

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 30th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Hull, Rafelt & Robinson, County Cllr Les, Cllrs Allan & Threlfall (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Harper & Partington, PCSO Wallace, Cllrs Allan & Threlfall will be late.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 24th February 2016. 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 sent a small report for 24/2 – 29/3, and thanks residents for continuing to report as this helps the Police detect and prevent crime.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Website/Quality Council. Cllr Allan arrives. Up to date apart from a further programme which needs installing within the Parish Council section to allow the uploading of documents in order to conform to the Transparency Code, the website designer is actioning. Feast Committee are looking at adding information onto the website. Clerk discusses the Quality Council scheme and checks if cllrs remain keen to continue with this, information has been forwarded to cllrs. Cllrs had a discussion about the pros and cons of this award and it was resolved to apply for the Foundation level award.
 - School noticeboard. Greenbarnes quote for lockable aluminium noticeboard with posts £1136.47 including VAT and delivery but not installation. Cllr Threlfall offered to make up a noticeboard with sliding doors (as Blenheim Close) £620 including VAT for materials. Third quote unobtainable as aluminium noticeboards with sliding doors not available from noticeboard suppliers. It was resolved to accept the £620 quote. Clerk to claim Central Area Partnership grant as soon as invoices received.
 - Registering Jubilee Green/small play park Blenheim Close. Clerk has started the application for registering Jubilee Green as village green, however when looking at the area to be registered clerk wanted to ask if the area should include the small park which leads onto Blenheim Close, which the PC has been waiting to take over for some time. Clerk has spoken with the legal team at Taylor Wimpey and still no movement from the Priestgate solicitors – she will continue to chase. Clerk to ascertain if we can register land owned by another party as cllrs would like that small park registered with Jubilee Green.
 - Standing orders. Forwarded to cllrs for comments and to agenda next month.
 - Emergency packs. Cllr Robinson explains that the packs cannot be held by the PC as need to be issued and forms need to be completed for each pack. Cllr Robinson has helped some residents complete forms and obtain a pack.
 - Defibrillator. This has now been moved to outside the Institute next to the entrance.
 - Queens 90th Birthday beacon lighting. On Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm and posters to be placed on noticeboards, already on website.
 - Sites of architectural interest. Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust replied with more information; they considering setting up a small grant fund and also looking for a major project to be used as a community asset.
- 7) Accounts.
 - Incoming: –
 - Royal Botanic Gardens (Grow Wild fund) £1000.00
 - Briarside, The Kennels, St Edwards Cottage, Ancient House (Encroachments) £4.00
 - Expenditure: -
 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - Atkinson (Flood snakes 2 boxes) £240.00
 - V Raven (Wages Jan, Feb, Mar & annual postages/stationary) £1008.61
 - LCR subscription (Annual subscription) £17.00
 - YLCA (Annual membership) £284.00
 - NYCC (S&D Times) £36.00

Grass cutting tenders for 2016/17. Farm & Land Services, Knaresborough £280.00 +VAT, Mac Plant £250.00 + VAT. It was resolved to accept Mac Plant for 2016/17 and to commence asap.

- 8) Planning items.
 - FPP for single storey extension to replace existing outbuilding at Lodge Cottage, Flywheel Street. No objections.
- 9) Michael Sydall Foundation representative. One interested person and waiting for her to confirm following further information recently given.
- 10) Position of Wildflowers for Bridge Green – Grow Wild funding. Cllr Robinson discussed project with Angela Heywood whose original idea was for her side of the beck (she consulted with those residents) and that area around 200m2 and then daffodils planting the other side of the beck. Grant application has asked for wildflowers both sides of the beck as discussed at the November meeting. More work needs to be completed re: position and consulting with residents the other side of the beck. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Harper to further. Cllr Hull reports that the daffodils in front of The Havens have deteriorated and not many flowers coming through and may need replacing. Clerk to agenda July.
- 11) Discussion about new equipment for Clarence Road park. Meeting with Gary Hudson, Cllrs Hull & Threlfall & clerk earlier today and Gary will treat and remove the moss and was positive towards replacing the fence and will compare prices for replacing with similar style to present fence/stronger section type fence, he will keep us updated. Cllr Threlfall arrives. Cllrs looked at original plans plus two others following consultation at Bolton school with the School Council who made some suggestions about their preferences. Cllr Threlfall feels we should wait for any further action until the park has been transferred to the PC. It was resolved to wait for further information from RDC.
- 12) Discussion about developing a Parish Council Facebook Page. Cllr Allan suggests developing a closed group PC Facebook page where information can only be put on by an administrator. Cllr Allan states that this is like an online noticeboard, and acts as a reminder as pops up if registered to page. Anyone can see information but no-one can post independently and would have to go through the administrator. Cllr Threlfall feels we would be duplicating information from the website. Clerk to agenda in April and Cllr Allan will set up a secret PC group for cllrs to look at.
- 13) Discussion about replacing Scorton sign to east of village. Clerk to order a sign from Highways, cost under £30. Cllr Rafelt offers to fix to mill stone.
- 14) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllr Robinson reports that the recent Scorton Buddies Ukulele band event was a huge success.
- 15) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 16) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Lit bollard is down at Rectory Corner. Clerk has reported. Resident reported the solar lighting to the road sign on the bridge is not working. Clerk has reported. Benches are due to go out again and have not been treated this year and may need some extra work next year. Cllr Allan suggested using the Tesco Bags of Help grant, may use as part of the Clarence park refurbishment project. Cllr Hull reported that the sewers are not working well on Clarence/Cleveland Road area and Yorkshire Water is working towards resolving the problem and the streetlight is not working at The Havens. Clerk reported.
- 17) Correspondence. NYCC – Changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres and changes No 55 bus service. HWRC's are reducing their working hours and reductions to No 55 service will commence on 10/4/16. RDC – Settlement Development assessment. Cllrs felt this was a thorough document. Clerk to reply. Rotary Club – Best Kept Village competition. Cllrs would like to enter this year. Clerk to reply. Resident – Possible relocation of one of the Banks Lane dog bins. Cllrs didn't want to remove a bin on Banks Lane as there was a previous problem of the bin overflowing and this may recur if one bin was moved to another area. May look at siting another bin on Richmond road. District Cllr Threlfall will further with DC and clerk to reply to resident. Resident – query about access/encroachments relating to Southside house purchase. Clerk replied. NYCC – carriageway patching works at Uckerby commencing 18/4, also new streetlighting columns at Beaufighter and Typhoon Close. Vodaphone are holding a meeting 4/4 at 1pm to discuss the success of the recent Vodaphone grant to improve mobile signal within the village.

Meeting closed: 9.50pm

Date of next meeting: 27th April 2016 at 7.30pm