

## SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Harper, Rafelt & Hull, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall (later), Austin Gordon (Richmondshire Leisure Trust), one member of the public, County Cllr Les

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Cole & Newall, PCSO Sutherland, Cllr Threlfall will be late
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime report. PCSO Sutherland sent a report for February and March.
- 5) Austin Gordon from Richmond Leisure Trust attending to discuss their work. There are 4 sites now, Colburn Leisure Centre, Richmond Pool, Liberty Gym and South Park Cafe in Darlington. Colburn Leisure Centre was fortunate to gain 3 years worth of tapered funding but has now been 4 years without this and always looking for funding to help, some has been sought for new gym equipment and maybe opening up some more areas for clubs to run. RDC provides match funding and these projects ensure that this funding continues. AG will forward the quarterly newsletter to the PC, which does spread the positivity of the Leisure Group, and will provide % figures about the usage by Scorton residents. Cllr Threlfall arrives. Cllr Harper asks about gym usage for older people and felt that advice given can feel inappropriate for the older generation. AG said that he was aware and training is being given to all staff, providing differing areas within the gym for varying age groups and new classes and groups being implemented for the older generation. AG adds that funding is always welcomed for his trust and compliments Scorton for having such a lovely village hall. Cllr Harper thanks AG for attending, and AG leaves.
- 6) Matters raised by members of the public. Cllr Les reports that the VAS Policy has been finalised now and will forward to us, approx £2500 for one sign and site has to be agreed by Highways and moved regularly. Email also received from Brough St Giles PC who are asking if Scorton would like to share VAS.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
  - Bridge Green. Waiting for Environment Agency to return call to arrange meeting. Clerk ring again. Discussed the becksides and hogweeds with grass contractor and he will dig out the hogweeds (approx. £130 for this work) and cut every time.
  - Jubilee Green. Cllr Newall highlighted that Co-op are looking for community projects to fund, and clerk has enquired and sounds positive. Goal posts discussed and it was agreed that the ones on the green could be altered to fit Jubilee Green and have new moveable ones for the green. Clerk to measure if these are the same size, and find out when funding is open.
  - Sycamore tree – Glebe Terrace. Highways give an update. Quotes are being sought and will contact us again with dates.
  - Little White Bus. Thanks for the contribution and service will continue until at least March 2020. New timetable discussed with buses going to Barnard Castle, Ripon, Bedale & Teesside Park.
  - Bolton on Swale planning update. A meeting was held to discuss the Bolton Road planning proposal. Mr Beeson from Wharfedale Homes emails and summarises their comments, some relate to the parking provision for the school and he felt that this would need to be reviewed especially the level of provision and future maintenance of the parking provision. He asks if SPC would be willing to take over this asset. It was resolved to await the planning decision before a decision can be made.

8) Accounts.

Incoming: -

- Briarside & Rest Harrow (Encroachments) £2.00

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- Mac Plant (Slabs for Jubilee Green seats) £150.00
- YLCA (Annual membership) £299.00
- NYCC (S&D Times printing) £38.00
- V Raven (Wages Jan, Feb, Mar) £1200.00

NALC Salary Award recommendations. To re agenda in June and aim to get on a scale.

9) Planning items

- FPP for replacement of all windows and doors with UPVC windows and doors at 10 Wilson Court. No objections by delegated authority (DR & LH)

Granted: Stags Close Conservatory to rear.

10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Cllr Rafelt attended YLCA planning workshop and thanks the PC for sending him, as found it useful and clerk will circulate the PowerPoint handout. Main points were that as a PC we should only comment on material considerations and aim to be the voice of the community in our responses to the planning authority.

11) Safety review. No issues have been reported.

12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Harper reports that the kerb stones on Northside have fallen away, to be replaced; the rat hole is back on sycamore tree island, clerk to contact Yorkshire Water and the area outside the garage was flooded again for the first time since it was cleared out; quarry dog poo bins need emptying, clerk to report. Cllr Hull reports that the "Do not park here signs" near the Farmers Arms are in a poor state, it was resolved to remove them for now and observe area; also that the bands around the planters are becoming loose, to be repaired. Cllr Threlfall adds that a few areas were missed with the new grass contractor but minor things, clerk to email. A resident reported that cars have been meeting at Banks Lane late at night, clerk reported to NYP.

13) Correspondence. NYCC – Locality funding success, for repair of Bolton Road Scorton sign and tidying of footpath to Bolton, clerk has completed acceptance and to obtain quotes for Highways approved contractors. Renewal of contracts for subsidised local bus services, no changes to services serving Scorton other than a change of provider. Cllr Les adds that the NYCC are working hard to keep subsidising these rural services. Rotary Club of Richmond – Best kept village 2019. SPC would like to enter, clerk to reply. RDC conservation area appraisal, views by 1/6/19. What's On publication. Asking for articles/classes/groups, etc and copies available from Mocha in Richmond.

Meeting closed: 21.05

Date of next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019