

# SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 7.45pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Rafelt, Threlfall, Richardson & Calvert, North Yorkshire Cllr Les, Alan Coe (REMS), 1 MOP

- 1) Apologies. PCSO Brown, SOS Group
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 24<sup>th</sup> April. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. PCSO Brown sent the Crime report for April. Police awareness this month is about preventing theft from your doorstep, clerk to post on PC Facebook page.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. None
- 6) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative & SOS group.

Tarmac representative. Alan Coe gives his report: The reserve has attracted many visitors over the bank holiday weekends with both car parks near capacity at times. Wildflowers are looking amazing this year. Many visitors express their appreciation and some have expressed that they would like to volunteer to do work on site – looking to form a plan presently. The Geocache is popular, 4 new benches have been installed and a dog water point. Alan Coe leaves.

North Yorkshire Cllr Les. Mayoral election has taken place and NYC will work together with David Skaith, having a mayor unlocks devolution funding. Locality funding continues for 24/25 with £10,000/Cllr. NYC are requesting a call for sites in North Yorkshire; NYC have requested that Yorkshire Water should be a statutory consultee for planning applications. Housing Strategy consultation/document, work in progress. Second homes pay double council tax and NYC want to build more social housing. Scorton garage goes to committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June, Cllr Les has given his representations. Parking enforcement is now open to reports via the NYC website.

SOS Group. Sent an update, things remain quiet but on the expectation that a formal planning application will be submitted. The new Tourist Information pamphlets are being distributed currently, recent group meeting resolved to generate a more detailed action plan and a detailed letter is to be sent to Mr Skaith, highlighting the situation.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. School speed limit. Mrs Dobson has forwarded an email from Highways following School & PC request for 20mph limit outside school. Highways will look at the accident history and undertake a survey of vehicle speeds and once this work has been completed then the information will be reviewed. Garage planning. A MOP asks about the licence application and the PCs decision, clerk replied that the PC felt unable to comment as in January no plans had been seen and the area where alcohol is to be sold remained a workshop. Committee meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June, clerk to forward information when received. Bridge Green work. MOP sent email and in attendance, he gives further explanation about the recent fencing work, he feels the situation was unacceptable and that the contractor should not be used again. Works Schedule, risk assessment & qualification proof received from Contractor. Discussion follows. North Yorkshire Cllr Les assures that the PC carried out the procedure correctly and will look at the photos and inform NYC. Cllr Les leaves.
- 8) Accounts

Balance at 22/05/24 £20,926.60 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs)

Incoming:

  - NYC (Precept 1st payment) £8500.00
  - Express Property Claims (Bridge Green Insurance claim) £584.00

Outgoing:

- Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50
- V Raven (Wages May) £546.00
- BT (Broadband) £45.19
- Mac Plant (Contour play – JG, fence, pot holes, land drain – BG £2488.80
- NYC (Park inspections) £619.94
- I Threlfall (YIBS postcrete) £13.44
- Zurich (Insurance) £923.58

9) Planning items

- Full Planning Permission for garden room extension at 6 The Archers Green. No objections.

10) Discussion about recruitment of new councillors. Discussion about how to fill the spaces, already noted on website. Clerk to put in S&D Times, posters for noticeboards and on Facebook page.

11) Items for next edition of S&D Times. Feast items, Gig on the Green, recruitment of new Cllrs, Community Speed Watch, School Summer Fair, De-fib training session, Alan Coe (REMS)

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

13) Safety review. Mollie Cail park, cable ties to the top of the swings removed, replaced by a resident.

14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. NYC asked if the area around the dog bins on Banks Lane could be tidied, as they were struggling to empty, a resident has tidied this area. Water leak on Hospital Road – reported to Yorkshire Water and resolved.

15) Correspondence. NYC – Catterick Town centre improvement/plans. Information sessions to be listed on website and Facebook page. YLCA Richmondshire Branch meeting 13th June. Clerk & Cllrs Threlfall & Richardson will attend. Request for agenda item: information about the amalgamation of PC/PMs.

16) Date of next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Meeting closed: 21.15