

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Hull & Cole, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, County Cllr Les, PC Mark Wood, Jon Beeson (Wharfedale Homes)

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Harper, Newall & Partington
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 26th September 2018. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. Jon Beeson is attending, he gave the PC notification of his probable presence today last week but it was too late to be included within the agenda. Cllr Rafelt welcomes and Cllr Threlfall states that he is dual hatted as Parish Councillor and also representative of the District Council Planning Committee, and as such any conclusions/decisions will be solely from documents produced at this PC meeting. JB explains that he proposes that 40 dwellings be built to the South of the school, 16 will be social housing. He shows the plans of how things are at present, but explains that it is work in progress. The School Governors have been contacted; aware that there are other proposals within the village currently and the housing targets shouldn't be viewed as a ceiling but as guidance. Have undertaken pre application discussions with RDC and the plans are based on their comments. Cllrs ask about the holding a public consultation and JB would be happy to provide this as soon as the plans are more definite. Cllr Threlfall suggests that he should try and hold this consultation prior to our November meeting if the plans are ready in time. JB thanks and leaves.
- 5) Crime report. PC Wood attending who has a small report for the balance of September and October. The good links with bordering forces helps keep crime figures down as does the active Borderwatch group in our area. Clerk to place an article for more Borderwatch volunteers to come forward in the next S&D Times. Police surgery dates will be forwarded soon and will hopefully be able to arrange CAB to attend on the same day. PC Wood leaves.
Cllr Les gives an update from the CC. The Highways department are all ready for winter gritting and all grit bins should be full and ready for the winter season. He asks if we have any requirements for the Environmental Locality Budget. In order of preference: 1. Tidy/clear the footpath to Bolton on Swale, 2. Scorton Sign near Cemetery, Highways have reiterated that this is our responsibility, 3. Triangles of "grass" in Cleveland/Clarence roads. Cllr Les leaves.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Memorial bench. Hilda's bench now received and invoiced the family. Family have been asked if they would like to be involved with positioning the bench on the Northside. Benches away for winter: even years Memorial benches and odd years Millennium benches. Cllr Rafelt thanks Cllr Threlfall for all his hard work and many hours oiling the benches, all agreed that they look like new. Cllr Cole suggests that we could involve youth volunteers for this in the future.
 - Bridge green circular tree bench. The bench will cost approx. £300. It was resolved to go ahead with this quote. Cllr Threlfall will inform.
 - Glebe Terrace tree/funding. Clerk & Cllrs Harper, Hull & Threlfall met with the tree sculptor and he has marked the tree where he requires it removing to, clerk has informed Highways. Clerk to look at Arts England funding for this project.
 - Cherry tree near SWMI. Gary Hudson (RDC) has taken a look at the health of this tree and suggests that it is at the end of its life and needs removal; the only location suitable for replanting a tree would be very near to original, therefore the stump would require removal also. Andrew Jackson tree surgeon has quoted for this work: £550 to take the tree down and remove, £150 to remove the stump. It was resolved to go ahead with this, however due the tree being within the conservation area a planning application needs to be submitted. Also for the four lime trees on Southside Green which require some of the lower branches removing as now they are overhanging the footpath and lift the crowns. Quote is £250 for this work. Clerk to apply for the planning consent. The tree which was blown over in the high winds in the cemetery land also requires removal and a replacement planted.

- Mollie Cail sign. New sign shown to all Cllrs and it was resolved to accept this design and quote for around £45. Cllr Threlfall and Hull will replace.

7) Accounts.

Incoming:-

- NYCC (Urban grasscutting) £993.26

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- MAS Seeds Ltd (Cornfield seed) £59.50
- Memorial benches (Memorial Bench) £544.90
- NYCC (Grit bin refill Stags Way) £90.00
- British Legion (Donation) £100.00

Clerk to agenda the grit bin in June to discuss alternatives to using the NYCC service. Clerk asks Cllrs to think about what projects they would like to complete in 2019/20 so that this can be applied to the budget.

8) Planning items.

Granted: LBC for replacing existing wooden sash windows with new wooden sash windows at Holly House, Hospital Road.

9) Trees around Jubilee Green. Cllr Rafelt will ask residents prior to November meeting.

10) Representative for Remembrance Sunday and donation for British Legion. Cllrs Rafelt & Threlfall will attend.

11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Clerk and Cllr Threlfall attended the YLCA Branch meeting; the speaker was Dr Hogson (Clinical Lead from CCG & GP at Alborough St John) who attended to inform about the planned medical facilities at Catterick Garrison. It is planned that this will be a shared facility with the MOD and NHS, it is undecided as yet where and what this facility will involve but required partly due to the proposed increase in the population on the Garrison but also some current facilities are no longer fit for purpose. The consultation will take place starting in November. Information was passed around regarding Health Engagement Network and also changes to the eligibility criteria for the Patient Transport Service. YLCA items, a new Officer has been employed to start November – Karen.

Clerk and Cllr Threlfall attended the RDC Precept information evening, as always the advice was to precept for the parish needs, and there is no capping for 2019/20 but could happen after this. Generally it was felt both from the YLCA and RDC that local government issues are being put in the background in central government due to Brexit arrangements.

Cllrs Harper & Threlfall attended the Tarmac liaison meeting. The area to the south of the garage should be completed by 2020. The recent footpath diversions may have disappointed some residents, especially around Banks Lane, changes not initiated by local residents. Nevertheless there will be some great improvements to the footpaths around the lakes in the near future and by the end of the restoration there will be an increase from 3.5km of footpaths to 5km. Quarrying and restoration is on target.

12) Safety review. No issues reported.

13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Gary Hudson will remove some of the fencing to the newly acquired small play area on Blenheim Close and tidy shrubs. Defib cabinet has been replaced for new one, the postcode and cabinet number are now clearly on the box, preschool staff are checking for a green light every morning. Cllr Threlfall will obtain a quote for a new gate post for the vehicular access gate. The Tesco Bags funding (RAF bench) will hopefully get in the next round of voting, we wait to hear. Cllr Harper reported that the water hydrant sign is down on Bridge Green, clerk reported to Yorkshire Water but to try Fire Service also.

14) Correspondence. NYCC – Vehicle activated signs. Policy has now been amended to allow Parishes to buy and maintain VAS with CC oversight. Cllr Cole states that it may be an idea to wait and see how the Community Speed Watch works first and Cllr Threlfall suggests that this could be a good opportunity to join forces with other neighbouring parishes and so allowing for frequent changes of location to improve effectiveness and reducing the initial purchase and ongoing maintenance costs. Clerk to look at prices for these. MOD – Festival of Remembrance gathering. Clerk to ask for a poster to place in noticeboards and reply wishing them luck with the event. Standing orders revision discussed and clerk to bring brief amended version to next meeting

Meeting closed: 21.55

Date of next meeting: 28th November at 7.30pm

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