

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Calvert, Harper & Rafelt, North Yorkshire Cllr Les, Alan Coe (REMS), Members of the Public x 2

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Bell & Richardson
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 16th August. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. Report for July read. Advice given about machine theft, clerk to put item on Facebook page.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. Nothing raised.

- 6) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative & SOS group.

Alan Coe in attendance and gives his report. The noticeboard on Banks Lane now replaced, information boards, directional signs and rest points discussed, all work in progress. All feedback encouraged to scorton.lakes@tarmac.com. Dog fouling problematic on Banks Lane in particular, there are 7 bins around the site, 4 of those PC bins. Himalayan Balsam has been cut back. Contact made with PCSO Brown to explain the area and provide contact details. Drainage and pruning work carried out, and potholes to car parks, further work needed at the South car park. Garage lake has been flailed and hand trimmed to improve the visual aspect for residents on Bolton Road. A MOP asks about the reed planting around the lakes, Alan Coe explains that this stops the geese walking out of the water for grazing. Also questions about excessive tree planting which stops people viewing the lakes, Alan Coe explains that this is a balance and that the north car park has a fence to allow for viewing. Cllr Calvert asks about seating and suggests large flat boulders, split tree trunks also suggested.

SOS group. Some positive feedback received about a ramp being removed which now allows for people with mobility problems to access more areas, Alan Coe replies and adds that he is working on access improvement. North Yorkshire Council Councillor Les reports that the transition is looking at housing, leisure and tourism strategies currently plus new combined authority draft standing orders. There is a 5 year local plan in progress and he has asked for the Station Road (east) development to be taken to Planning Committee meeting on 12th October.

- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Parking near to the school. Cllr Les states parental choice for schooling does mean families need to travel to get their children to school. He visited the headteacher at Bolton School, she has asked for parents to be more considerate, and also if the planning appeal is successful adjacent to the school, then 15 spaces will be allocated for school drop off and pick up. MOP suggests that the layby should be used for school purposes, and that other villages have differing solutions. Also, that her driveway is impossible to leave and enter at times, Cllr Rafelt advised that the Police should be contacted should this occur again. Problems with light outside the school noted and Cllr Rafelt will contact the Governors about this. Cllr Threlfall adds that double yellow lines allow people to alight for up to 40 minutes. MOP feels that the area outside school is an accident waiting to happen, another MOP, who was unable to attend, shares their concerns. Clerk to assist MOP complete online traffic safety concerns form.

Station Road traffic safety, response from Highways: the slow sign does not require a repaint at present and no further measures would be appropriate. Online traffic safety link to be forwarded to residents. New timber footbridge, drawings have been sent and these have been checked and confirmed as accurate, however need to confirm that the bridge will arrive in kit form. Clerk to send the confirmation, delivery should be end October/early November.

Grass cutting. Clerk has contacted the contractor as requested to ask about the problems with grass cutting generally. Contractor responded by apologising and stating that there were problems with staff cover and equipment, he also said he would review the price when the final invoice is collaborated and reduce.

- 8) Accounts. Balance 27/09/2023 £26146.33

Incoming:

- Murphys Fair (Feast ground rent) £300.00
- Cemetery £500.00

- NYC (Locality funding) £4000.00
- NYC (Precept 2nd instalment) £8000.00

Outgoing:

- PlusNet (Broadband) £36.19
- Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50
- V Raven (Wages August & September + Brass band teas) £1063.92
- John Pickard (Resetting memorials) £600.00
- NY Timber & Sam Turners (Paid I Threlfall – Wood for ramp) £185.40
- PKF (External audit) £252.00

External audit completed, Matters reported: section 1 to be completed prior to section 2. Clerk to action at next AGM.

9) Planning matters

- FPP for outbuilding alterations and link, boundary wall to be demolished and rebuilt as cavity wall. The Cottage, High Row. Scorton PC has no objections.

Appeal notification: Land to the east of Bolton Road. Representation forwarded and agreed by Cllrs before the deadline.

Granted: Outline application for erection of up to 9 residential dwellings at land to the north of Hospital Road (east), FPP for extension to east elevation porch to west elevation at The Bungalow, Clarence House.

- 10) To consider the quotes relating to new shelving for the bus shelter. Cllr Threlfall has spoken with the Bus Shelter Buddy leader and they will clear the bus shelter the week prior to painting, they are happy to contribute towards the cost. A noticeboard was discussed.

Shelving quotes for 4 Racks 2000 x 900 x 300mm

BIGDUG: Wire shelving £705.60 plus ply shelving at £300.00

RAPID SHELVING: Solid steel £900.00

SHELVING DIRECT: Galvanised Steel £674.12

SCREWFIX: 2 x Shelving packs plus ply for shelving Total £580.00

All the above require Exterior Ply End panels at approx. total of £70.00.

It was resolved to accept Shelving Direct at £674.12 + £70.00 for the end panels and to paint and replace shelves weekend of 14th October.

- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.

- 12) Safety review. New item: Mollie Cail park, the climbing wall has two hand holds which are loose. Cllr Bell resolved.

- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Litter from Gatherley crossroads to recycling plant. Clerk notified Streetscene, resolved. Cllr Threlfall reported streetlight out at SWMI. Contacted NYC and resolved. Bollard on bus shelter island not working. Reported to Highways and resolved. Resident has queries about grass cutting and pot holes in Bridge Green access, re: grass cutting, the machinery had broken down and the pot holes have been actioned, tarmac completed with aggregate to follow. Cllr Threlfall & Bell re built section of the climbing treads at Mollie Cail park – this should ensure this section of the slide will last another couple of years. Resident reports branches falling from tree on Bolton Road. Highways notified. Resident reports hedge requires trimming around Drs Surgery and the beginning of Stags Way. Reported to Practice Manager, Highways and Developer. Cllr Bell reports the VAS on Hospital Road is not working. Batteries replaced and data to be collected from this VAS when moved. Also noted that the next time the VAS is on Hospital Road, the sign should be placed to detect vehicles going out of the village. Resident & Cllr Calvert report travellers on Bridge Green. Clerk notified PCSO to add to their patrol. Scorton & District Times due to be published, not much to put in presently, cllrs suggest reminding residents about parking on the village grass.
- 14) Correspondence. NYCC – New approach to managing speed limits. New review to take place in the coming years. YLCA – Richmondshire branch meeting 23rd October SWMI 7pm. Rachel Joyce, NYC attending to discuss Community Partnerships, topics requested by 3rd October.

Cllr Threlfall reports that the path and soakaway has been completed in the cemetery, however water from the Highway is flowing down the ramp. Clerk to report to Highways. Mollie Cail hedge to be cut soon.

Representative from Save our Swale group has requested to attend one of our meetings, invited to 25th October.

- 15) Date of next meeting – 25th October

Meeting closed: 21.25