

# Foston and Scropton Parish Council

## Minutes of Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. A. Dolley Cllr. P. Groom Cllr. N. Hickman Cllr. J. Patten Cllr. G. Andrew
<b>OPM090724/01 – To receive apologies for absence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cllr. S. Meghani</li> <li>➤ Cllr. J. Davies</li> </ul>	
<b>OPM090724/02 - Variation of Order of Business (if required)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Item 7 after item 4</li> </ul>	
<b>OPM090724/03 - Declaration of Members' Interests appertaining to agenda items.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cllr. P. Groom: Community Hall and Allotments</li> <li>➤ Cllr. A. Dolley – Sand store lights</li> </ul>	
<b>OPM090624/04 - Public Speaking, including County, District and Police Representation.</b> <p><b>Councillor Grahame Andrew</b>  Cllr Andrew offered formal congratulations to Cllr Patten being elected a District Cllr, but for the District Council Ward of Hatton in the recent by-election that took place with the General Election on 4<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>There have been a number of personnel changes at SDDC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth (Liz) Page has been promoted to be Head of Legal and Democratic Services (and Deputy Monitoring Officer), she assumes the role as Ardip Sandhu is now the Executive Director of Law and People, continuing to be Monitoring Officer. This means that many enquiries that may have previously been sent to Ardip should now be routed to Liz.</li> <li>• Alan Grist promoted to Flood Prevention Officer and replaced the functions of Phil Lenton (retired). Alan Grist previously dealt with Operational / Grounds Maintenance issues.</li> <li>• Gary Parkin one of the 3 Planning Enforcement Officers has retired. Team down to 2 from 3, a recent review has determined that there should be 4 in the team so recruitment to expand will start soon.</li> <li>• A resident has reported the state of the roundabouts above the A50 Foston junction. Cllr Andrew has logged the complaint about lack of litter picking on the Derbyshire County Council Highways Hub as case FS625697122 (on 25<sup>th</sup> June).  ACTION: Cllr Andrew agreed to share with the Parish Council the information he had obtained that suggested DCC were responsible for the Highway at that location.  Parish Clerk commented that Connect Roads Operations Centre at the A50 end of Watery Lane is scheduled for closure.</li> </ul> <p><b>District Councillor: Julie Patten</b>  a) COVID is on the increase again.</p>	

- b) Notified by the police that car thefts again are up.
- c) New MP for Darley Dales, John Whitby, former Derby City Councillor and cabinet member for young people and families.
- d) **Cemex** Letters regarding the quarry proposals - public exhibition 17th July, 3:00 to 7:00pm. questions Any questions can be brought up at Sudbury village hall here and there is also consultation online.
- Heidelberg Presentation:** Cllr. P. Groom suggested smaller walkways with small parking area where the operation site was. Heidelberg Minerals have taken this suggestion on board.
- Planning:
- The crucial part is to get the 7.5 tonne sign limit to village side of works and access only on Leathersley Lane. Have CCTV on the gateway with weekly monitoring.

Leathersley Lane continuing road condition problem: Cllr. Julie Patten to investigate after meeting.

Cllr. G. Andrew explained difference between Budget and Precepts.

Cllr. G. Andrew advised that a process is required to appoint a Councillor if a Parish Council meeting wasn't quorum. Request to monitoring officer.

#### **OPM090724/05 - Other Correspondence**

- Grass verge Watery Lane/Leathersely Lane sinking into flood channel – to be reported on Highways

#### **OPM090724/06 - To Confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Ordinary Foston and Scropton Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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

#### **OPM090724/07 – Finance**

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

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
09/07/2024	M Hayes	Lengthsman wages	£ 146.32
09/07/2024	J Allen	Parish Clerk wages	£ 153.60
09/07/2024	HMRC	Month 4	£ 40.80
09/07/2024	P Groom	Magnets	£ 10.95
09/07/2024	Virgin Money	Maintenance Charge	£ 6.50

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

Date	Name	Description	Amount
09/07/2024	Yu Energy	Closing balance Electric bill	£ 30.41

##### **Parish Hall Income**

Date	Name	Description	Amount
11/06/2024	Chair Exercise Class	Chair Exercise Class	£ 36.00
11/06/2024	Hall hire	Lolene Poxon	£ 48.00

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

**OPM090724/08 - Planning Applications**

- **APPLICATION REFERENCE DMPA/2024/0852:** Single storey extension and conversion of former stable to form new dwelling house with extended domestic curtilage at Lawn House, Hay Lane, Foston, Derby, DE65 5PJ

*No Observation*

**OPM090724/09 - COMPLETED REGISTER OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FORMS**

- Only needed at Councils Election every 4 year / completed

**OPM190624/10 – ROSPA report on Playground Equipment**

- 1) Fencing: Timber is not in good condition
- 2) Rocker Elephant: Moss is present. Missing / damaged spring cover. Protruding handles / footrests. Paintwork is in poor condition.
- 3) Multiplay - Slide Climber: Bolt(s) loose.
- 4) Swing - Mixed - 2 Bay 1 Basket 1 Junior 1 Toddler Seat: Projecting bolt thread.
- 5) Carousel – Bowl: Drain holes are 8 mm allowing access of the finger probe.

Action:-

- a) Refer report to manufacturers for remediation
- b) Elephant needs to be refurb/cleaned/painted
- c) Carousel – Bowl to be out of play immediately.

**OPM090724/11 – Allotments**

Allocation of 2 new plots and amendment to an existing plot in progress.

**OPM090724/12 – Heidelberg Materials**

2 day presentation went well with a good turnout on Saturday.

Operational site visit to be arranged if required.

**OPM090724/13 – Action Tracker**

To review and updated progress on Parish Council actions

1. Fence quotes for playground – Cllr. P Groom handling
  - a) Style: to avoid being climbed
  - b) Material: metal / wood
2. Disable access in playground – under review
3. Pedestrian access to Community Hall – under review
4. Adverse possession of hall car park – Clerk to progress

**OPM090724/14 – Clerk's Monthly report/Items**

- Insurance Policy Renewal –Directors and Officers Insurance.- already covered

*(Index-linking The Sum Insured in respect of each of the items specified under Parts A and C in the Schedule will be adjusted monthly in line with the indices selected by the insurer. At each renewal the premium will be calculated on the adjusted Sum Insured.*

*At the inception of each Period of Insurance the insured will notify the insurer of the Declared Value of the property by each of the item(s). In the absence of such declaration the last amount declared by the insured Index Linked in accordance with Endorsement 2 will be taken for the ensuing Period of Insurance.)*

- Rural Action Derbyshire membership – not required

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk salary: Request to review for next Budget Salary wages scale for clerks List of Jobs / hours</li> <li>• Fridge with small freezer, glass front, floor standing – fund Community Hall bookings</li> </ul>
<b>OPM090724/15 – Date of Next Meeting</b>  ➤ <b>13<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>
<b>OPM090724/16 – 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.</b>  ➤ None

Signed:	
Date of issue:	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024