

## SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 immediately following the Annual meeting in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Rafelt, Harper, Maddison-Potts & Aston, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, County Cllr Les, PCSO Wilkinson & Long, Members of the Public x 9

- 1) Apologies. District Cllr Rowe
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 27<sup>th</sup> April. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. Cllr Rafelt thanks PCSO Wilkinson & Long for attending our meeting. PCSO Wilkinson requests that residents continue to report through 101 or 999, and gave a small crime report. The travellers are now on Bridge Green and there is a dedicated support team allocated. Cllr Aston asks when the new legislation be acted upon; discussion follows with Cllr Aston, MOP and PCSOs about the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. MOP asks why the signs weren't put out in time, queries about quotes for the works, questions about the Jubilee Celebrations and who changed the dates, why is it just for adults? Another MOP also asks why the signs weren't put up in time and asks about the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bills. Cllr Rafelt replies that it is unfortunate that the signs weren't up in time, it took a while to get the design right, quotes followed, and then the signs were required to be erected by contractors. All agreed that we need to think wisely about the timing of erecting these signs, a MOP suggests July. It was resolved to wait until July until the new signs are erected. Cllr Rafelt asks if the legal officer at RDC could help navigate this new law. Cllr Threlfall explains that the new legislation provides powers if there is suspicion of criminal activities. Cllr Aston reads from the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021: unauthorised encampments government website. Cllr Les will discuss with the legal team at NYCC and report back. Cllr Threlfall reports that there is a YLCA meeting planned with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Zoe Metcalfe doing Q&As and two questions have been raised by PC – one relating to the crime report detail and representation of Police at meetings and the other about the new legislation. Cllr Threlfall states that the change of date for the Jubilee celebrations was decided at a recent PC meeting for community safety reasons. MOP has questions about the RDC Policy for giving this funding and feels that the funding has been given inappropriately. The Jubilee celebration funding decision is one taken by RDC Officers. Cllr Aston gives his apologies and leaves. Cllr Threlfall adds that local groups were spoken to and asked about their plans and that we have the basics and funding but the programme needs fleshing out. The Feast Sports Committee are on board to help provide the afternoons activities for the children and offer a donation. Cllr Maddison-Potts states that the school are giving pin badges. Discussion about what the PC could give as a commemorative item for the children, medallions were discussed and a MOP asked if they think this a good idea, positive response received. Clerk to action. A question raised about the planning adjacent to The Holt, issues with density and car parking especially during building work. We await the decision from RDC, but parking and access are usually a requirement from Highways consultation and within the notice of decision. Cllr Rafelt adds that the Planning Portal is a useful, informative site.
- 6) Updates from County/District Councillors. District Cllr Threlfall states that Purdah has been in progress until the election, so little to report. A pilot scheme for 29 bungalows to benefit from solar power throughout Richmondshire, with two in Scorton. Royal Assent for the Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Bill was reached on 28th April and now law. County Cllr Les: Cllr Rafelt congratulates Cllr Les re: recent CC election, now 90 members from 72 members. Legal Officers and Chief Constable will attend a meeting to discuss new legislation, new travellers' sites may need to be in place. MOP adds that this will not be in place for this year then, North Yorkshire not as prepared as other local adjacent areas.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Already discussed.
- 8) Accounts.  
Outgoing:
  - YLCA (Good Cllrs Guide x 7) £28.75
  - Zurich (Insurance) £779.49 & £56.00 for Jubilee event

- Macplant (Repair accesses) £584.40
- Unity Trust Bank (Charges) £18.00
- Plus Net (Broadband) £36.07

External audit – approval of annual governance statement. It was resolved to accept this statement.

9) Planning matters

- Full Planning Permission to Demolish a Wooden Outbuilding and Reconstruct a Brick Outbuilding in its Place which Matches the Main Dwelling at Derrydale, Bolton Road. (Amended Proposal). Two letters forwarded from MOPs. Cllrs resolved to reply: Whilst we understand that the roof has been rotated in this amended proposal, the new brick building is still not a direct replacement for the wooden outbuilding, ie, same height, footprint and orientation as the present structure. Scorton Parish Council would support a direct (like for like) replacement of the wooden outbuilding in brick. Additionally, the Case Officer has discussed this with the agent and applicant, she suggested either a flat roof or a mono pitch roof with the highest side on the applicant's side.

Granted: FPP for an extension for the barn conversion to create one additional bedroom and also permission to replace an existing general-purpose outbuilding with new building with the same use; The Stables, Banks Lane. LBC to fit secondary glazing to the windows; Manor House, Southside.

- 10) Items for next edition of S&D Times. Feast items, Age Concern – smart meters, parking around the village, change Mum's & Tots to Scorton Toddler Group, Gig on the Green, Quarry information/wild flowers, killer sudoku, Co-option if time. Ask Tarmac if a fold up map of the quarry site could be delivered to every household. Cllr Threlfall adds that there should be a liaison meeting soon.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Clerk & Cllr Harper attended RDC Planning Committee meeting which discussed the Vacant Care Home to be converted into town houses and apartments. Positive comments about the development, care received and memories of the Hospital. Unanimous decision - granted.
- 12) Safety review. No play equipment report received.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. June meeting to be rescheduled to 22<sup>nd</sup> June as school show on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Maddison-Potts reports the nets are damaged on Jubilee Green, to be repaired. MOP reports the Tarmac walks dog bins full, clerk reported. Becksides needs strimming, Contractors will do what they can to avoiding the hogweed. Pavement on Hospital Road dangerous for wheelchairs. Clerk reported and resolved. Planters need attention, best kept village competition first two weeks of July. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall to action. Trees damaged on Bridge Green. Cllr Threlfall, Jubilee Green needs strimming round the edges and nettles knocked back, clerk contacted contractor. MOP – phone call about signs and traveller problems. Clerk reported to Police. MOP – Stags Ways, kerbs and potholes. Clerk reported. Hedge not been cut on Stags Close, clerk reported and resolved. No Stags Close road sign, clerk notified RDC.
- 14) Correspondence. RDC – Notification of election result & Platinum Jubilee grant success. Cllr Les re-elected. Jubilee funding - £2000. Residents – emails relating to planning decisions and PC meeting queries. Joint letter from numerous residents this had been requested to be read at this meeting, plus other correspondence relating to the proposed development on Station Road. Clerk to reply to MOP stating that this is an outline application and the smaller details will be consulted on further should this be granted at this stage. Letter of complaint re: meeting 27/4 and correspondence following. Letter of complaint re: Jubilee celebrations. Letter of complaint re: lack of signage at Bridge Green. Clerk to reply. Clerk to send an email of thanks to PCSOs for attending tonight. Cllr Rafelt suggests that the maximum meeting time should be 2 hours when the standing orders are reviewed.

Meeting closed: 21.25