

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: - Cllrs Hull, Cole, Partington & Rafelt, Robert Newton, Valerie Atkinson, Alan Coates, Johnson Ramsay & Anthony Dawson (Residents), District & Parish Cllr Threlfall & County Cllr Les (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Newall & Harper, PCSO Wallace, Cllr Les will be late.
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest in accounts relating to the SWMI donation. Cllr Threlfall adds 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.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 29th November 2017. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. No concerns raised.
- 5) Planning.
 - FPP for change of use of agricultural storage building to dry food storage together with offices, parking and circulation areas (Retrospective) at Gatherley Grange, Gatherley Road. Resolved under delegated authority (Cllrs Harper, Hull). Scorton Parish Council objects to this application. Firstly the application does not appear to be complete and has no mention of the "Weigh and Save" business operating from that site. Additionally the track is unsuitable for the amount and type of vehicles that would need to access this application site. Furthermore this track is part of a public Bridleway and as such both horse riders and walkers use, however the application has no mention of this and how the additional traffic will consider the safety and rights of the members of public using that track.
 - LBC to remove existing wrought iron gates, refurbish and reinstate at entrance to Scorton Grammar School. No objections.
 - Outline application with some matters reserved for up to 58 dwellings, new vehicular access involving construction of roundabout and associated highway works, public open space, landscaping and car park. Johnson Ramsay asks what is stopping both large planning applications being passed. Other residents agreed that it is difficult due to two applications being on the table presently and if both were to be passed this would be detrimental to the village. Val Atkinson asks about the car parking and access to the remainder of the field. Clerk to reply: If the Planning Committee choose to grant permission at this site (17/00710/OUT), then Scorton PC has the following comments to add. The car park for village functions doesn't actually allow for vehicular access to the main field. Also that the trees surrounding make the area very isolated and a potential for anti social behaviours. The Play Park would be better placed nearer to the village and on the green belt (opposite Glebe Terrace and to the South of that green space). This would ensure greater safety for the children and also reduces any possible anti social behaviour as clearly visible. Additionally this would make the park much more accessible for all the children and aid cohesion within the community. Cllr Les arrives. The 4 self build plots do not adjoin the current building line and are large plots. If the above suggestion of moving the play park to the green belt were to be taken forward, then the current park location could be utilised for the self build plots and thus reducing the extent of the development boundary to the north.

- Amendments to proposed development on land north of medical centre. Letters forwarded to the PC read out from Sarah & Martyn Calvert. Points raised about sewerage pumping station being below existing bund level in flood zone and safety concerns about where the proposed farm access would be to the balance of that field. Alan Coates asks what would stop these developments from growing. Cllr Threlfall states that the application is for a certain size and that could not be extended other than by an additional application. The Planning committee will meet 6th March to discuss these applications and all are welcome to attend, with any formal comments to be forwarded prior. Cllrs unanimously resolved to not support the proposed development on the following grounds: The proposed development area is not within or adjacent to the current building line of the village. The Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment within the Local Plan deem the area unsuitable for development. It is not connected to the village and as such councillors felt that it would be very difficult for these residents to have cohesion with the community, and the present villagers with them. The access and egress for the proposed development is unsuitable for that stretch of road. Concerns about where the proposed agricultural access would be for the remainder of that field, we would presume to the north of the development and thus near to a bend where visibility is already hindered. There would be increased traffic through the village as the vast majority would need to travel through to get to the major roads and all the local towns. The area floods regularly. The current infrastructure of the village would be altered and as such Councillors request that ample financial provision be secured for expansion of the school and medical centre, should the development be granted. Residents leave.
 - Kiplin Hall Quarry waste recycling facility invitation to Committee meeting on 6/2 at 10am. PC comments already forwarded.
 - Granted: 5 Manor Court – Timber Garden room, Clara Meyer LBC for removal of brickwork blocking previous cellar door and replacement in stone, concrete sill to be replaced with stone. 6 Typhoon Close – rear extension, Tarmac continuation for further quarrying until 31/12/20 with final restoration 31/12/21.
- 6) Crime report. Report for 29/11 – 25/1, just a couple of reports for this period.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
- Small play park – update. Finally moving forwards following meeting with Gina Dowson in December. “Having looked into this matter further, and given the intransigent position of Priestgate Services (Number 26) Limited, I have drafted the Deed of Covenant on the basis that it is unilateral and therefore Priestgate Services (Number 26) Limited although a party to the agreement will not be required to execute the agreement.” She has advised us to use our solicitor for approval. Clerk to forward details.
 - Information giving morning. Original date unsuitable due to Royal Wedding. New date 24th March 10.30 – 12.30. Clerk to invite Play park reps, Scouts, CAB, Police property marking service, Carers Service, Scorton Buddies, 1st Responders, Fire service, Environment Agency. District Cllr Threlfall to invite E library, Tarmac, Lifeline
 - Boundary Commission. PC submission received and final recommendations will be expected in early April.
 - Parish Portal. Forwarded comments about how this could be improved and many already completed and service much improved.
 - Glebe Terrace tree report. Following our walkabout we reported to Highways that this tree is looking poorly, they have replied and aware and as such have had a report produced, agreeing that the trees vitality is poor especially on the footpath side. They will inspect again in June/July this year and let us know.
 - CAB thanks for £120 donation sent last meeting.

8) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- Scorton War Memorial Institute (Donation) £800.00
- Community Publications (Grass cutting tender advert) £42.00
- Mac Plant (Grass) £300.00
- Green Frog (Pansies) £57.59

Quarterly balance 1/1/18 = £17045.39

Scorton War Memorial Institute Donation. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest. This helps keep hire prices low for residents. It was resolved to donation £800 this year.

- 9) Molly Cail park – update and new designs. Successful with additional funding from the County Cllr Locality Budget £300. New designs with the available funding shown to Cllrs. Clerk to ask play park reps to display their designs for children to give their opinions at the information morning.
- 10) Michael Heseltine memorial bench. Successful with additional funding from the County Cllr Locality Budget £400. Total cost including paving will be £894.90 and cllrs resolved to fund the balance. Clerk to order bench.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. None attended this month.
- 12) Safety review. RDC play equipment checks have highlighted 3 issues relating to Jubilee Green. None are urgent. Clerk to discuss with the play park provider.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. A resident reported the dog bin overflowing at Banks Lane and Scorton Lakes car park, also noted that the school bin was full. Pizza business asked if the PC were happy that they park outside the Institute on Thursday. Clerk emailed all Cllrs and it was suggested that as Bowling takes place that evening then the Northside may be a better location on that night. Cllr Hull reported the Richmondshire sign is down near Atley Hill. Clerk reported to RDC and now replaced. Also Alan Cowan's bench has some damage to the arm. This will be repaired when the bench comes in for sandblasting. The thin drain on Rectory Corner is blocked again. Clerk reported via Parish Portal. Cllr Hull reports the grit bin is empty on Westfields, it was also noted that the Glebe Terrace one is still empty. Clerk has reported both. Quote received for footbridge repair, £600 + VAT. Clerk to find additional quotes. Remove ivy from tree on Bridge Green. £25 + VAT.
- 14) Correspondence. Age UK – introduction letter. Clerk to invite to the Information Morning. YLCA – Branch meeting 9th February. It is hoped that Rishi Sunak will attend and held in SWMI. RDC – training session for clerks relating to Planning Public Access Portal. Clerk will attend.
- Cllr Les reports that grit bins are due to be all filled this week. Scorton Buddies have been successful with funding from the Locality Budget. There will be a new Locality Budget of £5000, this will be mainly reserved for items relating to Highways. Accident at junction onto new road; Cllr Les has requested that this junction should be reviewed. A review of road signs around the area is to be carried out following the upgrade of the A1. A meeting will take place at Catterick Village 1st Feb.

Meeting closed: 21.45

Date of next meeting: 28th February at 7.30pm