

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Threlfall, Harper, Calvert, Terry & Robson, PCSO Brown, 2 MOP

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Richardson & North Yorkshire Cllr Les. Cllr Rafelt welcomes Cllrs Terry & Robson to the PC.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25th September. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. PCSO Brown attending and gives the recent Crime report. Cllr Richardson emailed query about the increase in the crime figures, PCSO Brown explains the differences in our area and Scorton figures aren't high. He is happy to complete a breakdown for Scorton if required. He highlights that tool & quad bike theft is on the increase across the County. MOP asks a question about a recent conviction.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. MOP questions the previous minutes, as suggests that MOP should contact the Monitoring Officer should any problems occur with the PC. PC to seek clarification and Cllr Threlfall will talk to YLCA. MOP asks if the PC could help with the problems around the Gatherley road crossroads traffic lights, since the re-surfacing, they seem to be on a mechanical sequence rather than assessing the traffic flow. Clerk to contact Highways, and follow up at Highways update meeting. Cllr Harper adds that the hatching at the Catterick Bridge side only covers one carriageway, clerk to inform Highways.
- 6) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, SOS group & Scorton Surgery. SOS. Member attending and reports that the core group meet regularly, and focusing on a detailed plan with the group's objectives. New name: Save Scorton Lakes. Query if PC would support a public meeting in the future. Cllrs would support this. Cllr Calvert remains the link for the PC. Scorton Surgery. Information about PPG and problems trying to recruit.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Warmer Spaces. Email received from Chapel & Buddies; they held "Warm Spaces" in the Chapel last year but very few to none attended, and so have decided not to continue this year. Cllr Harper asks if this could be looked at again should this winter be very cold. Thank you from NY Citizens Advice for our recent donation. S&D Times, not enough to complete now, wait until January when annual club details will be published. Table license & copy of public liability insurance, received from The White Heifer. Bollards at Westfields, Cllr Threlfall reports that this will cost around £1000 for new galvanised tubing, and to re-use the original caps, to complete Spring/Summer; end of month check to be completed. Meeting with Environment Agency, 24th October 10am – Bridge Green. Christmas tree, it was resolved to purchase a tree at £200.
- 8) Accounts
Balance at 23/10/24 £26,240.09 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs)
Incoming:
 - NYC (Precept 2nd payment) £8500.00
 - John Blenkiron (Cemetery fees) £930.00Outgoing:
 - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50
 - V Raven (Wages October) £659.90
 - HMRC (PAYE) £26.88
 - BT (Broadband) £45.19
 - Briathwaites (Trees) £79.82
 - Keay Vital Parts/I Threlfall (End caps) £24.73

- PKF Littlejohn (Audit) £252.00
- NYC (Litter bin) £338.40
- Mac Plant (Bridge Green – tree works) £474.00

Completion of external audit. Matter reported, section 2 was not signed prior to cllrs approval. British Legion donation to be put on the agenda in November.

9) Planning items

- Retrospective planning application for the installation of new above ground tanks, fence and new parking to the existing filling station retail area – Penny Petroleum. No objections.

10) To discuss adoption of the new Standing Orders. It was resolved to accept the new standing orders.

11) Safety review

- RDC – play equipment inspection. Caps have been placed on all the wooden equipment in Spitfire & Typhoon, stepping logs have been reduced as discussed. No new items.

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

13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Rafelt reports problems with dog fouling on Jubilee Green. Clerk to talk to dog warden about the problems in this area. Trees to be planted 12th November 10am, meet Bridge Green. Cllr Calvert reports streetlight off on Hospital Road, clerk to inform street lighting.

14) Correspondence. NYC – Parish Liaison drop in 6th November, Richmond Town Hall 10-4, Cllrs Threlfall, Harper, Robson, Terry & clerk will attend. Naming new development road off Stags Way, clerk to forward suggestion of Heseltine Close. YLCA – Richmondshire Branch meeting – 24th October & training for new Councillors. Cllrs Robson & Terry will attend new councillor training. Police & Crime Plan and Fire & Rescue Plan consultation. Completed.

Cllr Threlfall reports back about the water for the cemetery, suggests that square guttering and smaller down pipe would be more aesthetically pleasing. Need a new base and ‘not drinking water’ sign. Around £200.

15) Date of next meeting – 27th November

Meeting closed: 20.50