

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 28th June 2017 at 8pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Newall & Rafelt, District & Parish Cllr Threlfall, Derrick & Fiona Hyman, Chad & Natalie Pearson, Mark & Kirsty Walker, Kate Cole, Gavin Lowther (Residents), County Cllr Les

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Partington & PCSO Wallace
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 31st May 2017. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. Proposed development opposite Glebe Terrace was discussed. Mr Hyman wanted to get a feel for how the PC works, Cllr Harper explains the planning process from the PC perspective, District Cllr Threlfall explains the planning process from the DC perspective and raised concerns about the impact on the infrastructure of the village. Ms Walker asked a local planning question. Mr Lowther asked when the PC were first approached by the developer, Cllr Threlfall explains the pre application process. Mr Lowther asks if the PC think the development is a good idea.
- 5) Crime report. PCSO Wallace was pleased to send a small report for 30/05 – 28/6 period, and reminds residents to continue to report crimes and any suspicious activities.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Village green deregistration. Awaiting advice from YLCA & NALC.
 - Molly Cail Park redevelopment. Cllr Harper explains the history of the park and met with Angela Pease from Yorventure at the park, Angela stated that there are many applications for this funding and we will be notified of the outcome on 31/08. Clerk to obtain one additional quote and forward. Richmondshire Area Partnership funding has become available again and now up to £1000 with a maximum 75% of the total cost. Clerk to apply. Cllr Les highlighted that funding may be available from NYCC Locality funding and clerk to discuss with Cllr Les.
 - Tesco Bags of help scheme. Refurbishing the Millennium benches. Awaiting results. Cllr Les would like to support this project as well, with the Locality funding.
 - Giant Hog weed at Bridge Green. Quote from Mac Plant is £125/cut and Cllr Threlfall proposes that PC should cut every month from April to August. It was resolved to accept this proposal.

7) Accounts.

Incoming:-

- St John of God (Encroachments) £1.00
- Northern Powergrid (Wayleave) £26.45
- HM Revenue & Customs (VAT repayment) £11.00 (Cemetery)
- HM Revenue & Customs (VAT repayment) £1800.87
- Home Instead (S&D Times advert) £25.00
- Jo Spence (Memorial bench donation) £446.23

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- V Raven (Wages & Ledger book - Shaw & Sons) £967.10 & £76.74
- Margaret Goldie (Internal audit) £80.00
- Mac Plant (Grass x 2) £600.00

- Zurich (Insurance) £564.10
Cllr Threlfall conducted a quick public poll re: Scorton & District Times and if the members of public present found it worthwhile. Overall the public present found the dates coming up useful and a beneficial publication.
- 8) Planning items.
 - FPP & LBC for demolition of existing extension and new single storey extension to the rear at Clara Meyer, Southside. In principle there were no objections to the proposal but Cllrs raised concerns about the vehicle access proposals to the rear, and queried whether there was sufficient space available.
 - FPP for single storey extension to existing garage at Hengistbury, Bolton Road. No objections.
 - FPP for demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of two storey extension to side of existing dwelling at Buchanan Lodge, Hospital Road. No objections.
 - FPP for conversion of single storey building to a two bedroom annexe at The Forge, Southside. No objections and Cllrs pleased with the new proposal and an appropriate and sympathetic development.
 - 9) Provision of Brass Band Teas. Last year cost £75 from Farmers and due to lack of availability of Cllrs it was decided to buy in again
 - 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall attended the YLCA branch meeting. The branch members supported reduction in executive members, electronic planning was discussed. Cllr Delf (Chairman) & Cllr Threlfall (Vice Chair) were re elected. 2017/18 is the last year the Transparency fund will be available, it was resolved for the clerk to apply to update the laptop computer and clerk's time spent keeping the website up to date. Awaiting further information about the new Data Protection requirements and YLCA will forward as soon as available.
 - 11) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
 - 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. A resident reported the giant hog weed was getting out of hand and clerk advised that a beckside cut was due to be completed very soon. Now completed. Cllr Newall has been advised by a resident that the rabbit population on Jubilee Green is rapidly expanding and now causing damage to gardens. It was resolved to take no action at this time. Cllr Threlfall will get a quote for thinning the willows on Bridge Green. Hospital Road planters. Clerk has obtained price from Green Frog and around £162 for geraniums. Clerk to order and Cllrs Harper & Hull will plant up. Cllr Threlfall mentions a sapling at the entrance of Jubilee Green and will discuss with the clerk.
 - 13) Correspondence. NYCC – Parish Portal live. Clerk has signed up for this and will print a report for next month's meeting. St John's Community Centre & Jo Spence – Thank you letters. Resident – Travellers on Bridge Green. Clerk to reply explaining that Bridge Green is registered Common Land and as such we cannot deny access and therefore cannot fence it off even for a short duration. It has to be common access for all and at all times. Cllrs were sympathetic that the area around his property was accessed but councillors do feel that the village generally have few problems caused by the travellers as a whole and as a Parish Council we have a fairly good relationship with them and would obviously like this to remain. RDC – Stronger Communities summer roadshow. July 12th at Richmond Library & 26th at The Forum, Northallerton. YLCA – Training programme. Cllrs to contact clerk if they wish to attend. Local Government Boundary Commission. Cllr Threlfall to check if a more user friendly poster is available for noticeboards. Clerk to bring to July meeting.

Meeting closed: 22.40

Date of next meeting: 26th July at 7pm