

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Calvert, Richardson, Bell & Harper, North Yorkshire Cllr Les, Members of the Public x 5

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Rafelt. Vice Chair Cllr Threlfall will Chair this meeting.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 24th May. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. A MOP raised school parking problems, with a bus having to pull onto the opposite side of the road to let children alight, and generally the parking is poor with people turning in gateways and double parking. She adds that some residents park their own cars in the layby thus taking up valuable spaces for parents to use, and suggests that maybe this could be solely for school use between certain times. MOP also suggests the use of double yellow lines to stop the dangerous parking, another suggests graduated start and finish times to help alleviate the issue. Cllr Richardson further adds that parking at the entrance to Blenheim Close is also a problem around school drop off and pick up times, some are parking dangerously and blocking access into Glebe Meadows. Cllrs discussed parking around the school and parking restrictions, they felt that the best course of action would be for Cllr Les to discuss with school to try and resolve. A MOP states that the lake to the rear of Bolton Road is an eyesore, Cllr Threlfall explains that the PC had an initial meeting with Tarmac yesterday to discuss the future communication between Tarmac and the village. It was resolved that Tarmac will attend our monthly meetings or send a report if little to discuss, additionally an annual meeting will be held in April. MOP raises a concern about the new garage business and has worries about the shops business being impacted. The Post Office may suffer and thus this would impact on the community. Shop now opens on Sunday; Cllr Calvert & MOP adds that the shop has support from the village. Cllr Threlfall states that if any planning applications/change of use application are put forward, then we will take his comments into consideration. MOP adds concerns about the overground tanks. Cllr Les declares an interest from previous working partnerships.
- 5) Crime Report. Small report received for Scorton, plus article about how to make your garden safe. Cllr Threlfall queries the wording about fencing, clerk to discuss with PCSO Brown and then put on PC Facebook page.
- 6) Updates from County Councillor & SOS group. North Yorkshire Cllr Les reports that the new council is now 100 days in, contact centres have been invested in. Transition work due to begin, this starts with properties under the ownership of the council.
SOS group. The Tarmac walk was very successful with approx. 35-40 attending. Members of the group are meeting with other local PCs and a new leaflet has been produced (this was passed round Cllrs). The liaison meeting has been discussed in item 4, and Tarmac remain happy to support small projects within the village.
Update from Alan Coe (REMS). As requested a bin has been placed in the South car park and also near Scorton Water (lake near to garage). Finishing off work to remove all signage with reference to the quarry. He asks for feedback about where would be the best location for some rest areas. Negative feedback on Facebook is unhelpful and please can residents use email or phone for their feedback about the lakes, feedback is welcomed. Footpaths will be cut very soon. A new information board (with map) will be placed on Banks Lane and the interpretation boards for the area are work in progress.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Feedback about Christmas lights. Initial verbal quote of £6500 for overground lighting for the 4 trees on Southside, and £7500 for underground supply. Bus shelter repairs/painting. End of July discussed as a potential time for the repainting of the outside, and then review the inside early Autumn.
- 8) Accounts. Balance 05/07/2023 £20,884.57
Incoming:
 - Cemetery payment £110.00
 - Northern Powergrid (Wayleave payment) £26.45

Outgoing:

- PlusNet (Broadband) £36.19
- Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50
- V Raven (Wages June) £511.33
- M Goldie (Internal audit) £100.00
- Zurich (Insurance) £880.86
- Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £18.00

Internal audit – Tree from Brompton PC, query about VAT and whether they claimed full amount. Clerk to confirm. Incoming cash, clerk has spoken to bank and this can be paid into a Royal Bank of Scotland bank.

9) Planning matters

- FPP for extension to north elevation porch to west elevation. The Bungalow, Clarence House. No objections.

10) Walkabout feedback. Cllrs Richardson, Threlfall, Bell & Harper attended the Walkabout. It was found that the kerbsides were weedy throughout the village, and to look into a programme for replacing litter bins. Hospital Road, the footpath drain needs clearing, reported to Highways and to plant on Hospital side of Hospital Road, map completed for Highways. Cleveland Road, grass triangles (the one nearest to the snicket very poor condition), pot holes in the bottom corner, reported to Highways. Mollie Cail park, wood part of embankment slide would benefit from moss treatment. Clerk to enquire about changing the sign to new PC number. Bridge Green, pot holes in access road near to road, wire needs removing near to the wooden bridge. Wooden Bridge, this needs replacing. Initial enquiries suggest that a bridge in kit form would cost around £4000 - £4500, slightly wider bridge 800mm with extra for removal and supply of equipment to remove. Clerk provided mid-year forecast, will leave around £5000 at year end without any funding. Cllr Les asks if the Locality funds could help and offers £3000 towards this project and £1000 towards other small projects in the village. Other quotes to be sought for August meeting. This would be best completed in September, if possible, while the ground can still take heavy machinery. A hogweed needs spraying in the bottom corner, clerk to action. Flywheel Street, some potholes near the green. Northside, kerbstones need fixing. Westfields, road is sinking near to drains x 2, reported to Highways, bench in grassed area needs attention. High Row, bollards would benefit from painting. Typhoon, remove old bench, need a sign. Jubilee Green, signs need the new phone number, weed new hedge – Autumn, bushes for bald patch near fence. Blenheim Close, briars overhanging. Cemetery, old noticeboard remove, weedkiller around new fencing, paint circular bench. Glebe Terrace, footpath drain blocked, reported to Highways. Email to Cllr Les for his input.

11) Feast Brass Band welcomers & teas. Osmotherley Coronation Silver Band, PC to pay 50% £125.00. Tea required, Cllr Richardson and clerk.

12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. YLCA Branch meeting attended by Clerk & Cllr Threlfall. Cllr Threlfall was elected as Chairman. New NYC Code of Conduct discussed and questions raised about why we should adopt the NYC version. YLCA will push forward with getting Yorkshire Water as a statutory consultee for planning items.

13) Safety review. No new issues. Climbing hut sides quote in, £1000 it was resolved to replace, the talk tube mouth pieces will be replaced then.

14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Travellers clean up x 2. MOP reports bees on Jubilee Green. Bee expert attended and no issues to safety found, flight path high. He suggested that the bees could be disturbed by the grass cutting machinery and clerk contacted the contractor to make them aware. Notice put on tree and on PC Facebook page. Cllr Bell reports hogweed growth at the Packhorse bridge, clerk informed Environment Agency. Cllr Bell reports traffic travelling fast along Hospital Road. VAS currently at that location and data will be downloaded when relocating. Community Speed Watch co-ordinator contacted, they share the equipment and waiting for its return. Cllr Bell reports damage to Bridge Green wooden bridge, bricks removed. Cllr Threlfall, Bell & Calvert made safe.

15) Correspondence. YLCA – D-Day 80 2024. Felt too early, clerk to reagenda in the New Year. Reply from MOP re: Travellers, she thanks for the clarification and agrees that PC have done what they are able to do.

16) Date of next meeting – 16th August

Meeting closed: 20.54