

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 29th July 2020 at Manor House Green at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Rafelt, Newall, Aston, Harper, Hull & Maddison-Potts, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, DC Rowe

1. Apologies for absence: Bolton on Swale School Representative, County Cllr Les
2. Election of Officers. Cllr Rafelt elected as Chairman, Cllr Harper elected as Vice Chairman, Cllr Threlfall elected as Treasurer.
3. Approval of AGM minutes dated 15th May 2019: It was resolved to accept these minutes as a true record.
4. Chairman's report. Cllr Rafelt welcomes all to our al-fresco meeting! He highlights that it has been both an unusual and quiet year; 2018-19 had a lot of activity and it was always understood that the following period would be a bit quieter. A few things are worth mentioning which have been completed this year: The pavement down to Bolton was repaired - thanks to Cllr Les for the Locality funding. The RAF bench by the wind-sock, we were successful with Tesco Bags of Help & RDC Central Area Partnership funding and looking forward to seeing that in the flesh. The Scorton village sign on the Bolton road approach was rebuilt by a parishioner who very kindly asked for no payment, thank you. Repairs to the wooden bridge on Bridge Green which Cllr Threlfall and myself did some work on last summer. Finally the renewed sign by the wind-sock now looks great. We welcome Helen Maddison-Potts as a Cllr, after Kate Cole left. The one thing that was a constant feature of last year was dealing with the fallout from the Travellers passing through on their way to Appleby; strangely all the concern for 2020's event was unnecessary, however, we must remain mindful that this is of upmost importance to the community and ensure we are prepared for next spring. So, a quiet year, but I think we can be pleased that we dealt with residents correspondence in a timely and appropriate manner and we dealt with any planning issues seriously; we are here to represent the parishioners so these are important. One final thought - Vicki; a parish council is only as strong as it's Clerk, thank you for all you do, and thank you for supporting me through my first year as Chairman.
5. Financial report & Adoption of the accounts for year ending 31st March 2020: It was reported that the combined balances at 31.3.20 were £11718.63
The Bank reconciliation and year's accounts were distributed to all councillors, and it was resolved to adopt the year's accounts.
Summary of Accounts for 2019/2020

Income	Outgoing
Grants (footpath to Bolton, RAF Bench) 3500	General maintenance 3500
Precept 15000	Projects 1500
VAT refund 1300	Grass cutting 6000
Urban grasscutting 1000	Wages & admin 6000
	Insurance 900
	Broadband 500
	Donations 1200
6. Parish Council documents annual review. To be re agendaed in September.

7. Bolton on Swale School Governors' report. During the last year the children of St. Mary's Primary School have continued to enjoy a wide variety of curricular and non-curricular activities. Following national lockdown for the COVID 19 pandemic much of this education became virtual. The school never closed during this time and remained open continuously working in close partnership with the local community to ensure the needs of our Key Worker and vulnerable children were met. Various school trips attended across all year groups, wide variety of after school clubs were enjoyed. Continued links with Parish Worship team. An Ofsted inspection was carried out on 20th November and the school was delighted with "Good". Looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school in September.
8. Trustee Michael Sydall Representatives' report. Cllr Les emailed a report. Trustees have temporarily suspended meetings as there is nothing urgent to discuss; we will continue to make our annual payments to the Michael Sydall School for swimming, insurance and classroom support. Our present representative has asked if someone else would continue the role, Cllr Threlfall volunteered. Clerk to inform the secretary.
9. Parish Council Representatives for YLCA x 2, Scorton War Memorial Institute Committee & Tarmac liaison meeting. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall elected for YLCA reps, SWMI – Cllr Harper, Tarmac Liaison – Cllr Harper.
10. Matters raised by members of the public. Cllr Aston suggests a get together in the SWMI, when the pandemic allows; maybe involving the history of Scorton, with people bringing along interesting historic items found locally. Cllr Threlfall would like to acknowledge the amazing voluntary work during the COVID19 pandemic.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm