

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 in the Scorton War Memorial Institute ante room at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Harper, Rafelt & Robinson, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Rev Yvonne Callaghan (Bolton on Swale School Governor), PCSO Wallace, Mrs Tait & Mr Smith (Residents), Cllrs Allan & Hull & County Cllr Les (later)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Allan & Partington & Cllr Les will arrive later.
2. Approval of AGM minutes dated 20th May 2015: It was resolved to accept these minutes as a true record.
3. Chairman's report. This year has seen a further change of Councillors, as David Horsfall resigned when he moved away from the area, we gained David Rafelt and as Scorton PC was granted an increase in cllrs to 7 we also gained Helen Allan. Both have embraced their duties as cllrs, along with Keith Partington who has now completed his first year and all helping to make the PC a well rounded team. The new flower tubs have been planted for summer and winter, and parishioners praised both displays. Abbey Care Village Management team were welcomed to a meeting, and the PC acknowledged and applauded their desire to integrate more closely with the village, and to demonstrate this they donate two matching flower tubs to the village and also welcome the Scorton Buddies into their Care facility. Cllr Robinson spoke to the Care Village to organise a memory walk in aid of Alzheimer's Society which was a great success. Flash flooding problems on Southside have been fixed by installing a hump and improving drainage. The defibrillator has been moved to the main entrance of War Memorial Hall for visibility and easier access. The Queens 90th Birthday Beacon Celebration was well attended and Cllr Harper felt very privileged to light the beacon. We have taken part in the new Local Plan and Local Transport Plan and NYCC have huge cost saving targets to meet and have cut transport but luckily we have managed to retain a service for Scorton although reduced. The new horse chestnut tree on Bridge Green has been nurtured and pruned and now doing well. In Clarence Road park the wooden climbing equipment has had to be removed as deemed unsafe, and the PC is looking at acquiring this area from the District Council in the hope to refurbish the area. Work is ongoing with this large project and children will be consulted. The clerk has been working towards the Transparency Code and ironing out the new website. We have made a successful bid for Grow Wild funding for wildflowers on Bridge green, work is due to start after 2016 Feast and residents overlooking have been consulted. Cllr Harper then thanks Cllr Threlfall for serving the village both as Parish & District Councillor and especially for his historical knowledge of Scorton. Thanks also to County Cllr Les for his attendance at our meetings and support to the village, and thanks to Vicki Raven the Parish Clerk. Cllr Harper thanks the Parish Councillors for their service and contribution over the last year and a special thank you to Cllr Hull, Vice Chair for taking over as Chairman for 3 months.
4. Financial report & Adoption of the accounts for year ending 31st March 2016: It was reported that the combined balances at 31.3.16 were £5048.88.

Summary of the accounts for the year: -

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Income</u>
Administration £4800	Precept £14000
Insurance £1000	Grant aid £2500
Grasscutting £5000	VAT refund £1800
Council association membership £300	Urban grasscutting £1400
Ground works maintenance £3200	
Donations/3rd party reimbursements given £2000	
Broadband £500	
S&D Times £100	
Grant work/projects (Tree guard, planters & plants, computer/scanner, salt spreader, flood snakes) Total £2000	

The Bank reconciliation and year's accounts were distributed to all councillors, and it was resolved to adopt the year's accounts.

5. Parish Council documents annual review. Re : Resilience Plan Cllr Robinson will discuss with NYCC Emergency Planning Team in the near future to check for any relevant updates. All others fine.
6. Bolton on Swale School Governors' report. Rev Callaghan attending to give the years report she states that the school is achieving great things and super results. In summer 2015 the whole school trip was to Whitby and the children participated in swimming lessons. The children performed a night of music and the year 6 leavers performed "Robin Hood", and enjoyed a warm sports day. Year 6 children spent a week at Marrick Priory in September, and enjoyed live theatre in the school "Oliver Twist" and performed "Straw and Order" Nativity. Classes continue to hold individual assemblies. At the end of April the Reflection Garden was officially opened by Bishop James, the children played a key role in designing and producing the garden and especially the mosaic fish. A wide variety of sporting activities are available both in school time and in after school clubs and the school has achieved success in netball, gymnastics, football and cross country. After school clubs continue to be well attended and successful. The school underwent a 1 day Ofsted inspection and received a "Good" judgement, and the 4th Green Flag was awarded – the only school in North Yorkshire to achieve this. Cllr Les, Allan & Hull arrive.
7. Trustee Michael Sydall Representatives' report: County Cllr Les give a brief summary as Mrs Greenbank has now retired and Mrs Crowther to take over but no meetings have taken place yet. Three meeting are held per year and funds are mainly going towards the Michael Sydall School with sponsorship given to swimming lessons, insurance and small amount for each class to spend. Open for a child/school project from Scorton to be put forward for support/funding.
8. Matters raised by members of the public. Rev Callaghan highlights that a cross of daffodils was discussed last year with a view to placing on Southside green. Area to be checked for underground cables, etc. Rev Callaghan adds that the PC does a great job and a credit to the village. Cllr Harper thanks.
9. Election of Officers. Cllr Harper elected as Chairman, Cllr Hull elected as Vice Chairman, Cllr Threlfall elected as Treasurer.

Meeting closed at 7.40