

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Threlfall, Calvert, Richardson & Harper, North Yorkshire Councillor Les

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Bell, Alan Coe, SOS Group
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllrs Threlfall & Harper declare an interest as are committee members for SWMI (item 8).
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 29th November. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. Report for December read. Current awareness around Estate & Building security, clerk to post on Facebook.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. None.
- 6) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative & SOS group.
North Yorkshire Councillor Les. Congratulations from SPC for his recent OBE. The first meeting re: devolution will take place on Monday (NYC & City of York). The Mayoral election is an important one for the residents of North Yorkshire and this will take place on 2nd May. Difficult year for council finances nationally, savings have been made from LGR and so no reduction of services this year. The NYC increase will be 4.99% for next financial year. This new Unitary authority is the largest geographically and has the 3rd largest population nationally. Consultation for the Local Plan will call for sites for housing/environment/businesses and also a consultation "Lead a Healthy Life" is current.
SOS group. No updates this month.
Tarmac representative. Alan Coe sends his report: Information boards/rest points ongoing. Community feedback. A request to place geocaches on the site, no issues. Report of swan stuck in plantation, returned safely. Ash tree blown down, removed same day. Fly tipping on Back Lane removed.
Actions taken. Removed old broken fence and tree guards, general housekeeping.
Planned work: footpath work to aid restricted users, further drainage work on bridleway, south car park, ash tree & willow coppice, remove areas of fencing, tree guard removals, habitat work in wetland link.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Parking near to the school, following a joint meeting with Highways, PC, Cllr Les and the school, Ian Beighton emailed the options. It is proposed to introduce a signed prohibition which would restrict the time a vehicle can be parked in the layby. Cllr Rafelt suggested that restricting period could be from 8 – 5 and then permits may be an option to allow school vehicles to park in the layby for longer periods, Cllr Threlfall adds that restricting parking for the whole day will not allow parents to park in the layby for special events. Cllr Les adds that permits are usually only for residents and that the signed prohibition will require consultation as a Traffic Regulation Order, this will take some time. Cllrs resolved to ask Highways for wording that has been previously successful. Highways also suggest some work to the area near the residential courtyard, this was discussed at the site meeting and yellow School Keep Clear markings generally felt an overkill. Offer of 'H' bars around that area may be a compromise. Cllr Calvert agrees that the yellow "School Keep Clear" may not be useful and others agreed that the white 'H' bar has been successful in other areas, and to ask for this to the north of the school. Clerk to arrange meeting with the school when further details have been received from Highways about specific wording.
Bridge, transport to be arranged, looking for storage options.
Park signs decision. Waiting revised quote to include the two poles and attachment, should be around £150.00, clerk to order.
Planting on Hospital Road, discussed at site meeting with Highways, concerns raised about planting – underground utilities, verge not wide enough to be an appropriate distance from either the road or the pavement. Mr Beighton suggested white posts if parking is a problem in that area, however Highways can't fund, so they would be charged to PC. Clerk to ask for price for white posts on both sides of Hospital Road.
Parking/verge damage around the village. The green corner at the Richmond entrance to the green, Mr Beighton is unable to repair as not damaged enough for Highways to action. Cllr Richardson adds that it is

inconsiderate parking and maybe bollards will just move the problem somewhere else, maybe we could discuss with the residents. Cllr Calvert agrees and feels that our concerns need raising with the residents who park inappropriately, or place a boulder. Cllr Threlfall disagrees and feels that talking to a resident would be ill advised, he suggests placing some hard core down on that corner of the green to tidy the area and reduce damage to the ramp on the green. Cllr Richardson adds that specific parking areas could be created; Cllr Rafelt suggests white posts may be used. Another problem area is Southside, Cllr Calvert suggests grass crete could be of help here, and Cllr Threlfall agrees that this is a solution as it protects the village green. Quotes to be sought for hardcore and white posts for the corner of the green. Clerk to agenda in February. Statistics received from CAB, forwarded to Cllrs.

