

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Rafelt, Hull & Cole, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, one member of the public, County Cllr Les

Cllr Harper thanks Cllr Rafelt for standing in as Chairman for the January meeting at such short notice.

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Newall, PC Wood
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 30th January 2019. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. Query raised about replacement for the Cherry Tree, Cllr Harper states that this will be on the October agenda ready for the planting season.
- 5) Crime report. Small report for January.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Bridge Green. Cllr Threlfall spoke with the MOP. Re: clearing out the beck, clerk to arrange a meeting with Environment Agency. Willows, quote for removing all, shred and dispose £300 from tree surgeon and MOP offers to remove and burn on site free of charge. It was resolved to use the contractor due to insurance concerns and disposal. Then following re growth, able to choose the best shoots to grow up. Moles, 2 quotes received £20/mole and £90 for first mole and then reducing. It was resolved to wait for the first few cuts and then to grass seed the patches. Hogweeds, it was resolved to cut the beck at every cut, clerk to get price. Recycling bin advice was placed in the S&D Times, Clerk and Cllr Cole to distribute nets and boxes along Hospital Road.
 - Scorton Buddies. Letter of thanks for the donation and all invited to attend their events.
 - Jubilee Green. The small green fence and gate have been removed from the small play area on Blenheim Close and equipment to be removed also. It was resolved to get the tarmac area power washed to remove moss. Football posts 5 a side mini requested and clerk to get costs and look/apply for funding.
 - Sycamore tree – Glebe Terrace. Clerk has asked Highways for an update. Cllrs discuss the possibility of the tree being relocated due to Highways being unsure about the location for a tree sculpture in its present position. It was resolved not to relocate the trunk as this comes with its own issues (stability, proportions reduced, original concept), however we await Highways decision.

7) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- Eyecatching Signs (Sign for Mollie Cail Park) £36.00
- News Today Ltd (Advert for grass tender) £38.25
- RDC (Annual Park checks) £427.26
- YLCA (Training) £115.00

Grass cutting tender decision: Two quotes received Robertson's Garden Services £275/cut inc VAT, GCH Garden Maintenance £255.00/cut + VAT. Both prices are without cutting the becksides.

Good discussion follows and both Cllr Harper and Clerk had met both, and both work for other parishes. It was resolved to accept GCH Garden Maintenance for 2019 grasscutting.

- 8) Planning items
Granted: Full Planning Permission for Construction of Timber Garden Room and Removal of Timber Fence and Erection of new 1.5m Timber Fence at Bay Tree House, 3 Manor Court, Scorton.
- 9) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall attended the YLCA Branch meeting; Julia Mulligan was intended to speak but didn't attend. YLCA news – new office sought as present office now unsuitable, hosting a celebration of Local Councils at Ripon Cathedral 19th October, more details to follow
- 10) Safety review. No issues have been reported.
- 11) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Hull reported a deer trap has been found, reported to the Police and also dog poo bags being left along Banks Lane. Mollie Cail sign is now up.
- 12) Correspondence. RDC – CAP meeting 13th March at SWMI 6pm. Election information, Clerks' meeting 7th March, clerk to attend. YLCA – training, Cllr Rafelt attending Planning Day. The Bridge – funding request. Hold until May when yearend accounts completed and clerk to check amount of regular users. Re agenda in May. Paul Hind – Farmers Arms request for trenching works for 3 metres in front of The Farmers Arms. It was resolved to accept this request, providing the area is safe during the work and made good after completion. Clerk to reply.
Cllr Les reports that the draft policy is being drawn up for the VAS signs, to have speed limit and slow down on signs, and has to be moved to different locations regularly. Await finalised policy. NYCC have increased council tax by 2.99%, 2% adult social care levy. Locality funding will fund £1000 for the Little White Bus. Police proposed a 10.3% increase, this was vetoed and now 9.6%, mainly due to the shortage of police another 20 PCSOs and 50 PCs to be employed in North Yorkshire with some officers specifically trained to work with mental health issues.

Meeting closed: 21.05

Date of next meeting: 3rd April 2019