

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Hull, Rafelt, Allan, Robinson & Partington, County Cllr Les (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Harper & Threlfall, PCSO Wallace, Cllr Les will be late.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 27th January 2016. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. None attending.
- 5) Crime report. PCSO Wallace sent a small report for 25/1 – 24/2 for Scorton, and thanks to residents for continuing to report.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Website. Up to date apart from a further programme which needs installing within the Parish Council section to allow the uploading of documents in order to conform to the Transparency Code, the website designer is actioning. Discussed the Feast having a section. Receiving plenty of “contact us” queries. Clerk discusses the Quality Council scheme and checks if cllrs remain keen to continue with this. Cllr Robinson asks for the information relating to be emailed. Clerk to forward to cllrs.
 - School noticeboard. Cllr Threlfall waiting for price of glazing.
 - Registering Jubilee Green. Moving forward with this.
 - Standing orders. Almost complete, clerk and Chairman will liaise prior to sending to all cllrs for comments.
 - Flood snakes. Clerk to order 2 boxes – £240. In addition Cllr Robinson has been asked by RDC if the Scorton Buddies could be enhanced by some emergency packs (candles, blanket, hat, gloves, tinned food, torch, etc) for elderly/vulnerable residents. Cllr Robinson has suggested that these packs could be useful as part of the Resilience Scheme and will obtain 1 pack to see exactly what is in the pack and how big and look into storage facilities.
 - Defibrillator. Cllr Threlfall has been looking at funding for an additional defib but British Heart Foundations funding scheme has allocated all the money. Cllr Threlfall will further.
 - Queens 90th Birthday beacon lighting. The PC has opted into this official celebration and we await the timing of lighting the beacon on 21st April. Clerk to put on website and post notices nearer the time.
- 7) Accounts.

Incoming: –

 - RDC (CAP grant for salt spreader) £171.88
 - RDC (CAP grant for winter bedding plants) £61.10

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - Mac Plant (Hedge cutting – Jubilee Green) £534.00
 - Green Frog Garden Shop (Green beech and white bird cherry) £80.98
 - Community Publications (Advert for grass cutting tender) £42.00

External Audit for smaller authorities. New scheme has been developed (SAAA) for external audit. YLCA are recommending that councils should opt-in to this sector led body otherwise individual councils will need to arrange their own external audit scheme. Cllrs resolved to opt-in to SAAA scheme.
- 8) Planning items.
 - FPP for proposed residential development comprising of 4 detached dwellings with double garages (revised proposal) at Land North East of Scorton Medical Centre, Stags Way. Cllrs do not support this application as outside and not adjacent to the development line of the village.
 - LBC for removal of part of existing garden wall to listed building at Scorton Lodge, Hospital Road. No objections.
 - FPP for demolition of part of existing wall to enable re-opening of access, erection of 5 new dwellings together with garages and ancillary works at land to the rear of Scorton Lodge, Hospital Road.

Councillors generally support this application but wish to highlight the close proximity of the access road to the gable wall of Rose Cottage. However Councillors were pleased that the access problems from the previous application have now been addressed. Cllr Les arrives.

Granted: FPP (retrospective) for erection of fence to front of 12 Spitfire Court.

- 9) Michael Sydall Foundation representative required. Clerk to contact Bolton on Swale school to ask if anyone is interested.
- 10) Wildflowers for Bridge Green – Grow Wild funding. PC has been successful at receiving the Grow Wild funding. One quote from Pictorial Meadows 1kg = £750 for perennial seeds (sow 2g/m²) and Meadowmania quotes 10kg at around £400 (sow 4g/m²) advice given that the seeds should be sown early autumn and preparation to sterilise the ground should be undertaken prior to this. Clerk has contacted 1st Brompton on Swale Scouts who have offered their services with this project and it is part of the funding agreement to involve 12 – 25 year olds. Cllr Robinson will discuss with Angela Heywood about exactly where the area is to be.
- 11) Discussion about new equipment for Clarence Road park. Streetscape have been to look at the area and stated that the surfaces are in fairly good order and an initial design was put together with the possibility of a slide down the bank. Quotes for initial design £31095+ VAT for the equipment/installation and £9569 + VAT for the perimeter fencing. They offered a consultation with the children at the school and cllrs would like this to happen. Clerk to action. Suggestions of a larger public consultation made, maybe in the SWMI nearer the time when we have a couple of designs and Cllr Allan has information for more quotes when design is solid. Cllr Threlfall sent message re: talks about PC taking over the park from DC and cllrs would like to ask if the DC could repair/replace the perimeter fence as in a poor state. Clerk to action.
- 12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllr Hull & Threlfall and clerk attend YLCA Branch meeting which was very well attended with new councils to YLCA. Membership fees will increase this year and mainly due to the big increase from NALC. Local Tax Support Grant 50% will be passed onto parishes 16/17 but nil 17/18. No parish precept caps will happen 16/17 and looking less likely. External audit regime 15/16 + 16/17 return audit as normal but in 17/18 annual return will need completing but not sending off if < £25K. Advice about Sector led body for external audit is for councils to opt-in. Workplace pension discussed. YLCA are beginning an internal audit scheme and should receive information in next couple of months. Quality Council Status – need to re-apply every 4 years. Cllr Robinson reports that David Jeffels (NYCC) will be attending the Scorton Buddies Ukulele Band event in March.
- 13) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Hull reported a pothole near to the PO. Clerk has reported to Highways. Cllr Threlfall will remove, repair, treat and replace the PO noticeboard; a temporary board will be used while this is being repaired.
- 15) Correspondence. The Station – request for information about sites of architectural/historic interest. Clerk to ask for more information about the types of project they are looking for. Resident – Car parking issue. Clerk to contact local residents for their help. YLCA – Petition for local councils to appeal to planning decisions. Cllrs will respond individually.

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Meeting closed: 10.10pm

Date of next meeting: 30th March 2016 at 7.30pm