

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Harper, Calvert, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Members of the Public x 4

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Richardson, County Cllr Les, District Cllr Rowe
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Threlfall declares that he is dual hatted as Parish Councillor and also representative of the District Council Planning Committee, and as such any conclusions/decisions will be solely from documents produced at this PC meeting.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 28th September. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. Report sent for September, 2 new Officers for our area. Advice about fireworks night given. Cllr Rafelt felt that the contact details should be in the next S&D Times as a reminder. Clerk to action.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. MOP queries about an email he sent, Cllrs decided to seek legal advice regarding this email. RDC Legal Officer gave advice. Clerk to respond.
- 6) Updates from County/District Councillors. District Cllr Threlfall reports that the DC is working with the CC to ensure a smooth transition when Unitary takes over. Problems with choice based letting, some are putting an offer in and then declining, this delays the transfer. Streetlight repairs list now reducing. Green waste and car parking on target. Typhoon Close play area transfer agreed and waiting for legal services to complete. Central Area Partnership money underspend and will go to further meeting/applications.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Allotment update. Letter received from National Lottery Community Fund; they are unable to take the application further. Issues were: the land belongs to another party currently, allotment funding doesn't link in well with their funding priorities, queries about the development of the project/committee and that the project will only benefit 4 families in the first instance. Waiting to hear from RDC Community Infrastructure funding. Website update, the link part of the website isn't working on mobile devices, the original website designer is suggesting we require a new website and recommends Purple Creative Studio, they provided us with a quote. Clerk to ask for further quotes and talk to local PCs and YLCA, and look at possible funding. Also, to put in the next S&D Times to see if anyone local can provide the service. Feedback from Walkabout, Hospital Road Abbey Care signage, clerk discussed with manager and this 2019 sign needs to remain as this is the last CQC report and still valid. Maintenance have cleaned the sign and made sure secure. Bins, the cemetery still requires work following the extension, queries about ordering all together. The choice from RDC supplier is poor quality, and maybe a grey wheelie bin would be a better option. To agenda again when the cemetery works complete. Cllr Harper highlights that the bin on Hospital Road is damaged. It was resolved to replace the dead beech tree outside the SWMI for an oak, as a commemorative tree for the late Queen Elizabeth II. Require an oak around 7ft and the position may need changing slightly.
- 8) Accounts. Balance 26/10/22 £28204.50
Outgoing:
 - Unity Bank (Service charge) £18.00
 - British Legion (Donation) £120.00
 - Sam Turners (Grass seed) £84.00
 - Plus Net (Broadband) £36.07
 - Mark Harrod (Football nets) £75.82
 - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50
- 9) Planning matters
 - i) Outline application for residential development (with all matters reserved except for access) at Station Road (Amended proposal). Emails and letter sent to the planning authority cced to PC from nearby residents objecting, these were read at the meeting. Housing target numbers within Scorton discussed at length. Cllr Calvert objects to the proposal based on the amount of consents/proposals within Scorton. The majority of Councillors support the development in principle. Councillors were pleased to

see the number of dwellings reduced. However, concerns remain about the vehicular access; councillors feel that a mini roundabout at the Stags Way junction would be a far safer option for access and egress, and provide traffic calming at this already busy junction. It was also felt that with the number of recent developments granted, Scorton is reaching its limit for new developments. Request for the planning department to bear the concerns of nearby residents in mind.

- ii) FPP & LBC for proposed refurbishment, repairs, conservation works including French doors to the perimeter, internal alterations, rear kitchen extension, replacing concrete panels with slate tiles to existing lean to roof and front extension to existing garage at The Lodge, Hospital Road. No objections.

Granted: Certificate of lawfulness for single storey rear extension, Hengistbury, Bolton Road. FPP & LBC for proposed extension to outbuilding to reinstate first floor level, demolition and rebuilding of outbuilding, demolition of redundant outbuildings and reinstatement of previously demolished outbuilding, Mill House, Northside. FPP to demolish a wooden outbuilding and reconstruct a brick outbuilding in its place, Derrydale, Bolton Road

- 10) Representative for Remembrance Sunday and donation to British Legion. Cllrs Harper, Calvert & Rafelt will attend. It was resolved to donate £120.00 to British Legion.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall attended a meeting with Communitree project leader, she will let us know when the trees will be available for planting. RDC Central Area Partnership meeting, Cllrs Calvert, Harper, Threlfall & Clerk attended. Cllr Threlfall explains the 5 area partnership areas, Scorton is within the Central Area. The Area Meeting was fortunate that Tarmac were able to give a presentation about the restoration of the quarry area, this was an inspiring presentation and Tarmac are clearly and rightly proud of the work they have achieved for the benefit of nature and locals.
- 12) Safety review. Mollie Cail, the twirly pole bearing is starting to wear. Streetscape have reviewed this and state that no action is required presently but he will check every 2 months and inform us when work is required. Due to a recent email from MOP, the clerk also asked about how full that park is and whether any more equipment could be fitted. Streetscape suggested that a springer may be possible. Also spoke about deterring birds on the swings as making a mess of the swing seats, he suggested putting a few cable ties around the top bar.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. A MOP reports the bus shelter island bollard is unlit and also the two no entry signs. Clerk reported and issue resolved quickly. Another reports to Cllr Threlfall that the steps around the green are slippery/mossy and require cleaning. Cllr Rafelt reports the "bends in road" sign on Bolton Road as knocked over. Reported and resolved. Also parking problems at the entrance to Blenheim Close, reported and seems better. Last extra grass cut for the whole village and hogweeds treated. Cllr Calvert reports a camper van parked at The Havens. Clerk to report.
- 14) Correspondence. NYCC – review of NYCC subsidised local bus services. Only service relevant to Scorton is Richmondshire Rover service on Wednesdays, clerk to check route. YLCA – Richmondshire branch meeting 27th October. Clerk to attend. The Pensions Regulator – re-enrolment. Clerk to re-enrol. The Farmers Arms & White Heifer table licences. CAB – letter of thanks for donation. Latimer Hinks – Deed of Covenant for small park at Blenheim Close. Barnard Castle Town Council – request for advice about signage around the village, especially the Bridge Green signs.
- 15) Date of next meeting – 30th November
- 16) Meeting closed: 21.05