

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Horsfall & Robinson, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Damian Hunt, Clare Bradbury, Shirley Leighton, Iton Nyilika, Jackie David (Abbey Care Village), David Rafelt & Hilda Ellis (Residents), Cllr Partington & County Cllr Les (later)

- 1) Apologies. PCSO Jordan Wallace, County Cllr Les & Cllr Partington may arrive late.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 20th May 2015. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Staff from Abbey Care Village to update. DH (Area Manager) thanks PC for inviting and new team recently appointed. DH is a qualified nurse specialising in trouble shooting in care facilities. There have been previous leadership/direction problems within the care village. Clare Bradbury (Activities co – ordinator) is dynamic and positive for the community and Abbey Care. Plans to open day centre, St Teresas are using facilities once a week, and currently getting costings to get hydro pool back in use as there is lots of interest. DH is keen to open up the café within the care village but wouldn't want to jeopardise the community café. Abbey Care would also like to get involved with the Feast, get articles in the Scorton & District Times to update villagers and “build bridges”. DH finds the Buddie Scheme helpful and would like to bring residents to village events such as the recent Tea Dance. There is an embargo presently and CQC are heavily involved, DH is asking for an extension as he wants to ensure that everything is how it should be. St Clare's flats are now fully let. Cllr Partington arrives. Bower & Archery 2 units are open with a total of 4 and looking at phased admissions. DH asks if Cllrs can think of any use for the unused buildings. The garden areas are being transformed (recently removed ivy from walls) and the church will be repainted. Have asked for volunteers and donations of plants from the village following a notice on the noticeboard and many villagers have come forward. Getting a new sign for the front of the site and residents are enjoying the gardens. Iton (Manger of Elizabeth House) adds that work is ongoing with relatives and holding surgeries/drop in to discuss issues relating on Thursdays between 3 – 4 and all are welcome. Iton is very positive for the future of the care village. CB would like to promote a sing a long in the evening and encourage residents to mix with the villagers. Cllr Robinson suggests that the next Tea Dance could be a combination of residents and villagers. Cllr Horsfall suggests that the café could be used to provide Sunday/Christmas lunch for single villagers. DH states that the church area could be used for civil services and is registering the care village as dementia friendly and hopes the village could also become dementia friendly. Cllr Harper thanks for attending and happy to hear such positive comments as the PC wants the care village to be a success. Cllr Partington asks about resident numbers/full occupancy and suggests that the area could be used for fetes and that the Scouts could be involved. Hilda Ellis is pleased to hear positive comments and would be great to see the hydro pool in use again, as very little in the area relating to MS & MND and would be good for these diseases. Cllr Partington further adds that the hydro pool would be useful for the rehabilitation unit at the Garrison. District Cllr Threlfall suggests the company who look after Richmond pool may be a good starting point for the hydro pool and will visit the care home as District Cllr and reminds that there are two pubs in the village and would need to work in partnership with them. SL (Home Manager) adds that the focus would be on single people who are unlikely to go into pubs. DH states that care provision remains their main priority and the home has 150 beds with only 36 currently occupied. Cllr Partington asks when would the home be getting to a more full occupancy, DH states that it is a hard job and like starting from scratch, need to retrain staff and looking at 3 years to get up

to full occupancy. Cllr Robinson has seen the CQC report and Scorton Buddies have seen the resident numbers decrease and would like to see an increase, he also feels that the improvement over the last 6 months is obvious. DH asks if Cllr Robinson could write a letter stating that, as staff morale low and would boost all. Cllr Harper suggests forwarding the Feast Secretary details and Cllr Threlfall will forward last years programme. DH to liaise with clerk regarding donating flower tubs. Cllr Threlfall suggests that the Care Village newsletter could be placed inside the Scorton & District Times. DH would be happy to return for another update in 3 – 4 months time. Cllr Harper thanks for attending. DH returns to offer £1000 donation to the Feast Committee.

- 5) Crime report. Long report for May/June, Cllr Threlfall adds that PC Gary Sellers keen to help with any problems. Reminder that Mobile Police Office will attend near PO on 5/9 & 7/11.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Local Plan. Thanks from the Local Plan team for advertising well (as was well attended) and also to the caretaker of the SWMI. Clerk has passed these thanks on.
 - Highways items. Verge marker posts now completed and look tidy. Soakaway at St Johns Terrace needs to be refreshed and will be completed in the next financial year. The grit bin at Glebe Terrace will be reviewed when next review takes place.

7) Accounts.

