

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Hull, Harper, Aston, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, County Cllr Les, 3 Members of the Public

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Cole & Newall, District Cllr Rowe
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 31st July 2019. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. Concerns about the standard of grasscutting this season, Cllr Threlfall assured MOP that the contract is for one season and will re tender in January. Beck very narrow and could do with some work, PC working on this. Parking on the green at High Row, this will be discussed under correspondence.
- 5) Correspondence. Email received from owner of the Post Office regarding a change to the Fascia and colour of the shop front. Cllr Aston has no issues with the change of colour to grey but the transfers which are to be attached to the windows will block out light and so the shop will have less natural light even with the movement of the storage box, he felt the actual sign is not in keeping with the village. Cllr Threlfall states that this item should be checked with RDC planning department. MOP states that they would have expected consultation with their neighbours, especially as another commercial party will be involved. District Cllr Threlfall will discuss with the Conservation Officer about the planning recommendations as the Post Office is within the conservation area.
- 6) Crime report. PC Wood sent a small report, he added that future reports will less detailed to specific crimes and more of a flavour of what our team have been doing during the month.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Glebe Terrace Tree. Email from Steve Barker stating that he has organised a detailed inspection to ascertain what condition the tree is in, this is in relation to the request from the PC to retain the trunk for a sculpture. Once these results are back he will inform us; Cllr Les will ask Highways if they are any further forward.
 - Travellers update. Cllr Rafelt highlights the correspondence between himself and Rishi Sunak regarding this, with representations made to North Yorkshire Police Chief Constable & RDC Legal Department both of which suggested liaising with the Safer Community Hub, this will be an agendaed item on Safer Community next meeting – 10/12. Clerk to circulate these responses. Cllr Threlfall added that the DC is a useful central point as other villages struggle, Cllr Rafelt added that we don't want to worsen the issue so this would be a sensible route. Resident is anxious and wants clarification that the PC can act, he also suggested placing notices on the area to highlight that certain activities aren't permitted on Common land such as camping and lighting of fires.
 - VAS signs. Cllr Hull and the clerk met with NYCC advisor about the location of signs. A number of areas were discussed: Hospital Road, Station Road and Glebe Terrace were good locations for a VAS sign, these signs can be turned either way to target either incoming or outgoing vehicles. Brackets cost £500, which individual parishes would buy and the main sign hopefully to be jointly purchased by Brompton, Bolton and Brough. Cllrs agreed that a fair way to share the cost would be by using the electoral roll figures, so that all the parishes pay proportionately to the size of their electorate. Clerk to forward this information to the interested parishes and then to arrange meeting with the supplier. Cllrs to decide which design option is preferred and will need to look at agreement document nearer the time.
- 8) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - I Threlfall (Decking for bridge repair) £323.37
 - V Raven (Wages July, August, September) £1200.00

- Reeth Brass Band (Feast performance) £150.00
 - NYCC (Newsletter) £38.00
 - GCH (Grass x 4, extra cut for Gig on the Green) £1506.00
 - GSM (RAF plaque re ink) £144.00
 - Mac Plant (Cemetery Hedge cut) £72.00
 - Len Porter (Gatepost cemetery) £180.00
 - Kate Cole (Brass band teas) £43.68
- 9) Planning items
- FPP for part single and two storey extension to create essential additional bedroom and utility room at Jesmond House, Hospital Road. Cllrs Rafelt & Aston (delegated authority) had no objections in relation to the proposed extension but concerns were raised about the size of the parking space and whether a car would fit without encroaching into the access lane used by adjacent properties.
 - LBC to create habitable space in roof with rooflights at Mulberry House, Northside. No objections to the exterior alterations.
- 10) Ideas for October S&D Times. Remembrance Sunday, Joan's cafe closing, preschool Christmas fair, carol singing, FAB walks, Feast – new ideas, House consultation RDC, WI, parking on pavements.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. None attended.
- 12) Safety review. RDC play equipment review recommended a couple of items requiring attention on Mollie Cail park, Cllr Hull resolved.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Resident requested a dog poo bin opposite the sheep field, Station Road, also Cllr Hull reported that one of the bins on Banks Lane is too high for some smaller residents, so was suggested to move this one; District Cllr Threlfall will action this. Dog fouling remains problematic along Banks Lane, clerk reported to Dog Warden. Another resident reported the lack of parking provision at Cleveland Road and was happy to report back if the problem remains. The bushes at Mollie Cail park are usually cut annually and Mac Plant to carry out this work. Cllr Hull discussed the wildflowers and that they haven't performed very well this year. It was resolved (majority decision) to return to grass with a possibility for crocuses or smaller wildflower areas in the future, await quotes. Cllr Threlfall adds that one of the bird cherry trees is dead. Clerk to order.
- 14) Correspondence. Residents – Footpath accessibility along High Row and other areas. Clerk to ask the resident if he would like to put an article in the next S&D Times however Cllr Harper asks that the businesses to be notified specifically as their customers are not always residents. YLCA – 75th Anniversary of VE day & Consultation on proposed reforms to permitted development rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage. Cllr Les is fully supportive of this which promotes less “not” spots, the DC will not charge business rates for these companies however the operating companies are often reluctant in our area due to lack of population. Farmers Arms – table licence. Received.

Meeting closed: 21.15

Date of next meeting: 30th October 2019