

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Calvert, Richardson, Bell & Threlfall, Cllr Les, Inspector Gee & PCSO Brown, Members of the Public x 4

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Harper
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 29th March. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. PCSO Brown gives a report for March and advised us about the new Community messaging initiative, he has signed up some for this prior to this meeting & clerk posting information on Scorton PC Facebook page. This is a true account of Policing in the area and is timely & relevant. Cllr Rafelt asks about the Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Act which was passed last June and queries how this is going to be enforced. Inspector Gee replies that this is a new power, and as yet to be tried in Court. Appleby Fair is 8 -11 June this year. In section 60 of the new law the wording about unlawful encampments is “significant disruption, distress & damage”. Inspector Gee states that the word “significant” is important, and that there are other acts such as the Equality Act 2010. There is a difficulty with moving people on as they have to have somewhere to go and not be displaced. Cllr Les adds that the NYCC looked at a site for this but were unsuccessful with the funding application. Richmondshire Safety Partnership were proactive with these concerns last year, working towards a joined-up approach, including Police, communities, PC, local authorities. A MOP further adds that there are many vulnerable people on Hospital Road & The Havens, and how can these residents be protected from the disruption & distress. Inspector Gee replies, at what point do we call this significant? The Local Authority can act when trespass has occurred and maybe a Code of Conduct could be useful. Discussion about road safety and the use of traps with youngsters using these. Inspector Gee reiterates about displacement and this is an important consideration, as these could cause further safeguarding and welfare concerns. Additional enhanced neighbourhood response is planned, both prior to and following Appleby Fair, and a camera safety vehicle to increase the presence and visibility. Questions were raised about the criminal damage caused at the park a couple of years ago and that nothing was done, Inspector Gee & PCSO Brown add that this would have a crime report and we should look at the cumulative effect, as this could then become “significant”. Cllr Rafelt asks if the signs placed on Bridge Green and around the village will help the Police, Inspector Gee replies that these should help, he further adds that sometimes the Police don’t communicate effectively about what actions were actually taken. Cllrs thank Inspector Gee & PCSO Brown and they leave.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. A MOP raises concerns about the road leading to the new development to the North side of Hospital Road which is causing damage to his property, vehicles travelling along this road are damaging the foundations. He is talking to the Conservation Officer at NYC, and has employed surveyors. Cllr Threlfall adds that final plans are still waiting for decisions and that he could write to the Planning Authority and add his comments. Consultation comments made by the PC did include concerns about the closeness of two listed buildings. Another MOP adds that she has concerns about the noise, disruption of wildlife and the actual development of that area.
- 6) Update from Cllr Les. Cllr Les reports that the Unitary authority is 26 days in and the transition is going well, one or two glitches and notably call centre issues but recruiting for more staff. Community Awards Scheme has been released and deadline is 5th June. Electric vehicle charging points need to be increased but there are difficulties with the infrastructure. Special Education Needs, £20 million has been allocated.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Website update, link forwarded to all Cllrs, a few items need updating such as SWMI & Bus timetable photos, and a few clubs aren’t on the new website currently. Clerk to amend and then website to go live. Plants for Hospital Road, Clerk will bring a map to the Walkabout and Cllrs to discuss then. Christmas decorations, lights will last approx. 10 years and will require rewrapping approx. every 3 years as the trees grow. Initial quote to be sought to light up the four trees on Southside with the electricity supply

coming from the nearby street lights. Nomination for PC member for SOS group, Cllr Threlfall felt that it may be more useful for the SOS group to report back to the PC. Clerk to agenda. SOS group happy to give a report at this meeting. Recent meeting earlier this week, approx. 30 attendees. This discussed the scoping survey published 6th April, this requires many reports mainly about the environmental impact of the proposed development. SOS feels there is no room for complacency. Cllr Rafelt explains that there will be an open meeting as soon as any planning applications are received. SOS group explains there is a strong swell against the development with some ambivalent, however the footfall around the lakes is increasing and progressing this with Alan Coe. Professional Planning consultants suggests individual letters will be required from all objectors, especially if these are material objections. SOS group is starting to explore the possibility of video evidence as well as written. The Section 106 agreement is a social contract with all the parties and as such the land should be renovated as agreed. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are involved. SOS group ask if a representative will attend their meetings, Cllr Rafelt happy to attend should he be able. SOS to forward details to Clerk. Email received from Alan Coe regarding the management plan for the quarry site, clerk has forwarded dates we are able to meet and awaiting response. Clerk to talk to Nosterfield Nature Reserve as this is a similar site.

8) Accounts. Balance 29/03/2023 £15853.11

Incoming:

- Scorton Feast & Sports (Coronation donation) £250.00
- Anthea Rawling (Queen Elizabeth II tree and plaque) £126.20
- NYC (CAP funding for cemetery noticeboard) £585.00
- NYC (Precept 1st payment) £8000.00

Outgoing:

- Dash (Coronation mugs) £644.40
- Party Time Inflatables (Bouncy Castle) £210.00
- Helen Newall (Coronation Items) £166.51
- PlusNet (Broadband) £36.31
- Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50
- V Raven (Frame for Jubilee & coronation items) £185.25
- I Threlfall (Grass seed) £48.00
- Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £18.00
- Noticeboard Company (Noticeboard) £936.00
- YLCA (Annual membership) £320.00
- Purple Creative (New website – 1st payment) £780.00

9) Planning matters

- FPP for single storey extension with single ply flat roof, 2 No UPVC double glazed windows and door, West View, Bolton Road. Councillors have concerns about the flat roof proposed, a pitched roof would be more in keeping with the domestic architecture within the village. This building is located in a prominent position at the entrance of the village.
- Reconsultation on Heritage Statement re: The Lodge, Hospital Road. Cllrs have no objections.

Granted: FPP for installation of a solar panel array on land to the rear of Manor House.

Refused: Outline application with some matters reserved for residential development for up to 32 units at Bolton Road.

10) Walkabout date. Monday 3rd July, Tuesday 4th July.

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

12) Safety review. Only new item on Play Equipment inspection is a split spar on the bench at Mollie Cail.

13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Bell reported hedge overgrown and ramp repairs required at Mollie Cail park. Cllr Bell trimmed the hedge and ramp repairs to be completed soon. The wooden bridge at Bridge Green requires work, Locality funding has been allocated to the project and Cllrs to assess what timber is required in the first instance. Resident reported temporary signs at Banks Lane & Uckerby, clerk reported to Highways to remove. Resident reported hog weeds starting to come back, clerk to ask contractor to spray and to ask about type of spray (previous advice that Roundup is the only weedkiller permitted next to water courses), also to cut as low as possible. Climbing grips on climbing play hut at Mollie Cail are worn and spinning, clerk to request replacements. S&D Times frequency discussed and resolved to reduce to twice yearly (June & October), as information given via website & on social media. June meeting, need to alter date

as school performance on that date, all agreed to hold June meeting on 5th July. Clerk to email Cllrs. Gatherley Road crossroads, the junction surface is poor. Clerk to ask when this will be repaired.

- 14) Correspondence. NYC – Standards arrangements. Clerk to bring to May meeting. RDC – transfer of Spitfire & Typhoon Close parks, this is now completed however the solicitor has asked if the PC wish to adopt the small patch of land outside the fence leading to the park. Cllrs resolved that this piece of land is Highways and do not want to include it within the transfer. Latimer Hinks – alteration to deed of covenant. This is all completed now and no further action is required.

- 15) Date of next meeting – 24th May

Meeting closed: 21.58