

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Harper, Calvert, Richardson, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Members of the Public x 13, County Cllr Les, PCSO Brown (later)

Resignation of two Parish Councillors. Cllr Mark Aston gives his formal resignation and adds that it has been an honor to serve with everyone on the PC over the last 2 plus years, and happy to assist the PC for the good and benefit of the village. Cllr Helen-Maddison Potts gives her resignation and wishes to thank all on the PC for making her feel so welcome and supported over the past 2 ½ years. Clerk to write letters of thanks and start the co-option process.

- 1) Apologies. District Cllr Rowe, PCSO Brown may attend later
- 2) Declarations of interest. None received.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 27th July. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. PCSOs Mattison & Wilkinson are leaving the team to become Police Officers. PCSO Elliot Brown will take over. He has forwarded a new design crime report for August, 6 crimes for Brompton on Swale & Scorton, there is little detail due to confidentiality but Cllrs felt there was an improvement. Also, more detailed feedback from the YLCA Crime Commissioner meeting: One question was relating to the Crime reports and participation at meetings, NYP is committed to working with communities and aim to listen and understand their concerns. It was highlighted that crime statistics should not include details of crimes as that could allow a specific victim to be identified. The second question was about the Travellers and when the new Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Act 2022 will be implemented. The new legislation came into effect on 28th June 2022 and this strengthens the Polices powers to tackle those unauthorised encampments which cause damage, disruption or distress. NYP will utilise powers that are available in a proportional and reasonable way to safeguard the rights of all, or may be appropriate to use s61 Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994. For more information, please see guidance on the Government website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/unauthorised-encampments-guidance-for-police/unauthorised-encampments-a-summary-of-available-powers-accessible-version>
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. Tancred Waterside proposal. Cllr Rafelt confirms the PC stance: we need to give the right response at the right time and there is no planning application currently. He reads the letter from The Rural Estate Management Service Ltd, to Saddington Taylor, this highlights the brief consultation period and adds that the letter is a holding statement and would like to contribute more following the return of the Wildlife & Ecology Director. Mr Coe explains a brief history of his role at the quarry, explains that the 5 year aftercare plan will start at the end of 2022, followed by a 25 year restoration management period. This restoration started in 2007, is of high quality and carried out with community engagement and support. One of the key factors was a way to balance nature conservation with public access. The water regime proposed will destroy ecological habitats and the access is highly unsuitable. Cllrs were heartened by the support from Mr Coe. A MOP asks if this letter could be circulated with the minutes, we would need to ask permission first. An email had been received from a member of the public regarding the development, also a request about placing a “Save our Scorton” banner on Bridge Green bridge. Brompton PC sent an email and agree that a local beauty spot would be destroyed should the proposal go ahead. Brough St Giles had their meeting cancelled in September due to the mourning period, and Catterick village holds their meeting soon. District Cllr will inform these villages about this proposal, he also adds that the new footpaths will be opened up very soon. A MOP asks what the PCs view on the proposal is, Cllr Rafelt confirms that the PC would not support in its current form. A MOP suggests that residents are better prepared if we all work together, another suggests that we should wait until planning in and the proposal further on. A MOP has been to Moulton PC to inform them at their PC meeting.

- 6) Updates from County/District Councillors. District Cllr Threlfall reports that some council work and meetings had been delayed due to the mourning period of Elizabeth II. RDC are linking in with NYCC and aims to provide a smooth transfer to the Unitary Council. Richmond swimming pool, work continues. An electric pool car has been purchased for staff use. Central Area Partnership meeting rescheduled to 19th October in SWMI. County Cllr Les reports that the devolution deal has been signed and hoping for a seamless transfer to Unitary, presently working on the structure of the management team. Let's talk consultation due to be launched soon. Cllr Les is working towards a solution re: the grass triangles at Cleveland/Clarence Road, he will get back to us when he hears anything. MOP feels this will never happen due to the placement of the telegraph poles, and further questions why Southside hasn't got a sign as many do park on the grass there. Cllr Rafalt explains that the signs "Please do not park on the village grass" signs relate to the whole village, but obviously the PC cannot put up signs on every piece of grass within the village. After much debate it was decided that the signs would be best placed on the triangles on the village green, as they are clearly seen from every entrance to the village. MOP adds that Flywheel Street parking is also problematic, and why is there no sign there. Cllr Rafalt reiterates the above. Cllr Threlfall adds that the signs are a request for thoughtful parking as common courtesy. A member of public adds that people feel that they can park in all the grassed areas without a sign. Cllr Richardson clarifies that there has to be a limited number of signs and apply to the whole village. Cllr Calvert adds that everyone in the village would like to see more considerate parking. PCSO Brown joins the meeting, and is taking over the Richmond Rural area of 29 parishes. September's crime report was down to 3 crimes for our area, and he encourages all to report any criminal damage and suspicious activity. The numbers of poaching have increased. Cllr Rafalt asks about the recent pavement obstructions reported to PCSO Brown, he states that people can be prosecuted if causing an obstruction, he would use engagement and education initially. Clerk to ask for further advice from traffic wardens. MOP asks PCSO Brown about recent sheep attacks and is communicating with the NYP about these incidents.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Encroachment feedback. Clerk spoke with Jayne Applegarth from NYCC Commons registration, and she suggested that as the land is owned by the properties, she could see no reason for continuing to collect these encroachments. Clerk to write to properties this concerns. Allotment update. Funding applied for from RDC Community Investment funding & National Lottery funding, should hear by end of October. Jubilee village photo. Cllrs happy with the photograph, clerk to organise printing and framing for ante room.
- 8) Accounts. Balance 28/9/22 = £34,505.75
- Incoming:
- HMRC (VAT payment 2021/22) £8079.47
 - Murphy's Fair (Ground rent) £300.00
- Outgoing:
- NYCC (S&D Times) £38.00
 - Scorton Feast & Sports (Brass band fee) £150.00
 - CAB (Donation) £300.00
 - Mac Plant (Fixing signs & tidy large stones in beck) £648.00
 - Plus Net (Broadband) £72.14
 - V Raven (Wages April, May, June & Brass band teas) £1453.36
 - PKF Littlejohn (External audit) £360.00
 - Len Porter (Fencing Cemetery) £3546.00
 - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £15.00
- Completion of the limited assurance review for year ending 31/3/22. Clerk to publish notice on website and noticeboard.
- 9) Planning matters
- i) Outline application with some matters reserved for residential development for up to 38 units at Bolton Road. Replied with original comments.
 - ii) Certificate of Lawfulness proposed for single storey rear extension with fully glazed roof and large bi-folding doors at Hengistbury, Bolton Road. No objections.

