

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 29th July 2015 at 7.40pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Robinson, Partington & Rafelt, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Mr & Mrs Collinson & Helen Allan (Residents), County Cllr Les (later)

- 1) Apologies. PCSO Jordan Wallace, County Cllr Les may arrive late.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 24th June 2015. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime report. Moderate report for July. Reminder that Mobile Police Office will attend near PO on 5/9 & 7/11.
- 5) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Abbey Care Village. Claire Bradbury sent thanks for inviting the Care Village to our June meeting and is looking forward to working with the PC. Two planters have been kindly donated to the village. Now received confirmation from Highways about the Street Furniture Licence and clerk to send thanks to the Care Village. Cllr Robinson has spoken to the Care Village today and a memory walk in aid of Alzheimer's Society is to be arranged and advertised. The event is to take place on 6th September at 2pm.
 - Highways items. The footway gully at Glebe Terrace has been replaced and is now connected to the road gully.
 - Dog fouling. Resident sends thanks for PC's efforts and the dog warden has visited Banks Lane recently. Also the memorial bench at the lakes is now repaired. Dog fouling problem on Hospital Road presently and clerk to forward some dog fouling sticks to Cllr Harper.
 - Tree report. David Horsfall completed a tree report for the Horse Chestnut and stated that its condition is below average, vigour low, carried out some pruning and recommended tree being relocated to a "safer" location within the village. Cllrs wouldn't like to see moved as site chosen specifically, apply fertilizer in the spring and Jubilee Diamond Tree book shown to all at meeting. Cllr Partington will brasso the Buffalo plaque at adjacent tree on Bridge Green.
 - Website. Sean Allison creating an editable version of the website and will contact clerk when ready.
- 6) Accounts.

Income: -

 - RDC (Central Area Partnership grant for Tree guard) £187.50
 - RDC (Central Area Partnership grant for planters) £308.49
 - Cllr Hull (Jubilee Diamond book) £15.00

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - NYCC (S&D Times) £36.00
 - Mac Plant (Grass x 2, cut daffodils, clear ivy) £900.00
- 7) Planning items.
 - FPP for timber cabin to provide additional living accommodation at 8 Beaufigther Close. Mr & Mrs Collinson have concerns about fire risks, blocking light, rainwater and foul water in relation to possible flooding of their property. Also if property sold would the timber cabin continue to be used for living accommodation? The proposed cabin would be very close to their boundary. It was resolved not to support this proposal as Glebe Meadows is a

prestigious site and councillors are aware that all permitted developments rights were removed from the properties on Glebe Meadows to protect the integrity of the design and would see this as setting a precedent. Concerns also about time limit on approval of structure, Councillors suggest 3 years with an option to re-apply if the particular circumstances still exist, be erected on concrete pads not a concrete slab, be reduced in size, is to close to neighbouring properties and councillors felt that the building regulations are not met for the proposed use of living accommodation (no insulation, no hot water and concerns about drainage (both roof/foul water).

- Pre application consultation for Sports Car Garage. Councillors felt they would not be able to support development on this land for the following reasons. If this site was developed in any way the corridor of green space would be broken thereby visually, physically and socially isolating not only the residents of Bridge Green but also separating Bridge Green from the village and the historic Archery Club and field. Additionally it is worth noting through local knowledge that this area has flooded within the last 3 years to a depth of over a foot and there are a number of disused fuel storage tanks underground. Councillors are also concerned about the impact of any additional access/egress onto the bend on the main road from the site.

Granted: FPP for conversion of two storey cottage from domestic storage to self-contained annex to be retained as part of existing dwelling house at Broadmead House. FPP for repositioning of farm access at Clarence House.

- 8) Flash flooding problems – Southside. Letter received from Mrs Palfreman explaining the problems and following last flood (when Mrs Palfreman asked if a skip could be placed on village green following these problems) Cllr Threlfall took a box of flood snakes to the residents in this area. Cllrs looked in detail at the problem and discussed a resolution, a quotation for these works was received and two additional quotes will be gained prior to work starting. Clerk to forward these to cllrs when received so that work can start asap. Clerk to reply to Mrs Palfreman. Cllr Les arrives.
- 9) Adoption of updated Resilience Scheme. It was resolved that Cllr Partington be Deputy and Aide Memoir update has been removed. Clerk to circulate.
- 10) Reeth Brass Band Teas and Brass Band welcomers for Feast Sunday. Brass Band teas arranged and Cllrs Rafelt & Harper will welcome the Brass Band.
- 11) Date for annual Parish Council walkabout. 21st September at 7pm meet at SWMI and clerk to invite potential new cllrs also.
- 12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllr Robinson reports about a new press release from Rural Action Yorkshire re: Good Neighbours Scheme.
- 13) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Harper carried out a clean-up at the beginning of July (prior to Best Kept Village judging) and this highlighted a few concerns: Scorton sign on Richmond Road remains dirty after scrubbing and looks mottled. Clerk has asked Highways for a replacement but this would need to be funded by the PC. Clerk to ask for a price. Bus timetable at bus shelter a mess, clerk to replace with new/up to date timetables. Paint in bus shelter, Cllr Threlfall has some leftover paint from last time. New bin at shelter, clerk has chased and Cllr Hull will also. Angela Heywood reported nettles at Banks Lane gate being overgrown and unable to get a wheelchair through. Now cut, she also suggests using wildflowers on Bridge Green where the temporary bridge was placed. Cllrs felt this a good idea and will look at again late winter. Cllr Robinson has completed painting the slide at Clarence Road. Cllr Hull reported that roots are coming up in the pavement at Typhoon Close. District Cllr Threlfall will action. Susan Wallis (Bolton on Swale clerk) informed about their new defib which is on the back of the pillar box at Bolton. There may be some spare training places available for use of the defib and she will let us know in September. Cllr Robinson would like to attend.

- 15) Correspondence. NYCC – Local Transport Plan consultation. Completed and clerk to forward. NY Fire & Rescue – Consultation. PC John Wilbor & E Dawson – Parking issues. E-mail from John Wilbor regarding parking in Westfields and whether the parking bays are for specific properties. District Cllr Threlfall and clerk replied stating that these were “first come first served” and not allocated to certain properties, and that Highways are planning to reinstate the white road markings over the summer. District Cllr Threlfall also stated that he would work towards getting this documented via DC for any new residents to Westfields to aid clarity in the future. Mrs Dawson (Swale View) wrote stating that she is having problems with inconsiderate parking at the front of her property. Cllrs stated that they would observe the problem and clerk to reply. Brian Myers (Morley Banks) – letter and phone calls regarding grass verges. Now cut up to speed limit sign and cllrs resolved to add this verge to the grass cutters regular list. Clerk to reply and to email Cllr Les who will forward a Highways printed map of grasscutting areas. Cllr Threlfall will enquire with Mr Calvert if he wants to continue cutting the opposite verge or would prefer if PC took this on. RDC – Casual vacancy. There were no requests for an election to fill the casual vacancy so clerk to advertise for co-option of a new cllr.
- 16) Matters raised by members of the public. Cllr Les explains that there will be an A1 update in September and following a Highways meeting, improvements will be delivered via the Local Growth Fund to White shops, Catterick Bridge & Scorton/Gatherley Road junctions.
Meeting closed: 9.55pm

Date of next meeting: 30th September 2015 at 7.30pm