works of the pavement. However, it is disappointing to note that there are still some pavement areas that still need work to be done. This also includes vegetation growth on the kerb and vegetation growth in the gutter which obstructs water getting to the drains. The Flood liaison meeting is on 22 nd November and will be sending questions in advance. Flooding: Flooding problems at top end of Watery Lane with residents unable to get to the village hall for sandbags. Suggestion to have a sand bin nearby. Set up a WhatsApp Group to connect with residents. Check sand level. County Councillor J. Patten Primary school applications open Parents can now apply to us for their child's infant, junior or primary school place for September 2024. Applications for children who were born between 1 st September 2019 and 31 st August 2020 opened on Monday 6 th November and will close at midnight on Monday 15 th January 2024. Parents can also apply during the same period for junior school places for children born between 1 st September 2016 and 31 st August 20127 who are currently in Year 2 at an infant school and will transfer on to other schools in September 2024.	

Cold Calling

There have been some reports of cold calling in the area and we would advise residents not to engage with anyone on the doorstep. We would advise that residents use DCC Trusted Trader scheme. Any concerns please report to the Police on 101 or alternatively contact myself or DCC directly.

Warm Spaces

DCC are offering groups and parishes up to £1000 who are willing and able to offer a warm space, a cuppa and a biscuit and/or sandwich, to those residents who not only want to meet up in a warm space but socialise during the winter months which can be very isolating. Please see our website for details and how to apply for funding.

Derbyshire County Council Budget

There is a questionnaire on the website inviting residents to comment on how we should shape the County budget for 2024/2025. It runs until 17th December and I would urge residents to take part.

District Cllr. S. Meghani:

Aldi store in the centre of Hilton is to move to the periphery of the village.

There is a proposal for a large new development in Hilton Village adjacent to where the new Aldi supermarket is going to be which we only heard about in the last week. The proposed new development to include a supermarket, coffee shop, business units.

Concerned over traffic congestion.

Pre-planning/consultation meeting is being held at Hilton village hall on Thursday 16th.

Criminal Activities:

Criminal activity, burglary, attempted burglary, houses were broken into in the middle of the night.

St Modwen – Dead Trees:

Meeting with three representatives from St Modwen to discuss these dead trees.

Trent Barton Bus Company:

Reports from constituents buses not arriving, late buses, buses going past bus stop without stopping and poor condition of buses.

District Cllr. Graham Andrew:

Recent flooding - culvert collapse Sutton on the Hill.

Council Chief Executive tour of the area and discussion with increase in demographics e.g. the growth in places like Hilton.

Recycling:

Ongoing discussion with recycling teams to integrate Tetra Pak with kerbside collection.

kerbside collection recycling contract up for renewal in 2025.

OPM141123/05 To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2023

Approved

Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

OPM141123/06 – Finance**Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:**

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
14/11/2023	J. Allen	Parish Clerk Wages	£153.60
14/11/2023	M. Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£136.50
14/11/2023	HMRC	Month 8	£38.40
14/11/2023	Horizon IT(Global) Ltd	Website Hosting	£303.60
14/11/2023	J Allen	Expenses	£72.37
14/11/2023	Royal British Legion	Section 137	£75.00

Parish Council Income :

Date	Name	Description	Amount

Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
14/11/2023	Allsuns Electrical	Replace 2 floodlights on lamp post	£168.00
14/11/2023	Greenwater Services Ltd	Legionella Monitoring	£72.00

Parish Hall Income:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
14/11/2023	VH Group	Ladies Pamper Night	£167.63
14/11/2023	Chair Exercise Group	Chair Exercise Group	£35.00

Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

Invoices approved

- Virgin Money Derby branch closed paying cash in now through Post office approval of bank card
- Ladies Night event fund: £167.63
- Royal British Legion donation: £75.00
- Installation of Parish Noticeboards at Foston and Scropton: £365 per day plus materials
- Playground opening event invoices: Community Hall Group supplied everything. Many thanks

OPM141123/07 - Planning Applications

- **Application ref. DMOT/2023/1341:** The felling of a cedar tree covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order 507 at Hawthorn House, Main Street, Scropton, Derby, DE65 5PP.

