

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 31st July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Hull, Cole, Newall, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, District Cllr Spencer, 7 Members of the Public

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Harper & Aston, District Cllr Rowe, County Cllr Les. Cllr Rafelt welcomes the Members of the Public.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 26th June 2019. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. Issues with use of footpaths for parking around the village and parking on the pavements, especially around SWMI and at preschool drop off and pick up times, PC to speak with preschool. Some hogweed remains on the beck side, also concerns raised with the narrowness of the flow of water, discussion follows about the issues with gaining permission to carry out this work.
- 5) Crime report. PC Wood sent a small report.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Scorton sign – Bolton Road. Johnson Ramsey sends word that he will not charge for this work, clerk to send a letter of thanks.
 - Broadband supply. Some issues with accessing broadband within the village and further afield, Cllr Threlfall states that work is in place to help resolve some of these problems with updated technology.

7) Accounts.

Incoming:-

- Groundwork UK (Tesco Bags of Help – RAF bench) £1000.00

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- Andrew Jackson Treecare (Willow pruning) £300.00
- GCH (Grass x 2, removal daffs, hogweed removal, becksides strimming) £1344.00
- Margaret Goldie (Internal audit) £100.00

It was resolved to increase the internal audit payment to £100.00, as no increase since 2015.

- 8) Update re: Travellers. Cllr Rafelt gives an update. Both he and Cllr Threlfall attended the YLCA Branch meeting where Chief Constable Winward (NY Police) attended; the main topic discussed was travellers on the run up and following Appleby Horse Fair. District Cllr Threlfall arranged a meeting with Callum McKeon RDC Legal Officer, clerk and most cllrs attended. Mr McKeon stated that there is not a complete or easy solution, and split the issues into Criminal offences which must be reported to the police, and Civil issues, which includes enforcement of trespass law, this takes up to 30 days and so may not be the best solution; however a new motion is due in Parliament to amend/speed up this process. He also suggests that Safer Richmondshire would be a good contact, and Cllr Rafelt agrees that this should be actioned - next meeting October. Cllr Rafelt has asked to meet with our MP Rishi Sunak to discuss what solutions could be found. Inspector Gee has confirmed that camera safety vehicles should be deployed around the time of Appleby, but this cannot be guaranteed until nearer the time. Cllr Spencer suggests speaking to other parishes with similar issues. MOP discusses parking on common land and displacement, Cllr Rafelt adds that there are so many green spaces in Scorton and blocking access to all these is not practicable, also does not want this issue to separate our village. Another MOP mentions that frequent grass cutting may help, and suggests preparing a court order prior. Cllr Threlfall suggests that Richmondshire should work together as a whole district and suggests a meeting with the leaders of the travelling community, Police, Safer Community, etc. Cllr Rowe suggests using social media to get people together/inform residents of progress. Overall MOP as a whole felt that the PC was taking this matter seriously.
- 9) Request re: 40mph from Station at Uckerby into Scorton. Clerk to request this.
- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Discussed above in item 8.

- 11) Safety review. No accidents reported.
- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. A MOP reported that part of the allotment (The Havens) is untidy and uncared for. Clerk reported to DC Tenancy Officer who will action. Cllr Hull reported the light on the bus shelter island is unlit, clerk reported to Highways. Also a light in Beaufighter Close is on all day, clerk reported to NYCC. MOP reported dead trees on Jubilee Green, Cllrs Threlfall & Rafelt offered to action this. Bollard down again on Copper Beech island, clerk reported to Highways. Cllr Newall reports white paint spillage near the PO, no action taken as will wear off and not over any road signs, also No parking signs have been placed on High Row which is village green, clerk to contact residents. Cllr Cole has cleared the snicket to Beaufighter and will return the fence section to the original position soon. Queen's Jubilee Tree on Bridge Green looking tired, Cllr Spencer will feed and look for any issues. Cllr Threlfall feeds back that the bollards at Westfields will be painted, the RAF plaque is at the printers who are looking for a solution. Wooden bridge at Bridge Green, Cllr Threlfall & Rafelt will do the repairs. Mac Plant to action the work on the footpath to Bolton.
- 13) Correspondence. Rotary Club – Best Kept Village results. Scorton came 12th this year. YLCA – 75th Anniversary of VE day, clerk to bring to September meeting. MOP – letter asking for more play equipment on Jubilee Green. PC already applied for funding for new football posts, and will look at the requests in more detail next year. Clerk to reply.

Meeting closed: 21.10

Date of next meeting: 25th September 2019