

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Newall, Partington & Rafelt, District & Parish Cllr Threlfall, County Cllr Les (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Robinson, PCSO Wallace
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25th January 2017. 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 was pleased to send small report for 20/01 – 20/2 period, and thanks residents for continuing to report.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Memorial Benches. Wooden bench is priced; relative has checked plaque details and clerk to place an order. The bench which is presently at Southside is to be moved to half way along Hospital Road to provide a place of rest for residents going to the shop/Drs Surgery. Also Cllr Harper suggests moving a bench to along Station Road to assist residents with mobility problems to access the GP surgery. Waiting for street furniture licence for the recycled plastic bench and then to place order. Millennium benches. A trial of sand blasting and applying solvent based preservative has been assessed by cllrs, all agreed that it looks great. This will have a cost of approx. £60/bench (14) and clerk to look for funding. Cllr Threlfall reports that after carrying out urgent repairs to the noticeboard at the shop, it has a limited life.
 - Table license for Westfields. Clerk to explore the possibility of getting funding for a recycled picnic table at that location.
 - Commons registration. Moving forward with deregistering front gardens.
 - Little White Bus. Cllr Harper noticed that the Wednesday bus to Northallerton wasn't coming into the village and Scorton wasn't on the timetable even though the bus turns at the Garage. Clerk has asked Mr Head if he can look into this and he thanked us and stated it was an oversight and will ask drivers to go around the green and has sent a notice for clerk to put in the noticeboard and on PC Facebook page.
 - Small play park – Blenheim Close. Clerk spoke to Taylor Wimpey legal team 22/2 and she is going to complete a full file report and trying to ascertain if there is a way of bypassing Priestgate solicitors in order to finally get the park handed over the PC.
- 7) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - NYCC (Scorton nameplates x 2) £50.14
 - I Threlfall (Wood and poly sheet for noticeboard repairs) £42.56
- 8) Planning items.
 - FPP to convert single storey extension into two storey extension including various internal alterations at Elmfield Hall, Station Road, Scorton. No objections.
Granted: FPP for single storey extension to south elevation at 3 Typhoon Close.
- 9) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall attended the YLCA Branch meeting. Guest speaker was Peter Featherstone who presented “Planning Decision making – what you need to know” this was most informative and clerk has emailed cllrs this handout and to attach handout to planning map for reference at meetings. The YLCA joint

executive board asked for recommendations of reducing board members to 22 which was carried forward. The Boundary Commission consultation was discussed and all PCs who attended the DC meeting were planning to promote active consultation but it was noted that attendance by PCs at that meeting was poor.

- 10) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 11) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. School reported that there is no streetlight outside school. Clerk emailed streetlighting team and they suggested that school should request. Cllr Harper reported a hole has developed again in the Sycamore tree island. District Cllr Threlfall will report. Cllr Hull reported that 1 Archers Green streetlight is flickering. Clerk reported. Cllr Threlfall reported Station Road streetlight had blown down in the high winds and has reported it to DC. Cllr Robinson reported a large amount of mole hills on Bridge Green. These will be flattened with the first grass cut.
- 12) Correspondence. NYCC – Public rights of way consultation. Cllr Harper summarises: the consultation which aims to categorise high usage footpaths and bridleways such as within national parks, important routes and national routes. Most of our footpaths come into Category “D” - rarely used. And any issues reported will use a risk assessment to evaluate whether it will be high risk and if low risk will be very low down the list. Consultation runs until 19/3 and PC happy to observe these footpaths but would like some back up from NYCC if correspondence to the landowner is required for repairs. Clerk to await further comments from Cllrs and then reply. Darlington Borough Council – Transfer of land adjacent to Clarence Road, Scorton. Cllrs Hull & Threlfall signed the documents and the land was originally gifted from Ms Cail and when the refurbishment is complete Cllr Harper suggests bringing back the title The Cail Park. The Pensions Regulator – Declaration of compliance. Now completed. Cllr Les arrives. Resident – Speeding and parking concerns. Letter highlights concerns about speeding around the green, the path on High Row being uneven and parking around the Westfields junction. Cllrs agreed to request an updated speed report from North Yorkshire Police, also report the poor parking around Westfields to PCSO Wallace, clerk to action. Clerk has reported the uneven footpath on High Row to Highways. Clerk to reply to the resident explaining the latest speed report within the village which showed little excessive speeds, and the actions which the PC will take in relation to the letter. Cllr Les reports that there are 6 speed camera vans and 6 more are planned to be purchased within North Yorkshire. The White Shops junction at Catterick Garrison will be completed in July & the Hackforth road bridge will now be closed for two weekends and this has been shortened from 20 days. NY Council Tax will be increased in total 3.9%, District Cllr Threlfall states that RDC will increase on average by 10p/week.

Meeting closed: 21:25

Date of next meeting: 29th March 2017 at 7.30pm