

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Thursday 29th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Newall, Rafelt, John Saddington (Savills), Helen Richardson & Derrick Hyman (Residents), District & Parish Cllr Threlfall & County Cllr Les

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Cole, Partington & Hull, PCSO Wallace.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 2nd November 2017. Cllr Threlfall would like adding in Declarations of Interest section that he made at the last meeting about decisions relating to planning "that any conclusions/decisions will be solely from documents produced at this PC meeting". Otherwise it was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Jonathan Saddington (Savills) will be attending to present information about a revised plan for the proposed development opposite Glebe Terrace. Cllr Harper reads out letter from Alan & Ruth Coates which they sent to Peter Featherstone about plans for the field opposite Glebe Terrace development which was cc'ed to the PC. John Saddington shows the revised plan, as they have reviewed the scheme following the consultation and comments from consultees and residents. The new scheme proposes 58 dwellings and more towards the B6271 and less towards the northern area. Footpaths and bridleways will have slight changes and improvements. There will be a small play park and the car park for Feast/Walks. Highways have requested a properly constructed roundabout. Properties will front the main road and will provide an accessibility plan re: footpaths, etc. There will a landscaped buffer to the Northern and Western edge, and the proposals are still work in progress and open to discussions. Cllr Rafelt asks why the application area is carried on to the North but legally required to keep the same area. Cllr Threlfall states that there is no indication about the use of the balance of the land and the 4 self build plots are very large and could fit more houses in that area or reduce size of plots. Also the car park doesn't allow for vehicular access to the field. Suggestions that the park could be nearer to the village and on the green belt and then the present park could be used as the 4 self build properties. JS proposes that the land to the west could be used for the Feast and agrees that the self build plots are large because self builders tend to build larger houses, and that the play area was designed to be away from the main road as the children may feel safer. Cllr Rafelt adds that play areas shouldn't be hidden away and segregated and that the car park is very secluded and could contribute to anti social behaviours taking place at that location. Cllr Newall asks if the football pitch is now off the table and JS replies that he open to suggestions. JS asks about the Rigg and Furrow nature of part of that field, JS replies that a geo physics study will be carried out in the next two weeks to discover the archaeology on that land. Cllr Threlfall asks about the Sulkie racing but JS heard that the sulkie racing is not going to continue at the Feast. Helen Richardson adds that the car park area isn't going to be utilised much if only used for the Feast but Cllr Threlfall adds that it will be for the walks too and essential for the future. Derrick Hyman asks if there will be another planning submission and JS will submit outline planning with the full planning submission to follow shortly after. JS adds that the balance of the land wouldn't be gifted to the village but would be available and at other times would continue to be used for grazing.
- 5) Planning.
 - FPP for replacement windows to ground floor flat from white Timber Georgian sliding sash to white UPVC Georgian sliding sash at Flat 17, Noble House, Howard Court. No objections.
 - Outline application for a single storey self build construction at Old Waste Water Treatment Works, Blenheim Close. Email received from Helen Richardson which was read. Scorton Parish Council do not support this application as the application area is beyond/and not adjacent to the village development line. Also Councillors have expressed concerns that the outline plans show that the site would be directly next to the sewage works. The recreation area which lies to the west of the application site belongs to the Parish Council and is now registered Village Green (VG237) and as such Cllrs feel that its present open aspect is an asset.
- 6) Matters raised by members of the public. No concerns raised.

- 7) Crime report. No report sent this month, however PC Wood sent information about a property marking machine being available and Cllrs suggested maybe Spring would be a good time (? 19th May) and also invite CAB outreach, E library, Lifeline reps, etc as an information giving event.
- 8) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Michael Heseltine memorial. To flag the area 2.4 x 2.4 from the footpath will be £275.00. Cllr Les will support the project with use of the Locality Funding, happy to give £400. Clerk to apply for this funding and obtain a street furniture licence. Details of plaque to be discussed at future meeting.
 - Small play park. Gina Dowson (Taylor Wimpey) will meet with Clerk at the site to see if a resolution can be found.
 - Scorton & District Times. Cllrs suggested a Christmas dot to dot/colouring competition for the children to enter. Clerk to complete.

9) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- V Raven (Wages October, November, December) £967.10
- Citizens Advice Bureau (Donation) £120.00

Precept decision for 2018/19. Forecast read and discussed, and it was resolved to include no increase this year and clerk to forward the request at £14500

- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. None attended this month.
- 11) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. None.
- 13) Correspondence. Local Government Boundary Commission – draft recommendations consultation. The Boundary Commission are proposing 3 cllrs to share the area of Catterick, Brompton on Swale and Scorton. Councillors have serious concerns about representation in 3 member wards and being appropriately served by all three District Cllrs and especially as it is a rural area. Brompton on Swale and Scorton have strong links: primary road linking, Drs Surgery within the same catchment area, beneficial primary school links. Uckerby, Scorton Station, Ellerton and Bolton on Swale are our close neighbours and we also have strong community links with these villages and hamlets, and they are members within our parochial boundary and integral to our community cohesion. In relation to Catterick village Cllrs felt that there are few links, and the Swale provides a natural boundary from Scorton & Brompton on Swale. NYCC – Completion of village green registration of Jubilee Green, Street lighting improvements, Parish Portal, confirmation of public path diversion, urban grass cutting. Jubilee Green is now registered VG237; improvements are to be made to NYCC street lights to make them more energy efficient. Cllrs expressed that our conservation lights were already eco friendly. Parish Portal comments requested. Clerk states that system is very useful and can be accurate about the exact location which must help Highways, however the reporting system back to PCs needs work as not yet available to print out what is happening with each issue within the Portal. Clerk to reply. Urban grass cutting – next year the payment will be £993.26, Cllrs happy to continue cutting the urban grass. Hambleton Community Action – Audit offer. This would be approx £80 but cllrs happy with present system. Smaller Authorities’ Audit Appointment – notification for external auditor 2017/18. This will be Pkf Littlejohn again. The Pensions Regulator – Increase in pension contributions. Citizens Advice – Information and donation request. Cllrs resolved to donate £120.
Cllr Les reports that the White Shops junction is almost complete. Fort Bridge completed and the junction onto the new road may have a roundabout in the future. Also at the Catterick Bridge junction Cllr Les has questioned if this junction passes road safety inspections, and does. However Cllr Threlfall felt that large vehicles turning out from Catterick village could cause potential accidents. Cllr Les has requested that the signage relating to the new A1 be revisited.
Cllr Threlfall reports that Cllrs Scorton.com emails are available.

Meeting closed: 21.45

Date of next meeting: 31st January at 7.30pm