

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 29th July 2020 at 7.20pm at Manor House Green.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Newall, Aston, Harper, Hull & Maddison-Potts, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, DC Rowe

- 1) Apologies. County Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 11th March 2020. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. None attending.
- 5) Updates from County/District Councillors.
 - Cllr Rowe - Improving the cycle route to Richmond. Cllr Rowe reports that the proposal of a cycle route from Scorton via Brompton on Swale to Richmond was passed unanimously. The proposed route is direct to Gatherley crossroads, Bridge Road and through Easby and then diverts to go up to Richmond School. Cllr Aston suggests an alternative route via Skeeby but Cllr Rowe adds that we would need permission from landowners and have a quick deadline for proposals. Cllrs want to show their support for this project and clerk to write to Cllr Les and NYCC contact, Cllr Rowe will forward details. Cllr Threlfall then discusses the devolution plan; central government is encouraging North Yorkshire to devolve and this may be 1 or 2 unitary councils within North Yorkshire. The turnaround is fairly quick by 2022, and may affect the work of PCs, with the possibility of more responsibility and taking over more services. The problems at Richmond Falls over lockdown have prompted RDC to use private security to deter these anti social behaviours.
- 6) Crime report. Crime report sent in from PC Wood, a small report and the team wanted to thank everyone for coming together and helping those who are vulnerable in our community during lockdown.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
 - New Streetlight – Bolton Road. Waiting for CAP funding to be released.
 - Community Defib. Clerk to arrange a training session with the ambulance service after COVID restrictions lifted.
 - Football posts. Following funding success from Football Foundation, cllrs have resolved to buy the moveable posts on 4 wheels.
 - Station Road. Cllr Harper suggests asking Highways for “Caution concealed entrance” signs at this location. Clerk to action.
- 8) Planning matters
 - FPP for Erection of Building for Domestic Garage and Storage (Retrospective) at Carholme, The Orchard. No objections.
 - Prior Approval of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwelling house at Nursery Farm Cottage, Forest Road. No objections.
 - FPP for 4 No Linked Livestock Buildings and Associated Feed Bins, Hardstandings and Drainage Infrastructure at Beck Hill Farm. No objections.
- 9) Accounts.

Incoming:

 - End House, St Edwards Cottage (Encroachments) £2.00
 - Northern Powergrid (Wayleave) £26.45
 - RDC (Precept) £15500.00
 - HMRC (VAT repayment) £1743.69

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £168.00
 - V Raven (Wages April, May, June) £1200.00
 - RDC (Play park inspection, new dog poo bin) £741.89

- NYCC (Newsletter) £36.00
- Mac Plant Hire (Tree topping, remove dead trees – Jubilee Green, tarmac on accesses) £1170.00
- YLCA (Membership, Cllrs training) £370.00
- Zurich (Insurance) £875.67
- Margaret Goldie (Internal audit) £100.00

External audit – approval of annual governance statement, approved. HSBC safeguarding completed and clerk to look into electronic banking

- 10) Wind vane maintenance. Wind sock has been recovered and can be put back when the painting takes place. Cemetery bench needs painting also. Arrange for September.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Cllr Threlfall and Clerk attended Zoom YLCA Branch meeting. YLCA have been busy with the changing legislation due to the pandemic. Some members felt that the Code of Conduct consultation, which ends mid August was bad timing due to the pandemic, otherwise it was felt that councils are working well in these unpredictable times.
- 12) Safety review. RDC play park checks. Jubilee Green – hedge is encroaching the entrance gate, Mac Plant are to action and give the area a good prune, the gate needs adjustment following this work. Mollie Cail park – a resident had left branch debris following work to their boundary. Resident, Clerk and Cllr Hull cleared up prior to the reopening of the park following Covid closure.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Hull reported the dog bins getting full around the quarry, staff furloughed and this wouldn't be done quickly, placed notices on explaining this, asking residents to dispose of their dog poo in their refuse bins. Resident reported dog poo on the main green. Clerk reported to dog warden and replied to resident. Resident – Swale Lane/Flat Lane dog poo issues, residents asks for an additional dog waste bin at the end of Swale Lane or at the junction with Flat Lane. Explained that there were bins presently, and 3 on that walking route. Reported to dog warden and replied to resident. New dog bin on Station Road overflowing. Reported and resolved. Resident asks PC to move football posts, moved and replied. Cllr Maddison-Potts reported the tree blown down on Jubilee Green, Macplant removed. Resident reported a leaning tree on Typhoon park, reported to DC. Footpath sign near Archers Green broken, reported to NYCC. Tree replacement, clerk to agenda in September and Cllr Harper will present a tree plan. Cllr Harper reported a pothole in Stags Way. Reported to Highways, resolved.
- 14) Correspondence. Openreach – Agreement for apparatus. It was resolved to accept this improvement to the telecom system, clerk signed agreement. North Yorkshire Police – AJ1 project road safety fund. Clerk to apply for two VAS for the syndicate. NYCC – Application for village green, small play park adjacent to Jubilee Green applied for. YLCA – New Model Code of Conduct consultation. Cllr Harper had looked at this document in detail, and was concerned about sections 5&7 which propose to not allow discussions when Cllrs are dual hated and belong to other village groups and committees. She will forward her findings and Cllrs to complete the consultation following this, clerk will reply to the National Association of Local Councils. NYCC – Better deal for bus users. Due to the pandemic the Department for Transport has suggested that this funding may be best used to support the present bus network. The Rural Mobility Fund – a bid has been put forward for a pilot Demand Responsive Transport service specifically for healthcare purposes, this will be for both booked in advance and on demand.
- 15) Date of next meeting – 30th September

Meeting closed: 20.23