Income: -

- Northern Powergrid (Wayleave) £26.45

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- The Tree Council (Jubilee Diamond trees books) £36.15
- Mac Plant (Grass x 4, spray hogweeds, repair pot holes – Flywheel Street) £1446.00
- J S Wilson (Tree guard) £300.00
- The Green Frog (7 x ½ oak barrels, compost, geraniums) £514.15
- Ian Robinson (Anti rust paint, turps, brushes for slide) £16.00
- Scorton Methodist Chapel (Rent) £10.00
- V Raven (Wages April, May, June) £917.28
- M Goldie (Internal audit) £75.00

Internal audit comments – Would like to see a separate asset list for cemetery and suggests putting purchase date on items. Cllrs agree a separate list would be good but can check date purchased from invoices.

8) Planning items.

- FPP for Garden room extension to rear of 17 Beaufigther Close. No objections.
- FPP for re-positioning of farm access at Clarence House. No objections.

Granted: FPP for erection of building to cover manure store & FPP for extension of porch at 28 Blenheim Close.

9) Adoption of updated Resilience Scheme. Cllr Harper asks about Aide Memoir 3 and Cllr Robinson states this needs reviewing with more members. Adopted.

10) Reeth Brass teas for Feast Teas. Clerk to agenda in July. Cllr Les arrives.

11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Clerk and Cllr Threlfall attended YLCA Branch meeting on 4/6. An interesting presentation was delivered about Hydraulic Fracturing and clerk will circulate Powerpoint. YLCA have been very busy due to election year, awaiting more details about the Digital Transparency Fund which councils are able to claim retrospectively and workplace pensions have to be in place even if the employee doesn't want. Local Councils Award scheme is now ready for applications. The branch resolved to put forward "to lobby the government for a greater financial contribution and swift action to bring rural broadband to rural areas of Yorkshire". Next meeting 8/10. Cllr Robinson met with Leah Swain from Rural Action Yorkshire with 2

colleagues, talked about Good Neighbours Guide. Cllr Robinson critiqued document and received thanks.

- 12) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Threlfall reported rabbits chewing up flowers in the cemetery again and Mac Plant actioned to place chicken wire deeper around the fence. Cllr Robinson thanks as noticed the difference. Also bench in cemetery Cllr Threlfall has been oiled and cleaned and put back as just needed some attention. Cllr Threlfall asked for a scaffold licence to be granted to Prospect House. Clerk issued. Cllr Threlfall reported the mess and branches near to Manor House following the wall collapse. Mac Plant to clear. Pot holes reported at entrance to Blenheim Close. Highways have resolved. Cllr Harper reports that Alan's sign has gone missing. Cllr Threlfall will report to quarry. Resident reported that the memorial bench has been damaged at the quarry but now repaired, and also reported that the new large dog fouling sign is not working and dog fouling remains problematic in that area. Clerk has given some dog fouling sticks and to reply stating that Cllrs are disappointed that the new sign didn't have the desired effect. Email from resident thanking the PC for renewing the white posts and especially good around the school and reports that the new chestnut tree is looking unwell but has been watered. Cllr Horsfall will complete a tree report on this tree. Cllr Threlfall reports that large gates at the cemetery may need to be locked as area being used by campers
- 14) Correspondence. NYCC – Awards for community projects/group/volunteer & young volunteer. It was resolved to nominate Best Community Group – Feast, Best Community Project – Café, Volunteer of the Year – Cllr Robinson. Safer Richmondshire – results from recent data logger placed at Glebe Terrace. Towards the green average speed of 30mph with 85% of vehicles at 35mph or less (14678 vehicles). From village green average speed of 28mph with 85% of vehicles at 33mph or less (18009 Vehicles). Cllr Les adds that if the results of the poor 15% are very high then will deploy enforcements. Colburn Town Council invitation to Mayors Civic Church Service. Cllrs to reply. North Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Community Fund. No action required. NYCC Local Transport Plan. Present plan runs to end March, and asking for comments about new plans which will set out plans for transport for next 30 years.
- 15) Matters raised by members of the public. Cllr Les explains that Scorton PC meetings clash with his own PC meeting but will try and attend when he can. Hilda Ellis reports that she has enjoyed listening to the discussion and sees good work done in this great village. Cllr Robinson has been appointed on the Patient Participation Group at Scorton Medical Centre the first meeting has taken place and will meet again after summer. Letter from David Horsfall who resigns from the PC.
- 16) Applications to be considered to co-opt a new Parish Councillor. Two applications received from Hilda Ellis and David Rafelt unfortunately unable to fill two places due to procedures relating to bi-elections. David Rafelt elected. Clerk to inform both.

Meeting closed: 10.10pm

Date of next meeting: 29th July 2015 at 7.00pm