

# SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 6.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Rafelt, Harper, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, District Cllr Rowe, 1 Member of the Public, Cllr Aston (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Hull & Newall, County Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. No matters raised.
- 5) Crime report. Borderwatch volunteers have continued to be active, and PC Wood urges residents to check their security in these dark winter months.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
  - Glebe Terrace Tree. Clerk to follow up with another email to Highways.
  - VAS signs. Cllr Les has sent an email informing us that Tunstall are interested in joining our scheme. Clerk to send a holding email and explain that we are waiting for Brompton on Swale to get back to us and will be early 2020.
  - Feedback from Scorton & District Times. Email received from a resident of High Row about the request for more considerate parking, and explains the problems they have with parking, and asks for part of the grass to be removed to assist. Clerk to reply explaining the area is registered village green and as such we do not have the powers to remove, but sympathise with their concerns and will place another article in the next Scorton & District Times to hopefully encourage more thoughtful parking. Another email from a resident on Hospital Road states problems with parking, obstructed view when pulling out of property and also the signs for the Care Village. District Cllr Threlfall explains that the signs are being dealt with by RDC planning department. Clerk to reply explaining that RDC Planning Department are looking into the signs in the area, and that we will place an article requesting residents to park with consideration to others in the next Scorton & District Times. A letter was received about parking on High Row also stating parking issues, clerk to reply explaining that cllrs sympathise with the issues and will put an article in the next Scorton & District Times requesting residents park with thoughts to their neighbours. Cllr Rafelt will write the article for the S&D Times.
  - Speed concern – Station Road. North Yorkshire Police have acknowledged this concern and will reply when they have investigated further.  
Suggestion made to add DC & CC updates to the agenda, all agreed. Cllr Aston arrives.
- 7) Planning items. Refused. Outline application for up to 40 dwellings off Bolton Road.  
Granted. FPP for part single and two storey extension to create essential additional bedroom and utility room, Jesmond House, Hospital Road & FPP for change of use for the keeping of horses and stables, land adjacent to the Archery Field
- 8) Accounts.  
Incoming:
  - HMRC (VAT return) £1293.84Expenditure: -
  - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £84.00
  - V Raven (Wages Oct, Nov, Dec) £1200.00
  - RDC (Uncontested election) £100.00
  - GCH (Grass x 2) £708.00Precept decision 2020/2021. Clerk circulated forecast for 20/21. It was resolved to increase the precept by £500 to £15500 this year.
- 9) Replacement tree for outside the SWMI. Cllr Threlfall has spoken with Gary Hudson RDC for advice, the cherry tree had a trunk bound infection, so could plant a cherry tree again but this not advisable or

recommended. Cllrs resolved that a green beech would suit the location, Cllr Threlfall will discuss varieties with Gary Hudson and also discuss with the direct neighbours.

District Cllr Rowe gives updates from DC. New Local Plan to 2035, no significant additional building required within Scorton. Council tax payments for empty houses are 100% which increases to 300% if building remains empty for 10 years. Fire services now under the Police Commissioner. Corporate Board, the new strategy is awaiting ratification. Flood risk reviews underway. Waste & recycling, waiting for new advice. Climate emergency plan, this is getting off the ground now and will allow members of public to attend meetings. Cllr Rowe leaves.

- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Cllr Threlfall attended the Roadchef J52 consultation. New jobs and green plans were positive but concerns about the road layout and traffic hold ups. Trees will be placed around the boundary to aid aesthetics if project goes ahead.
- 11) Safety review. Letter from RDC re: play area checks. To arrange meeting with David Lodge RDC.
- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. A member of public reported a water leak on Bridge Green. Clerk reported to Yorkshire Water, now resolved. Streetlight at Glebe Terrace now repaired but area still very dark; Clerk to ascertain whether NYCC or RDC would provide a new lamp.
- 13) Correspondence. NYCC – Urban Grass cutting payments 2020/2021. Payment for 20/21 would be £993.26, it was resolved to continue cutting the urban visibility grass for this season. Clerk to reply. NALC – strengthening Police Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments consultation. Cllrs to reply to clerk and then clerk to reply. RDC – Smoke free funding & co-option of new cllr. Helen Maddison-Potts is co-opted as Scorton Parish Councillor.

Meeting closed: 19.55

Date of next meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> January