Objections:

Change to character of the village

The Cedar is a beautiful mature tree

There are no safety issues

A TPO is put on a tree to protect it from being felled

- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/1126:** Change of use from agricultural land to residential, the erection of an extension with alterations and a detached garage at Guinea Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Hatton, Derby, DE65 5PX

No Observation

- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/1022:** Single storey extension and conversion of former stable to form new dwelling house and office for Turner & Co with extended domestic curtilage at Lawn House, Hay Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5PJ
No Observation

- **DMPN/2023/1010:** Prior Approval for the erection of an agricultural building Site Location: Land at SK2029 3597 off Scropton Lane, Scropton, DE65 5PS – **RESPONSE from Case Officer:-** The application you are referring to is a notification to determine whether the proposal can be dealt with under Permitted Development rights and is a 28 day notification. Due to the nature of the application, being only assessed for those reasons, consultations are not required to be undertaken
Waiting further developments

- **OBJECTIONS Application ref. DMPA/2023/0884:** Advertisement consent for 4no. illuminated lightboxes, 5no. internally illuminated totem signs, 3no. non-illuminated flagpole signs and 2no. non illuminated signs at Dove Valley Park, Park Avenue, Foston, Derby, DE65 5BG
Objections in appendix 1 DMPA/2023/0884 contact Frank McArdle for his input

- **Application ref. DMPA/2023/1365:** Flat roof conversion to a balcony, the construction of a dormer and the installation of glazed balustrading to the rear at Hawthorn House, Main Street, Scropton, Derby, DE65 5PP
Objections:
 - Where the proposed balcony is going to be will overlooking neighbour garden
 - Privacy Laws and Nuisance:
In the UK, individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy within their own homes and gardens. This expectation extends to protection from actions that interfere with their enjoyment of their property.
The law recognises the concept of nuisance, which refers to any activity or behaviour that substantially interferes with a person’s use or enjoyment of their property.
If a neighbour’s balcony overlooks your garden and significantly compromises your privacy or causes a nuisance, you may have grounds to address the issue legally.
Cllr G. Andrew is following up with planning.

- **Terinex Flexibles Ltd environmental permit application consultation:** A copy of the full application is available at [Terinex A2 Permit Application | South Derbyshire District Council](#)
Objections:
No points to raise to object
Building class B1(b) and B1(c)

OPM141123/08 – Allotments & Land Registry Documents

Concerning the car park area: despite it being mentioned in both the Parish Hall and Parish Council documents the land is unadopted/not registered. It would be better for the Parish Hall charity to adopt. The charity has access to grants.

Cost of getting the playground registered: £532.00

Appointing Solicitor to handle.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. N Hickman

All in favour

OPM141123/09 Allotments Review

Thanks to Cllr. Pete Groom for providing a very comprehensive report.
Decision was made to defer approval to the December Parish Council meeting to enable further discussions.

Allotment holders annual meeting in January, date to be confirmed at December Parish Council meeting.

OPM141123/10 – Action Tracker

1. Lengthsman job description - underway
2. Website compliance: Cllr. V. Blackshaw requested contact details to discuss with website host.
3. Website playground pictures require description to be completed by Parish Clerk
4. Noticeboards: waiting for a date when Stuart can install.
5. Fire Procedure: progressing
6. Village Hall sign: can be purchased by Parish Council but where to erect.
7. Speedwatch – no more volunteers : advertise over Christmas and New Year.
8. Parish Council still has 1 Councillor vacancy

OPM141123/10 – Chairman’s report

- Grant application being completed for warm space
- National Grid grant (fuel poverty fund) £6- £7000 for community matters:
 - Upgrade heating
 - Lighting to LED’s
 - Lighting at sand store
 - Kitchen cupboards
 - Hand dryers
 - Fire alarms
- Community Hall Group
 - Providing an access statement for the website
 - Christmas quiz night
 - Bingo
 - Burns Night
- Previous grant application for warm space: no trace of funding £198.50 received.

OPM141123/11 – Clerk Report/Monthly Items

- VH Ramp maintenance: A full review of the ramp needs to be carried out due to concrete failing in places. Nearby trees need cutting back.
- Flooding – Sandbags for properties A50 end of Watery Lane see item **OPM141123/04**
- Website compliance – see item **OPM141123/10**

OPM141123/12 - Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

- 12th December 2023

OPM141123/13 – 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.

Signed:	
Date of issue:	23 rd November 2023