

Foston and Scropton Parish Council

Annual General Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.00pm

Present:	Cllr. P. Groom Cllr N. Hickman Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. G. Andrew Cllr. S. Meghani
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AGM140524/01 – To receive apologies for absence:
Cllr. J. Patten
Cllr. J. Davies

- AGM140524/02 – Approval of Minutes of 2023 AGM (9th May 2023)**
- Matters arising – none.
 - Approved

AGM140524/03 - Parish Council Officers Reports

Vice Chairman:

Thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Victoria Blackshaw for all the work she has done as Councillor and Chairman.

Planning objections have been a challenge over the year and disappointed with lack of interaction from SDDC planning team not taking on board objections raised by the Parish Council. This was evident when the Parish Council supported the villagers in objecting to HMP Foston extension.

Full review carried out of the allotment site and each allotment now charged by m2 with extra plots capacity. We have also seen an increase for allotment plots.

Playground is nearly completed with new play equipment being enjoyed by local children. Further work required on fencing.

Two new metal noticeboards have been installed in Foston and Scropton for Community and Parish Council use.

RFO:

When setting the budget for 2023/2024 on investigation Precepts hadn't been increased for 10+ years an increase of 40% applied against 2022/2023 spend.

Opening balance: £40,368
 Playground spend: £31,860
 Noticeboards spend: £2,902
 Grants: £13,070
 Budgeted: £18,000
 Total spend: £46,157 (156.43% over budget)
 Closing balance: £33,363
 Fixed assets: £133,043

AGM090523/04 - Election of Officers

- 1) Chairman: Cllr. Peter Groom
Proposed: Cllr. N. Hickman
Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley
All agreed.

- 2) Vice Chairman: Cllr. N. Hickman
Proposed: Cllr. A. Dolley
Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley
All agreed.

AGM140524/05 – Forms

- Expenses returns must be completed and submitted by the deadline of 1 June 2023, Foston and Scropton. ***Not Required***

- Declaration acceptance of office signed at the AGM and passed to the Parish Clerk. ***Completed at meeting.***

- Declaration of Interests to be completed by end of May. ***Parish Clerk to issue***

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APM140524/01 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)

- No

APM140524/02 - Declaration of Members' Interests appertaining to agenda items

- Cllr. A. Dolley regarding PAT quote
- Cllr. P. Groom property next to Community Hall

APM140524/03 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.

It was brought to our attention that the outside lights on the sand store are permanently on. Cllr. Pete Groom and Cllr. Allistair Dolley to investigate and fix.

South Derbyshire County Councillor Sundip Meghan

Bin Collection

Bins not been collected 25 streets in Hilton on the 11th of March also villager in Scropton got in touch because they haven't had their green recycle bin emptied for multiple weeks. Now been sorted

Bus service

The deterioration in the local bus service, particularly that provided by Trent Barton and in particular the Villager service. Cllr. Julie Patten and Cllr. Sundip Meghan had a productive meeting with senior managers from Trent Boston and gave them a snapshot of dozens of complaints that had received from constituents in Hilton regarding the delays, missed buses and general problems associated with the villager service. The company are providing five new buses from July 2024. Essentially, they have promised a vastly improved bus service going forwards. Parish Clerk commented that the poor service was due to lack of drivers. Cllr. Meghani commented that Trent Barton is suffering from lack of engineers. They have recruited more apprentices who are being trained up as engineers but that takes three years.

Report from Cllr Meghani on behalf of Cllr Julie Patten

Flooding

Officers from Derbyshire County Council are happy to come to Parish Council to discuss flooding issues. Suggested, meeting in June. Organise via Cllr Julie Patten.

Cllr Pete Groom raised poor completion works on Watery Lane and Leathersely Lane carried out by Western Power / National Grid, maintenance programme by company is within two years. Parish Clerk to refer to Cllr Julie Patten.

Report from Cllr Andrew & on behalf of Cllr Davies

- I have raised the lack of response to queries about the Solar Farm Planning decision to both the Director of Services and the Chief Executive of South Derbyshire District Council
- The enforcement issues around the Mill Green development have also been chased with the relevant staff at SDDC and highlighted to the management of the organisation

- An update for the sign on Uttoxeter Rd/Watery Lane, that was removed for repair has been requested (latest response indicates a delivery of replacement signs has been delivered, but they are checking if this one in amongst them).

APM140524/04 – Residents Correspondence

- Allotment plots 12 and 13a - request to resend email to Cllr P Groom.
- April Parish Council meeting request for 2nd Brown bin. Discussion for either 2nd bin or Compost heap – no decision been made where the compost heap is to be located.
- An allotment holder remarked that their apples and window catch on their greenhouse have been stolen. Parish Council to keep an eye on if other instances occur.

APM140524/05 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 9th April 2024

Approved

Proposed: Cllr A Dolley

Seconded: Cllr. N. Hickman

All agreed.

APM140524/06 – Finance –

Parish Council Expenditure cheques to be approved:

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
14/05/2024	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£146.32
14/05/2024	J Allen	Parish Clerk Wages	£192.00
14/05/2024	HMRC	Month 8	£50.40
14/05/2024	F&S PHC	Donation	£1,000.00
14/05/2024	J Allen	Microsoft 365 Renewal	£59.99
14/05/2024	J. Allen	Stationery	£49.53
14/05/2024	EAST MIDLANDS AUDIT SERVICES LTD	Internal Audit	£200.10

Parish Hall Expenditure Cheques to be approved:

Date	Name	Description	Amount
14/05/2024	V. Blackshaw	Purchase of microwave	£100.00
14/05/2024	L Oates	Purchase of tables for CH	£240.00

Parish Hall Income

Date	Name	Description	Amount
14/05/2024	Chair Exercise Class	Chair Exercise Class	£36.00

Proposed: Cllr. P. Groom

Seconded: Cllr. A. Dolley

All agreed.

- 1) Parish council authorised annual PAT testing to be carried out by Cllr. A. Dolley
- 2) Review of previous quotes for updating electrical equipment in the Community Hall. Parish Clerk to forward quote terms to Councillors.

APM140524/07 – forms to completed

- AGAR form / Exercise of Public Rights ✓
- Governance Document ✓
- Concurrent form ✓

APM140524/08 - Planning Applications

a) Application ref. DMPA/2024/0331: Listed building consent for a replacement UPVC conservatory at HMP Foston Hall, Uttoxeter Road, Foston, Derby, DE65 5DN
No Observation

Application ref. DMPA/2024/0576: The variation of condition no. 2 (approved plans) and 4 (access) of permission DMPA/2023/1022 (for single storey extension & conversion of former stable to form new dwelling with extended domestic curtilage) at Lawn house, Hay lane, Foston, Derby,
No Observation

b) Application ref. DMPA/2024/0564: Change of use from Wellness Centre (use class E(d)) to a Dwelling (use class C3) at The Firs Farm, Firs Farm Nursery, Scropton Road, Hatton, Derby, DE65 5PN
No Observation

c) Application ref. DMPA/2024/0556: Outline application (matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for later consideration) for the erection of a rural workers dwelling including details of means of access at Netherclose Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Foston, Derby, DE65
No Observation

d) Foston Footpath 8 Diversion Order (E: 04/05/2024) – *Noted*

e) South Derbyshire's Draft Cycle Network Supplementary Planning Document (E: 04/05/24) – *Noted*

f) Heidelberg Materials UK - Land south of Leathersley Lane, Scropton

Non Public Meeting: Entrance farm track on Leathersley Lane and where processing plant is being located.

Start at village end of Leathersley Lane, time approx. 2 years then work towards A515 end of Leathersely Lane.

Finishing works:- footpath, walkways, islands, ponds

Retain small area for parking cars to stop coming into village.

Invitation to visit working site at Barton under Needwood.

Heidelberg Materials UK may be able to assist with the village having a pump house at the back of the playground.

Presentation to villagers at Community Hall arranged for 11th to 13th July.

APM140524/09 – Action Tracker

Deferred to June meeting

APM140524/10 – Chairman Report

1. Need to get more Councillors as at minimum for quorum.
2. If not quorate for a meeting co-optation a Councillor from another Parish Council.
3. Democratic services to be advise Victoria Blackshaw is no longer a Councillor and is to be removed. *(Will request this after the General Election)*

APM140524/11 – Parish Clerk Report/May Tasks

- Website hosting review

- Electric supplier renewal via Charities Buying Group quote from Scottish Power – Approved

APM090523/12 - Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

- 11th June 2024

APM090523/13 – 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.

- Referred to a separate meeting

Signed:	
Date of issue:	25 th May 2024