

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Harper, Hull & Maddison-Potts, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, District Cllrs Rowe & Spencer, County Cllr Les, 2 members of public

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Aston. Cllr Threlfall is hosting this Zoom meeting.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25th November. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. MOP present and emailed prior to the meeting, email read out which related to recent dog thefts in the village and raises the question about the use of CCTV. Cllr Rafelt replies and explains that this is a low crime area, that he has concerns about the cost, and privacy of residents and thus the nature of the relationship with the PC and the residents. Cllr Harper agrees and also has concerns about the privacy aspects of a PC CCTV system, however she noted that they are most effective for private properties. Cllr Hull agrees that the door bell type of CCTV seems popular and effective. Additionally Cllr Rafelt states that some areas would be covered and others not, even though all the entrances/exits to the village could be covered, it wouldn't be possible to cover the whole village. Who would monitor the CCTV? Cllr Threlfall agrees that the crime rate is low and the footpaths and fields would be impossible to cover. The costs suggested by the MOP were queried as costs significantly higher for Richmond's CCTV. MOP adds that these cameras could be useful when the travellers visit also. Cllrs were sympathetic to the recent dog thefts but added that regulations state that CCTV can only be used for specific purposes, and Cllr Threlfall adds that following conversations with the police re: travellers, very little CCTV coverage can be used for prosecution purposes. Cllr Les will forward a recent email from the Crime Commissioner about dog thefts which encourages residents to respond about their experiences. Clerk to circulate via website and Facebook.
- 5) Updates from County/District Councillors.
 - Cllr Les – COVID rates in Richmond falling. NYCC council tax will increased by 1.99%, adult social care 1.5%, which equates to increasing a band D property by £50/year. £1 million climate change funds released, which will be used for greener heating in schools, for example. The Locality Budgets will continue for another 2 years, and Re-boot North Yorkshire project working well, this recycles computers and devices for children and the elderly. Cllr Maddison-Potts suggests putting in the next S&D Times and clerk will action this. Scorton Resilience Scheme has been updated and Cllr Les pleased that NYCC Emergency team are helping with getting this document COVID safe. Unitary council consultation taking place.
 - Cllr Rowe – Local plan moving forward, the DC is supporting people by providing transport to get their COVID job. Lifeline are promoting their service; Cllr Harper suggests this could be put in the next S&D Times, Cllr Rowe thanks and will forward details. The Friary will remain in Richmond and will become a Frailty hub.
 - Cllr Spencer. DC is aware that people are struggling due to COVID and kept the RDC Council Tax increase as low as possible. East /West Unitary Council has their consultation open currently. Streetlighting – no additional streetlighting will be provided by the DC.
 - Cllr Threlfall – RDCs Council Tax increase is 2.27%, reserves are now low. The Local Plan consultation will be open soon. Climate Change Officer now in office. RDC is doubtful whether any further housing will be added to the council housing stock.
- 6) Crime report. New PCSO Felicity Wilkinson has joined the team, small report but little detail. Cllrs request a more detailed report, Cllr Threlfall explains that the report has to be completed manually, clerk to ask if a more detailed report is possible. Cllr Rowe asks about any progress with support for villages when the travellers come through in June, Cllr Threlfall is meeting Officers about this next week and will report back.

- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
- Station Road signage. Following a site meeting with Cllr Les, Threlfall, I Beighton and clerk, Highways have moved the sign towards the village and now more visible to road users.
 - Banks Lane & High Row Parking. This was also discussed at the site meeting as above. Highways will arrange for keep clear road markings and white lines on Banks Lane and the footpath on High Row to be renewed with the coloured anti slip coating and markings to show this is for pedestrians only.
 - VAS agreement. Clerk checked with our insurance company as requested and they won't cover these signs out of our Parish, so individual parishes need to have their own insurance. Scorton will add to our asset register. Just waiting for Parishes to okay the NYCC agreement and clerk to put together a syndicate agreement.
 - Footway light – Bolton Road. Both column and lamp head on order and waiting for Highways to agree Streetworks agreement.
- 8) Accounts.
- Incoming: -
- NYCC (Locality funding for plaque and noticeboard) £800.00
 - NYCC (Urban grass cutting) £993.26
- Expenditure: -
- PlusNet (Broadband supply) £126.00
 - YLCA (Training) £48.00
 - Defib Warehouse (New defib pads) £44.28
 - V Raven (Wages October, November, December & Book token prize) £1215.00
 - Mac Plant Hire (Repairs to fence – Bridge Green, post cemetery car park, bushes) £450.48
- 9) Planning matters
- FPP for single storey side elevation to extend bedroom and provide dressing room and en-suite and loft conversion (with dormer) to provide 2 No bedrooms and bathroom at Heather Ridge, Bolton Road. No objections under delegated authority.
 - FPP for motorway service area at Pallett Hill Farm, Catterick Village. No objections.
- Granted: FPP to replace wooden frame sash windows with UPVC sash windows at 2 Illman House.
- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. RDC CAP meeting attended with speakers from NYCC about mobile phone coverage in rural areas, 2021 Census rep, and Climate Change Officer from RDC. Funding agreed for our new footway light. YLCA meeting, the speaker was Valarie Adams Climate Change Officer, RDC.
- 11) Safety review. RDC play park checks. Jubilee Green, wobbly pole on climbing ropes: clerk still waiting for reply from park company to forward to RDC. Clerk to chase.
- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Hull reported a tree blocking the beck. Clerk reported to Environment Agency, now resolved. Cleveland Road light is out, clerk reported and this column needed a new head, now resolved. Dog bin at the quarry full and Richmond Road bin. Clerk reported to RDC and Tarmac. The step at Mollie Cail park needs securing as floating when the water level is up, Cllrs Rafelt and Threlfall will resolve. The surrounding wall and path around the Buffalo tree on Bridge Green is breaking up and unlevel, the tree is stable but the wall and concrete have a limited life. Cllr Rafelt reports that there are white bollards missing on Bolton Road, clerk reported to Highways. Dog fouling on Mollie Cail park, clerk spoken with the dog warden who will put this on his rounds. The footpath on Richmond Road is permanently under a thick layer of mud, clerk to arrange meeting with Highways to further.
- Cllr Threlfall tested the flood snakes to check for effectiveness prior to the two flood risk warnings in January, the resilience plan was ready to be actioned at these times but fortunately this wasn't needed. Cllr Maddison-Potts reported that the white lines in Blenheim Close have left patches of pot holes and also the iron work in the first chicane needs action. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Highways.
- Resident – reported dog fouling problems at Westfields paddock. Clerk reported to dog warden who will look at signage and put on his round and clerk replied to resident.
- Trees ordered and Braithwaites will put them in due to current Covid restrictions. Plaque for Black Widow bench to be arranged as soon as shops open, cllrs to think about wording for this. Waiting for grass cutting

prices for this year, clerk spoken to NYCC grasscutter and he stated that the increase wouldn't be large. It was resolved to continue with NYCC for our grasscutting. Clerk to assess increase prior to confirmation.

- 13) Correspondence. NYCC – A1(M) & A6055 access road audit, Locality funding success, single unitary council & Highways request re: Glebe Terrace. Road audit. Cllr Harper highlighted that an audit during the lockdown would not be representative of the true figures, and all agreed that either lights or a roundabout would be a sensible change, Cllrs also noted that the junction at Catterick Bridge causes problems with visibility. It was resolved for the clerk to send the following: Councillors were pleased that an audit is taking place, however at our meeting last night it was expressed that the figures for the amount of traffic on that stretch of road may be skewed due to the current lockdown and thus reduced traffic. The A6055/A6136 road junction has regularly been discussed at our Parish Council meetings, councillors feel that the present junction is unfit for the volume of traffic, poorly lit, and overall dangerous to both vehicular and pedestrian road users. This junction would be far better served by either a roundabout or traffic lights. In addition to this junction, we would like to bring your attention to the Catterick Bridge junction, which has also been regularly discussed at our meetings. Pulling out from Catterick village has very poor visibility to the traffic coming over the bridge. Locality funding success, £300 received for the Black Widow plaque and £500 received towards the noticeboard. Single Unitary Authority consultation, it was proposed to support the single unitary council proposal, clerk to reply as a unitary body but cllrs are welcome to reply individually via the NYCC Stronger Together weblink. Urban grasscutting, there has been no increase to this payment for over 5 years but our grasscutting charges increase. Clerk to reply stating that we want to continue but ask for an increased payment next year. North Yorkshire Youth – Youth support, Cllr Rowe has forwarded this email. Clerk to put in S&D Times. Residents – CCTV and Memorial Day requests. CCTV already discussed and clerk to reply to resident. Memorial Day request. Cllrs had heard about a possible countrywide event to remember the people who had died during the pandemic and clerk to write to our MP to support this idea. Also Churches Together may have plans. Cllrs happy for the green to be used for this providing that we see insurance prior to any event. Clerk to reply.
- RDC – CAP funding success. £1000 support given towards the new streetlight on Bolton Road.

- 14) Date of next meeting – 28th April 2021

Meeting closed: 21.50