

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Newall & Cole, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, five members of the public

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Harper & Hull, County Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest in accounts relating to the SWMI donation. Cllr Threlfall adds that he is dual hatted as Parish Councillor and also representative of the District Council Planning Committee, and as such any conclusions/decisions will be solely from documents produced at this PC meeting. Cllr Newall declares that she is the Treasurer of Scorton Buddies and declares an interest in the item of correspondence relating.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 28th November 2018. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. Cllr Rafelt asks if any MOP want to discuss anything other than planning. Bridge Green was brought up. A MOP felt that the beck needs clearing out, as rubble from the bridge collapse is still in the beck but past the girder footbridge, plus the weeds which are growing in the beck are disturbing the flow. The willows look a mess and need to be pruned. Moles remain a problem. This MOP also asks if anything is being done with the wildflowers this year, explained that we had removed docks, nettles, etc from the area and re-seeded with an annual seed. Giant Hogweeds still prevalent, and Cllr Threlfall explains that we will be strimming the beck every cut to keep them down. Cllr Threlfall to meet with this MOP to discuss further.
- 5) Crime report. PC Wood has sent a report for October and very little for Scorton area. Has forwarded dates for the Mobile Police Office and clerk to ask CAB if they could bring their bus along for one of the dates. A MOP would like to see Bobbies on the Beat more often and advised to call along to one of the Mobile Police Office dates.
- 6) Planning items
 - Full Planning Permission to Remove Existing Utility Study Room and Replace with Single Storey Side Extension to Incorporate First Floor Attic Room with Dormer to Rear at 8 The Archers Green. No objections under delegated authority.
 - Outline Application for Residential Development of up to 40 Dwellings at Land off Bolton Road. Cllr Threlfall gives some history about the recent larger planning applications received and as such Scorton has fulfilled the target proposed within the current Local Plan. MOP – concerns about services/infrastructure being overwhelmed, parking around the school is already problematic, and some provision has been included but this will not alleviate the issue; this MOP adds that she mentioned this at the consultation event and the developer suggested that double yellow lines may be the solution. Another MOP felt enough housing developments had already been granted and was disappointed about the development opposite Glebe Terrace. Following further discussions Councillors resolved to object to this proposal with the following concerns: The proposed development area is not within or adjacent to the current building line of the village. The housing targets within the current Local Plan have been reached with the granted proposed developments in Scorton. The physical rural gap between Scorton and Bolton on Swale would be encroached upon. The access and egress for the proposed development is unsuitable for that stretch of road. Parking is already problematic in that area at school pick up and drop off times. The area floods regularly. The current proposed developments will bring the infrastructure to its capacity. Clerk to reply.
 - Full Planning Permission for Construction of Timber Garden Room and Removal of Timber Fence and Erection of new 1.5m Timber Fence at Bay Tree House, 3 Manor Court, Scorton. No objections.
- 7) Granted: Notice of intention to remove 1 cherry tree and carry out pruning works to 4 lime trees. Southside, Scorton, FPP to Remove Existing Utility Study Room and Replace with Single Storey Side Extension to Incorporate First Floor Attic Room with Dormer to Rear at 8 The Archers Green.
- 8) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Sycamore tree – Bolton Road. Clerk and Cllrs Harper, Threlfall & Hull met with Highways to discuss. Mr Barker stated that he had concerns about the proposed sculpture diverting drivers' attention, however

PC explained about the proposed roundabout and pedestrian refuge for the development opposite Glebe Terrace and also that the Garrison has some items of sculpture actually within the Highways. He will contact us after discussing with the relevant Officers.

- Tesco Bags of Help successful application. Voting will take place for the 'Black Widow' memorial bench to commemorate the RAF centenary during March and April. Clerk to notify residents via the Scorton & District Times, website and Facebook page.
- Recycling bins. MOP mentioned that there were problems on Bridge Green due to the wind blowing recycling around. Clerk to put information about nets in Scorton & District Times about where to obtain nets to help alleviate this problem.

9) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £84.00
- R Harper (Round seat for Bridge Green) £250.00
- Cardiac Science (Electrodes for defib) £49.14
- Scorton Buddies (Donation) £200.00

Estimate for new gatepost at cemetery – Len Porter Fencing £150.00. Resolved to accept this estimate and carry out works.

Quarterly balance at 31/12/18: £7620.89

Donation to SWMI: Cllr Threlfall declares an interest. Clerk informs of previous donations and it was resolved to give £800 this year. Cllr Threlfall thanks on behalf of the SWMI Committee and highlights that this helps to gain funding and keeps hire prices down for residents.

- 10) Items for next edition of Scorton & District Times. Mobile Police Office dates, PC elections (Cllr Hull), Recycling bins and net covers, Black Widow bench – Tesco Bags of help, WI programme, Scorton Buddies, Community Speed Watch, Gig on the Green (dates), info re: Cherry Tree removal (Cllr Harper), Bolton school
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. District Cllr Threlfall attended both Catterick & Brompton PC meetings, and raised the Vehicle activated signs and asked if they were willing to purchase jointly. Brompton were interested and Catterick may be. Cllr Les working with CC procurement to obtain best options and will forward when available.
- 12) Safety review. No issues have been reported.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Harper reported the streetlight out at the entrance to the Grammar School, reported and resolved, also the dog bin at the Walks car park was overflowing, reported and resolved. MOP reported that the cemetery bin was overflowing, reported and resolved. Cllr Hull reported the metal ring was coming away from a planter on Hospital Road, resolved. Cllr Threlfall adds that Jubilee Green tarmac area needs power washing in the spring. Cherry tree replacement to be re-argended in the autumn.
- 14) Correspondence. NYCC – Urban grasscutting. Price remains £993.26 and resolved to continue providing this service, clerk to inform. Mac Plant – closure of grasscutting operations. Clerk has put an advert in Richmondshire Today for tenders, agenda in February. Little White Bus – future of the service and funding request. Discussion follows, Cllr Threlfall stated that the destinations could be reviewed to encourage more use, and Cllr Newall added that NYCC are currently out to tender for all bus services and this may alter services. It was resolved to promise £500, provided that the service had received enough donations for it to continue in the 19/20 financial year. Scorton Buddies – Assistance with funding request. All Cllrs agreed that this is such a popular and valuable service and resolved to donate £200 towards 19/20 insurance cover. Help for Heroes Open Day, 22/6/19 asking for support. Clerk to reply asking for posters nearer the time. YLCA Branch meeting & VAS signs advice. Meeting date 21/2 and VAS signs would only be able to be purchased under Section 137 (LGA 1972) and as such money available is limited for this purchase. RDC – Local Plan review workshop, 27/3 at 7pm. Cllr Partington resigns; clerk has informed the Monitoring Officer to check about bi-election, however likely that no other action will be required as elections due in less than 6 months. Change of meeting dates: the annual meeting following the election needs to be between the 4th + 18th day following the election, so it was resolved to alter meetings around this time to 3rd April and 15th May.

Meeting closed: 21.25

Date of next meeting: 27th February 2019