

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 16th August 2023 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Calvert, Richardson, Bell & Rafelt, Alan Coe (REMS), Members of the Public x 4

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Harper, Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 5th July. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. Report for July read. Current awareness around diesel theft, clerk to put item on Facebook page.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. MOP raises speeding traffic on blind bend on Station Road. The 'bend in road' sign has been moved towards the village a couple of years ago. Cllr Threlfall adds that a new speed consultation is out, clerk will bring to the next meeting. Clerk to request advisory signage to help reduce the speed at that location and ask that the 'slow' sign is repainted. Cllrs noted that speed cameras have been in the village recently.
- 6) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative & SOS group. Alan Coe in attendance and gives his report. Ragwort has been pulled in the main, 25% has been left for ecology reasons. Grass cutting was carried out in July, and again recently. A request was received from a MOP with a mobility scooter, to remove a step – this has been resolved. South field has been cut. Transplanted reeds and fenced. Teamed up with butterfly group and 26 species were found, with some endangered species. A bird survey is being carried out. Some drainage work completed. Mark & Alan hosted a walk for the Tarmac Executive Group (North & Scotland area). Improvements being made to the south car park access and footpath improvement to assist wheeled access. Interpretation boards in progress, thoughts around a booklet including numbered information. Clerk to email Alan Coe with the Police contact details. Cllr Calvert raised a concern from a resident about the lack of greenery around Coates Lake. Alan Coe stated that they had hoped this would green up sooner than it has, and requested a flail to make a corridor to assist with the lack of greenery. A MOP had seen Police scrambler bikes in Richmond market place and suggests that these may be a useful tool for education in the car parks and around the lakes.
SOS group. Environmental impact assessment in progress currently. Leaflets are proving to be popular, with 4.2K followers on Facebook. SOS group has recently been to Brompton PC to explain their group. Thanks to Alan Coe as looks great and signage to the car park has been helpful for many.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Cllr Calvert reported many areas have been missed in the recent grass cut. Clerk to speak with the Contractor. Bus shelter repairs/painting. Cllrs Calvert, Threlfall & Rafelt carried out the exterior painting, the interior requires shelving quotes – for September meeting. Mollie Cail Park talk tubes. Discussion re: the end pieces for these tubes. Clerk to contact Streetscape with aim to resolve.

8) Accounts. Balance 16/08/2023 £23730.07

Incoming:

- HMRC (VAT repayment) £3656.71

Outgoing:

- PlusNet (Broadband) £72.50
- Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £15.00
- V Raven (Wages July) £511.33
- Mac Plant (Repair kerb – Northside) £114.00
- Glenwood Paint Supplies (Paid I Threlfall - Paint) £121.21
- Aircraft & Windsock Sales (Windsock) £182.40
- Streetscape (New sides for climbing hut) £1200.00
- Osmotherley Brass Band (Feast performance) £125.00
- NYC (S&D Times printing) £80.00

Unity Trust Bank – Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Clerk has registered our eligibility for this scheme.

9) Planning matters

- FPP for the erection of 5 No. residential dwellings, creation of access and landscaping. Station Road. Discussion about the landscape zone, and whether this should be a delegated authority decision. Clerk to ask Cllr Les if he will move this to Committee decision. Councillors resolved to repeat our original concerns: Scorton Parish Council cannot support this application. The application area is a designated landscape zone, please see planning decision notice 05/00735/FULL relating to the Scorton Medical Centre application.

"The siting of the building whilst extending beyond defined development limits for the village visually relates satisfactorily to building on the edge of the settlement. The building and the majority of the site are set back from Moulton Road retaining the designated landscape zone which is important to the visual appreciation of the character and setting of the village when approaching from the north." From Planning decision notice 05/00735/FULL dated 16th August 2005.

Granted: FPP for single storey side extension with pitched roof, 3 No. UPVC double glazed windows and UPVC door and new perimeter path.

- 10) Decision re: new timber footbridge for Bridge Green. Quotes from The Wooden Bridge Company £3171.00 plus delivery, CTS Bridges £5750, Bison Bridges £7996.28. It was resolved to accept The Wooden Bridge Company quote, clerk to order and ascertain delivery date. Manatwo will be needed which has been quoted £250 for the time required.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.
- 12) Safety review. A few new items, trees would benefit from some crown lifting work at both Typhoon and Spitfire and wobble board at Spitfire needs 3 loose bolts tightening.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Bell reports vehicles travelling fast along Hospital Road but VAS not flashing, battery swapped. He also informs the PC about a conversation with Ian Beighton (Highways) regarding unauthorised planting along Hospital Road. Cllr Bell has removed the plants as requested by Highways. MOP reports drain overflowing and flickering light on High Row/Northside corner. Clerk reported. MOP reports that someone has strimmed the bulrushes along the beck and left the nettles, not our contractor and Cllr Calvert adds that he carried out this strimming. MOP requests speed cameras along Hospital Road, clerk to request. Cllr Rafelt reports damage to the snicket chichane leading to Beaufighter. Clerk reported. Swish Fibre requested permission to dig at various locations around the green, work now completed. Broadband supplier to change (PlusNet will no longer provide this Business service from 5/9) – reduction in cost £22.69/month.
- 14) Correspondence. NYC – The Parish Charter has now been adopted, also Locality funding success £3000.00 towards the new footbridge, £1000 for materials, plants and paint for minor repairs and improvements around the village. Residents' emails – Beckside cutting and query about improvements to Bridge Green. Clerk to talk to Contractor about the quality of the work on the beckside. Cllrs discussed the beckside and it was felt that the first port of call should be our present contractor. Clerk to reply. Email about parking near to the school, clerk has forwarded this email to Cllr Les who is discussing the matter with the Headteacher prior to school returning. Furthermore, Cllrs felt that we should refer this item to Highways. Clerk to action.
- 15) Date of next meeting – 27th September

Meeting closed: 21.45