

## SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute ante room.

**Present:** - Cllrs Harper, Rafelt, Robinson, Hull, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Mr G Hope & Mr N Middlemas-Dry (Residents), County Cllr Les, Cllrs Partington & Allan (later)

- 1) Apologies. PCSO Wallace & Cllrs Allan & Partington will be late.
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Allan declares an interest in Item 8 planning item relating to 9 Beaufighter Close.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. None raised. Cllr Partington arrives.
- 5) Crime report. PCSO Wallace sent a small report for 25/5 – 29/6. Email received from PC Wilbor explaining that he is retiring and handing over duties to PC Mark Wood with same contact details and thanks PC for their support. Clerk to send thanks. Also email from PC Wood introducing himself and will take over on 28/7. Clerk to send an email welcoming and hope that the PC will meet him soon.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
  - Website & Facebook page. Website/ PC section almost complete and will be by 1/7 but continuing to work on making the transparency information more compact on the website. Clerk asks for confirmation about what information should be on the PC Facebook page. All agreed that information should be directly related to the PC (and likely to be on agenda/minutes) as there are other local groups/pages for anything else.
  - Insurance cover. Cllr Harper explains that the DC small parish group insurance now are unable to cover Scorton, as too much on the asset register and footbridge/steps and banisters need to be covered under building insurance which this group policy doesn't allow for. Zurich have quoted for all the items we need covering and 1 year policy is £542.27/year and 3 year policy is £510/25/year. 1 year cover taken for this year and cllrs can choose if they want to be tied in for a longer period next year. Mr Middlemas-Dry leaves & Cllr Allan arrives.
  - Wildflower project. Need another quote as only need one rotavate and weedkill.
  - Scorton sign. Highways have replied and stated will not charge PC admin fee but price remains same (with or without the admin fee). Clerk has queried and waiting for answer. Clerk to forward to Cllr Les if answer not satisfactory.

### 7) Accounts.

Incoming: –

- St John of God (Encroachment Fee) £1.00

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- Zurich (Insurance cover) £542.27
- V Raven (Wages April, May, June) £967.10
- Mac Plant (Grass cutting x 2) £600.00

2016 – 2018 National Salary Award for local council employees. Clerk leaves. Email from YLCA relating and National Joint Council for Local Government services agreed on a 1% cost of living increase for both 2016 – 17 and 2017 – 18. Currently clerk on SCP 16 and cllrs resolved to increase increment to SCP 18 £9.299/hour from April 2016 until April 2017. To agenda February 2017 for 17-18 recommendations. Clerk returns.

- 8) Planning items.
- FPP for proposed single and double storey extension at 9 Beaufighter Close. Cllr Allan declares an interest. Mr Hope answers queries raised by cllrs. No objections.
  - FPP for replacement windows at 11 Steggall House, Howard Court. No objections.  
Refused: FPP for change of use to park home from holiday use to residential at The Paddock, Hospital Road. Refused on various conditions with general reason being the distance from the development line of village. Refusal notice circulated to cllrs.  
Granted: Change of use from domestic to mixed use domestic and childcare on domestic premises at 7 Beaufighter Close. Various conditions attached such as working hours, conforming to parking policy and overflow parking provision. FPP for removal of dying hedges and replacement by wooden fence to include timber pedestrian access gate to the front (retrospective).
- 9) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllr Threlfall attended YLCA Branch meeting, speakers: Cllr Les (Leader of NYCC) & Cllr Don Mackenzie (Executive member for NYCC Highways) attending to discuss any Town/Parish Council issues relating to Highways. Chipping problems were discussed, as were accessing Highways to report faults. Libraries and buses were also discussed and a key speaker to discuss Pensions will be invited to the next meeting in October.
- 10) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 11) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. A resident reported the pot holes again at High Row following damage during the recent chipping works. Highways have attended and done some repairs but remains unsatisfactory. Clerk asked MacPlant to attend while completing repairs to other accesses. Resident reported a water leak at Bridge Green. Clerk reported to Yorkshire Water and now resolved. District Cllr Threlfall reported an abandoned car on Northside and reported to DC. Now removed. Cllr Hull asked for the two bins at Bridge Green to be removed. Now removed. Tree on Bolton Road overhanging the streetlight. District Cllr Threlfall has asked Mr Hudson to trim. Cllr Harper asked about the tree problems/small growths on new trees at Northside. Green Frog replied that these are normal for Lime trees. Cllr Threlfall will ask if Ms Tweddle will do the Brass Band teas again and band booked for Feast. Cllr Hull reported that the hogweeds are back. Macplant to carry out a becksides cut. Cllr Threlfall reported that the wonky streetlight in front of the Havens is to be replaced with a new column. Thanks have been received about the new geraniums in the tubs from a resident and Abbey Care village.
- 12) Correspondence. NYCC – Stags Way & Blenheim Close carriageway repairs & Community Library survey. Carriageway repairs on website and Facebook page and cllrs to complete community library survey. Wardell Armstong – Scorton Quarry. Preliminary details about extension of time and details about restoration . In circulation. Resident – Parking High Row. Query about parking on village green at High Row. Clerk to reply (with same response as previous resident received). Resident – rumble strips replacement. Not yet replaced following recent work. Clerk reported to Highways and waiting for reply.
- Cllr Les reported that the traffic light sensor is now fixed and road near Great Langton has been resurfaced, all agreed that this road is better but inadequate/wrong diversion signs were placed on the Northallerton road during this work; Cllr Les will feed this back to the NYCC. Cllr Les also highlights that following last weeks referendum decision local councils are facing unclear times.

Meeting closed: 21.15

Date of next meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm