

# SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Rafelt, Threlfall & Calvert, North Yorkshire Cllr Les, 1 MOP

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Richardson, PCSO Brown, Alan Coe (REMS)
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. PCSO Brown sent the Crime report for June. Police awareness this month: “10 rules to help prevent fraud”, clerk to post on PC Facebook page.
- 5) Updates from previous meetings. Fencing for Jubilee Green, waiting for a quote, will require 2 further quotes. Speed limit outside school – Cllrs requested figures from last meeting. The average speed was 29.5mph northbound, 31.4 southbound, Cllr Les adds that these speeds won’t qualify for any further action. Email from Karl Battersby re: clarification about responsibility of PC’s and using contractors, Cllr Les had requested this information. PC’s may now need to contact Highways when work is due near to the Highway, an email will be sent to all PC’s and PM’s in North Yorkshire. Await this email, as current advice is unclear – ie, how close to the Highway.
- 6) Matters raised by the members of the public. MOP has concerns that Mac Plant are carrying out work in a dangerous manner, feels their risk assessment was fraudulent and the date of the risk assessment was not correct. Also, that a date on the letter sent by the PC was incorrect. Concerns about the H&S regulations not being followed when the bridge was installed. Cllr Rafelt suggests that MOP should contact the Monitoring Officer if he has concerns about the Parish Council. Cllr Rafelt asks MOP if he is happy for the minutes of extraordinary meeting to be published on the website, he is happy for this to be public.
- 7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative & SOS group.  
North Yorkshire Cllr Les. NYC working on the new housing targets and potential sites, the planning department has been restructured. Cllr Les leaves.  
Tarmac representative. Alan Coe sends a short report. Much ragwort has been pulled from around the site, strimming along the lake to improve the view from Bolton Road and small field cutting. South car park has potholes sorted and levelled.
- 8) Accounts  
Balance at 31/07/24 £15492.90 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs)  
Incoming:
  - Cemetery fees £560.00Outgoing:
  - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50
  - V Raven (Wages June) £546.00
  - BT (Broadband) £45.19
  - NYC (S&D Times, VAS post) £716.38
  - Osmotherley Brass Band (PC contribution) £125.00
  - Unity Trust Bank (Service charge) £18.00
  - Hillsport (Football nets & clips for Green & Jubilee Green) £241.44
- 9) Planning items. None
- 10) To discuss adoption of the new financial regulations. It was resolved to adopt. Clerk to add Grass tender every 5 years to Standing Orders.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.

- 12) Safety review. Jubilee Green – goal nets to be replaced soon. Typhoon Park – wobble board, metal plate worn, Cllr Threlfall to review, also bench has been moved back into the park area. Notice to be placed on the bench advising that it shouldn't be in the play park area. Spitfire Park – Cllr Rafelt suggests removing the equipment in that park, all agreed.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. St Edwards Cottage owners requested “right of access” letter to assist with the sale of their property. Clerk reported overgrown hedge on Stags Way. Grass not being cut in Stags Way, MOP had reported that the cemetery grass cutting is poor, Cllr Calvert adds that the becksides cut is also poor work. The cemetery grass should be collected. Request a meeting with the grass contractor. Mac Plant to attend Bridge Green to take some trees and branches, also the brash from the fallen tree. MOP requests that the hedge be cut in Mollie Cail park, clerk to clarify ownership with NYC Housing initially. Cemetery hedge requires a pre-Feast cut. Clerk & Cllrs Harper & Richardson will welcome the Brass band and provide teas on Feast Sunday.
- 14) Correspondence. North Cowton – Bus shelter query. Information given to North Cowton and Locality funding suggested. NYC – Community Award. Tight deadline, it was resolved by email to propose SOS group. MOP – tree Bolton Road. Concerns about tree and damaging tenants' cars, this is on NYC land, clerk to report to NYC and add that this is the main pedestrian route to school. MOP – Complaint, re: failure to follow complaints procedure. MOP is contacting Monitoring Officer as stated above. Rotary Club – Best Kept Village, Aldborough St John won this year. NYC – Keep NY Clean posters, Cllr Rafelt wrote a supporting piece for media release. Brompton PC – information about the proposed solar farm in Brompton. The application is due to be submitted next month, clerk to request notification from planning when this application is submitted, cc Brompton PC. Cllr Threlfall adds that the landscaping near to the new bridge needs to be completed soon and also the lychgate timber needs painting prior to Autumn.

15) Date of next meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> September

Meeting closed: 20.37