iii) FPP to replace double glazed wood doors with UPVC sliding sash, replace wooden back door with UPVC door and replace front door with composite door at 7 Wilson House, Howard Court. No objections.

- 10) Walkabout date. Saturday 24th September at 10am Cllrs Rafelt, Calvert, Threlfall, Richardson & clerk attended 24/9. Southside, dead beech tree. It was suggested that this could be a good spot for a Queen Elizabeth II memorial tree, it was resolved to get prices for a good-sized oak tree and use the guard from Bridge Green. Abbey care signs, clerk to ask Abbey Care to remove the 2019 sign. Hospital Road, Cllrs suggested that some evergreen shrubs planted directly in the verge would be an appropriate replacement for the planters. Cllr Harper & Threlfall will research and feedback. A MOP asked if anything could be done about the parking on the snicket side of The Havens, as no sign there. Hospital Road was highlighted as a problem area for parking, as well as other areas around the village. Bridge Green. The circular bench area is stable but with cracks, Cllr Calvert will fill this, also he will prune the weeping willow. Spreading maple, clerk to discuss with contractors as area is being missed when grass cutting. Working party needed for this area, as walnut tree needs removing, tree on the Bridge Green road needs bottom branches removing, footpath needs trimming and some pruning work. Mollie Cail park. Trees were discussed in relation to the Communitree project, 6 silver birch trees were suggested along the fence line. Clerk to apply to RDC. Contractors to cut the hedge. Paint the gate. Clarence/Cleveland Road. Footpath breaking up and kerbs weedy. Stags Way. Pavement breaking up near to water meter outside Wilson House. Clerk to report to Yorkshire Water. High Row has a similar problem. Westfields. Dip in paving in the road next to no 4 and near drain. Clerk to contact Highways. Archers Green. Kerbside weedy. Cllrs felt that the whole village was weedy on the kerbsides this year. Cllr Les will contact Highways. Bolton Road. Bin next to plastic bench, as discussed at our last meeting. Clerk to enquire with RDC. Solar light, clerk to discuss with the contractors but may need position altering. Cemetery – see Annual meeting. Glebe Meadows. Cllrs discussed the possibility of the PC taking over the public land on the whole of the estate. Clerk to re-agenda. Street name signs have a limited life, District Cllr Threlfall will forward this with DC. Typhoon park, Cllrs resolved to ask DC if we could take over this park. Jubilee Green. New nets needed for the football posts. Clerk to order, Cllrs happy to pay around £80. Some new hedging needed in areas without any shrubs, Clerk to apply to Communitree for this. New hedging needs weeding, grass seed to edges and some pruning generally. Conservation style lampposts need painting, Clerk to contact RDC with post numbers.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.
- 12) Safety review. Jubilee Green, some branches too low near equipment. Working party to carry out this work in the Autumn. Mollie Cail, the twirly pole bearing is starting to wear. Clerk to discuss with Streetscape.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. A resident reports a pot hole near to the Garage entrance. Clerk reported to Highways, also blocked drains at Clarence Road near the park entrance. Clerk has reported twice. Cllr Threlfall reported damage to the green wall during the Feast. A volunteer is repairing this. Bollard at the bus shelter island is unlit. Clerk reported. There are some website problems when using phones and some items not useable on mobile devices.
- 14) Correspondence. NYCC – Webinar (5th October 5pm – 6.30pm) & “Let’s talk” engagement following soon. RDC – CAP Area Partnership meeting (19th October) & Communitree funding. Latimer Hinks – Jubilee Green (small area). Deed of variation & deed of covenant to sign and return. Letter & Email from residents. Letter about the RDC CAP funding and suggestion that it should be used for an individual, this funding is for local groups and organisations. Best Kept Village competition. Bellerby won, with Moulton 2nd. CAB – information & donation request. It was resolved to donate £300.00, due to the likely increase in their work (Cost of Living Crisis) and also no donation has been given since 2019. YLCA Branch meeting – 27th October.
- 15) Date of next meeting – 26th October
- 16) Meeting closed: 21.20