

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Threlfall & Calvert, PCSO Brown, Alan Coe (REMS), 2 members of the public

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Richardson & Harper, North Yorkshire Cllr Les sent their apologies.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 27th March. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. PCSO Brown gives the Crime report for March. Discussion about probable visit from the Travellers in the near future, PCSO Brown states that the Neighbourhood teams are ready and will provide as much visible presence as possible. Cllrs appreciate the Police presence during this time and ask if PCSO Brown could visit the residents who overlook Bridge Green (prior to Appleby). PCSO Brown happy to do so. Cllrs also pleased to see Police, Local Authority and agencies working together during this time. Alan Coe (REMS) highlights sheep worrying around the lakes, Cllr Calvert highlights some dogs are chasing deer. PCSO Brown leaves.
Cllr Rafelt explains to all that the meeting is being recorded, he asks if any members of the public object to being recorded. None do.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. None.
- 6) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative & SOS group.
Tarmac representative. Alan Coe gives his report: The archaeological report requested from PC for Scorton.com, is not available yet and awaiting approval. Report of campervan parking in South car park, signs installed. North car park remains closed overnight. Geocaching has gone live with a good uptake. Environment Agency has commenced water sampling as part of a nationwide project. Species records: arranged recording with Dragonfly Society & Butterfly Conservation. Cllr Kevin Foster (Green Party) has recently been interviewed on Radio York and spoke about his recent visit to Scorton Lakes.
SOS Group. Tourist information leaflets should be ready soon, intending to hold a meeting of regular volunteers soon and hoping to widen the group for more help with preparation and ideas. Keane Duncan will meet representatives if elected. Alan Coe leaves.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Proposed new VAS post – Hospital Road, awaiting installation.
Community Speed Watch update, further volunteers required, co-ordinator has written a piece for the next S&D Times. Bus shelter, Cllr Rafelt gives a synopsis: the book lending started during COVID and as a PC we would encourage book sharing, however there are concerns with health/hygiene issues of books being outside, children playing with the items, people using the area as a tip even when empty; furthermore, the bus shelter is used as a bus shelter again and is clean and tidy. Additionally, there is pressure for volunteers to keep the area tidy and remove items to the tip. All Cllrs agreed, that although the bus swapping in the bus shelter was invaluable during COVID, that the scheme has run its course and for the bus shelter to remain as it is currently. Cllr Rafelt adds that if someone could find a solution where books could be swapped, inside, then the PC would support. Bridge Green drainage work completed. Jubilee Green contour bike area extension completed. Park signs, now updated with new phone number. Bridge – hoping to complete 1st week June. Emergency Resilience stores, shed to be moved and contents audited.
- 8) Accounts
Balance at 24/04/24 £13402.79
Outgoing:
 - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50
 - V Raven (Wages April) £546.00
 - BT (Broadband) £45.19

- Unity Trust Bank (Quarterly service fee) £18.00
- NYC (S&D Times) £50.00
- YLCA (Annual membership) £335.00

Quote for replacement of fencing at Bridge Green = £695.00 + VAT (Mac Plant), claim going through insurance. Work completed. Financial standing orders review. Clerk to make changes as agreed and circulate.

9) Planning items

Approval of reserved matter application for appearance, scale, layout and landscaping for residential development pursuant to outline planning approval 20/00770/OUT at land for development Bolton Road. It was resolved to attach draft planning letter and request a meeting with the developers.

“Councillors discussed this approval at our recent meeting and have a number of concerns:

- LEAP placement. This is currently between a flood basin and a foul pumping station, councillors felt that this recreation area would be better placed next to the school boundary, thus separating the house gardens from the school boundary. Alternatively, councillors suggest that this may be more beneficial as a LAP and a 106 contribution given for the Jubilee Green play park which is a short distance away.
- Properties overlooking the school playing field. The land adjacent to the school playing field would ideally be a recreation area and not housing.
- Flood basin. Councillors felt this would not only be safer outside the development boundary, also all the stagnant water would be outside the development boundary (still on the applicants’ land), closer to the beck and so improving its biodiversity and ecological benefits.
- Foul pumping station. Councillors feel siting the pumping station in such a prominent location at the entrance to the village would have a negative effect on the aesthetics of the development and the village. Could this be placed at the South East corner?
- Parking provision for the school. Concerns about the danger of cars accessing and egressing the development, at such a close proximity to the school. Furthermore, the car park is very tightly spaced; could the spacing be looked at or increase the size of the car park?”

10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.

11) Safety review. One new item: Mollie Cail park, end cap missing from slide steps. Clerk to action.

12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Resident reports problems with grass cutting, area assessed and no action required. Resident reports messy allotment at The Havens, reported to the tenant, soon to be resolved. Resident reports the drain between Scorton & Bolton, clerk to report.

13) Correspondence. NYC – Footway maintenance B6271 – work starting 7th May, notices placed on Scorton.com and PC Facebook page. Residents – request for VAS data, data now on Scorton.com. Planning concerns about start of work at the garage with the absence of planning permission, clerk informed resident about the NYC Planning Enforcement Officer. Another resident has registered to speak at the Planning Committee meeting about the garage planning application.

Cllr Calvert queries about the white posts for Hospital Road, quoted £37.60/each for these without installation. Cllrs Calvert & Threlfall to assess and report back.

14) Date of next meeting – 22nd May

Meeting closed: 20.55