8) Accounts

Balance at 17/01/2024 = £28,421.14

Incoming:

- Cemetery (Memorial erections) £80.00
- Tarmac/Rural Estate Management (Christmas tree donation) £200.00

Outgoing:

- Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £15.00
- V Raven (Wages December & January) £1189.08
- BT (Broadband) £82.20
- Mac Plant (Cemetery – new path, drain) £2077.20
- Mac Plant (Cut willow tree – Bridge Green, seat & erect Xmas tree, pot holes) £600.00
- Unity Trust Bank (Service charge) £18.00
- Currys/V Raven (Computer) £279.00
- SWMI (Donation) £900.00

SWMI Donation. Cllrs Harper & Threlfall declare an interest. It was resolved to give a donation for £900.00. Cllr Threlfall thanks on behalf of the SWMI Committee and adds that this donation helps to keep the hire prices lower for residents.

PC Computer. Clerk sought advice; Windows 365 not required as google drive has plenty of capacity for PC documents. It was resolved to buy a computer for £279.00. Cllr Threlfall asks if other equipment okay, printer fine and external hard drive not necessary now as all documents backed up on Google Drive.

Thanks go to local businesses, committees and individuals for providing the village with a Christmas tree.

9) Planning matters

- LBC to form two new openings to outbuilding – Virginia House, Northside. No objections.
- Approval of reserved matters application following outline approval of planning permission for 17/00710/OUT for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at land for development opposite Glebe Terrace. It was resolved to reply as follows: Scorton Parish Council supports this application but we have a number of concerns: Screening to the rear of 5 Archers Green (plot 37). It appears that the screening has disappeared from the revised plans, could this be screened as per the original plans (initial design and consultation document show screening along this whole west edge). This was previously raised in our email dating from 25/7/22. Pumping Station. The location of the pumping station is contrary to the developers' original desires for this development. " The overarching vision is to provide a distinctive and high-quality residential environment that enhances the quality and character of Scorton. Good quality housing would be framed by structured landscaping which would create a distinctive sense of place." From the original Planning Statement Saddington Taylor, March 2022. Councillors feel siting the pumping station in such a prominent location at the entrance to the green would have a negative effect on the aesthetics of the development and the village. A pumping station at this location bears no reflection to the character of our village. Car park within the paddock. The purpose of car parking at this location is not required. Originally this area was to be a football pitch, however as this is no longer the case; the use for car parking will be surplus to requirement and the whole area would be better grassed.
- FPP for motorway service area at junction 52 (A1), Pallet Hill Farm, Catterick. Discussion about the necessity of this new service area, amount of infrastructure planned in that area, road design (particularly the junction up from Fort Bridge). It was resolved to reply with no comments, this was a majority decision.

Application for a Premises Licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 at Scorton Filling Station. Long discussion, does this need planning approval first? Cllr Les will enquire with NYC Planning Team and report back. It was resolved to reply: The area where alcohol is to be sold is currently not retail premises and so councillors find it impossible to comment as yet.

- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.
 - 11) Safety review. No park inspection report received this month due to change of meeting date. Algae in various locations around the village due to be cleared soon.
 - 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Bell reported the salt bin empty at The Havens. Clerk contacted NYC to fill both this and Glebe Terrace, resolved. Also increase in dog fouling on Bridge Green. Reported to Dog Warden. All Points Fibre requested permission to access telegraph pole on Southside. Clerk replied. Rubbish being left in the bus shelter. Clerk to remove, notices have been placed. Grass cutting tender. Lots of interest and clerk has formalised the schedule and map. VAS data – Glebe Terrace, date 11/10 – 14/12. Total vehicle count = 117574, 101971 travelling at 30mph or under, 15603 travelling over 30mph. 85th percentile 29.8 mph. Cllr Calvert reports streetlight out on Hospital Road, clerk to action. Also, Open Reach wire has not been removed from pole at school, clerk to ask school if they have actioned this.
 - 13) Correspondence. NYC – Consultation launched to ensure residents lead a healthy life. Cllrs to complete. YLCA Richmondshire Branch meeting – 1st February Zoom, YLCA asking for items for the agenda. Cllr Richardson feels there are too many NYC consultations going on currently, all agreed for this to be agendaed this meeting. Clerk to inform YLCA.
- 14) Date of next meeting – 28th February

Meeting closed: 21.45