

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Robinson & Allan, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, PCSOs Wallace & Loughran, Fiona Kaley (Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Centre), County Cllr Les (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Rafelt & Partington
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 28th October 2015. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime report. PCSO Wallace gives a small report for 27/10 – 25/11 and Cllrs request to increase area covered for reports in future. Address clarified from last month's report and PCSO Wallace appeals for residents to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police in this period running up to Christmas.
- 5) "Caring for Carers" presentation by Fiona Kaley (Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Centre). Fiona Kaley is the Information & Development Worker and the post was funded by the CCG to increase awareness and support carers in Hambleton & Richmondshire (approx. 15000 carers in this region). There are around 7 million carers in the UK and it is estimated that they save approx. £119 billion/year. The main hurdle is that many don't see themselves as carers and carers are from all ages and juggle their lives around caring. The Carers Centre is a charity and started 18 years ago, the main office is in Northallerton, with an outreach in Richmond, however Officers tend to do their assessments in the carers own homes. There are two services: adult and young person with lots of support offered from benefit advice to liaising with schools. The Carers Centre is looking for volunteers to help with distributing information, HR & business skills and accompanying young carers to after school events. Article offered in the next edition of the Scorton & District Times and Cllr Robinson suggested using the Patient Participation Group as a way to distribute information through the surgery. Cllr Les arrives.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Website. Cllr Threlfall states that this went live on Tuesday and just waiting for training re: uploading and then will be up to date. Cllr Allan has experience with web editing and offers help also.
 - Transparency Code funding. Invoice received from website host about annual charges (£108/year) and now application can be forwarded.
 - School noticeboard. Cllr Threlfall advised that the school noticeboard is odd dimensions presently and new one should allow for more A4 sheets. Clerk to ask for another quote for 1200mm x 750mm board and new posts.
 - Bridge Green – wildflowers. Clerk gives an account of the procedure adopted by Hartlepool DC re their wild flower displays and more complicated than originally thought and an annual expense; however Cllr Harper added that their displays are more like wildflower displays and not a meadow. The original concept was a wildflower meadow area. Last week YLCA forwarded information about "Grow Wild" Community project funding scheme and looks like the wildflower project could be an application. Cllr Threlfall suggests asking the local residents about their opinions and also that the area near to the wooden footbridge may be more suitable. Clerk to ask Mrs Heywood to talk with residents about concept for their opinions. Cllr Harper replied that the original idea was to cover the area where the temporary road was placed as grass poor and in full sunlight. Clerk to look at "Grow Wild" funding award for wildflower meadow where the temporary road was but deadline 1.12, get quotes from Green Estate and Green Frog. Cllr Threlfall & Robinson will estimate the area to be planted.
- 7) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - Mac Plant (Grass x 1) £300.00
 - British Legion (Donation) £50.00
 - V Raven (Wages October, November, December) £917.28

- YLCA (Training) £250.00
 - Green Frog Garden Shop (Winter bedding plants + compost + fertiliser) £97.76
- Precept setting for 2016/2017. Forecast forwarded to cllrs and following a long discussion it was resolved to set the precept with no increase £14000 – majority decision.
- 8) Discussion about new equipment for Clarence Road park. Due to the wooden play equipment being taken down due to safety reasons the PC may look at funding to replace that piece of equipment as no funding is available from DC to replace play equipment. Long discussion about the future of Clarence Road park and Cllr Threlfall suggests that the DC may want the PC to take over the ownership of this park. Cllr Les suggests talking to the residents about any new equipment choices and especially the children. Cllr Threlfall suggests that this may be a good opportunity to upgrade the whole park and fencing. Clerk to agenda in January for further discussions. Cllr Harper suggests a traversing wall, as the equipment removed was mainly used as a climbing frame. Cllr Robinson suggests asking the children. Clerk will forward more websites for cllrs to look at and clerk to find out if funding is available.
 - 9) Decision re: registering Jubilee Green. Clerk spoke with Common land Registration Officer who also emailed comments. Mr Stanford explained that NYCC is a Registration Authority and merely the holder of Registers but will answer questions to best of his knowledge. If additional play equipment was to be placed following registration then the PC may need to apply to The Secretary of State and advises the PC to investigate this further. PC asked about registering the Tarmac ball wall area and if this surface area would need to be removed from the plan. Mr Stanford suggests that this wouldn't need to be registered any differently. Benefits to registering area as Village Green rather than Common land, he felt that as used as recreational presently then would be better to be registered as village green. Clerk to check with YLCA for further advice.
 - 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Clerk attended Highways Workshop which was initiated by Amy Ellis (NYCC Highways). Informative morning and new reporting tool online which allows for complete accuracy of problem area which assists with speed of resolution. Also highlighted new website which shows up any roadworks in any area of the country Roadworks.org and Amy will forward information for the next Scorton & District Times. A Parish Portal will be available soon. Cllr Harper attended an YLCA Planning Training day which emphasised that planning regulations are continually changing, and a new Community Incentive fund to help areas with new developments will be seen soon. Cllr Harper has written a guide to help cllrs focus on the material considerations when looking at new planning applications; the DC does value our comments. If the PC asks to register their interest about certain applications then any further alterations (following the original plans) will be forwarded to the PC. Planning items should be noted separately on the agenda and if between meetings then is delegated to clerk and if two cllrs meet and decide then this should be on standing orders. Clerk to forward model Standing orders to review. Aim for the future is to lessen bureaucracy and reduce the need for planning permission for certain buildings. Brownfield sites - any land which has been used for anything other than agricultural purposes. Cllr Robinson gave a presentation in Ryedale about Befriending Schemes which was organised by Rural Action Yorkshire
 - 11) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
 - 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Harper reported that a resident gave thanks for the lovely winter bedding plants in the new planters along Hospital Road. Cllr Harper & Hull reported light at bottom of Flywheel Street out. Clerk reported. Cllr Rafelt reported that the dog fouling signs at Typhoon Close park are damaged again. Clerk reported and DC is replacing with play park signs and no dogs allowed. Cllr Harper reported the poor footpath sign at Southside. Clerk reported to NYCC. Tree planting date 5th December at 1.30pm.
 - 13) Correspondence. NYCC – Waste & Minerals preferred options consultation. No objections. NYCC - Urban grass cutting changes/options. PC wished to continue with urban highway visibility grass cutting. Minimum amount from Highways will be £851.37. Clerk to reply. RDC – Central Area Partnership funding underspend. RDC asking for applications due to underspend. PC to apply for Salt spreader and school noticeboard. RDC - Hackney Carriage consultation. No comments.
 - 14) Matters raised by members of the public. Cllr Les reports that Junction 52 is now open and work at Gatherley Crossroads will start in January as planned. Autumn statement out today and pleased to see Policing has not been reduced. Cllr Harper asks for a definitive map of Footpaths and bridleways. Clerk to ask Highways.
- Meeting closed: 10.25pm

Date of next meeting: 27th January 2016 at 7.30pm