

# SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Rafelt, Harper, Calvert & Richardson, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Members of the Public x 6

- 1) Apologies. County Cllr Les, District Cllr Rowe & PCSO Brown
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Threlfall declares that he is dual hatted as Parish Councillor and also representative of the District Council Planning Committee, and as such any conclusions/decisions will be solely from documents produced at this PC meeting.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 26<sup>th</sup> October. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. Report sent for October. Cllr Rafelt states that as we have our meetings at the month end, we are unfortunately always a month behind with these reports. Advice given about securing quad bikes and that CCTV door bells can be a useful tool for detecting crimes.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. MOP raises the keep off village grass signs, there are none on the verges on Hospital Road. Grass is being chewed up by builders and a mess, also concerns about potential developments in that area with the amount of site vehicles. A MOP suggests that if a worker is parking on the verge for more than 15 minutes, then this needs a Highways permit. Cllr Rafelt adds that these signs are a polite nudge to encourage considerate parking but as a PC we have no way to enforce these signs. School bus parking was an issue for another MOP who had to get up on the verge to get past earlier in the week. Cllrs agreed that the bus should park at the bus stop to pick up and drop off children. Clerk to email NYCC. Residents further suggested that pre school parking is poor with vehicles parked on the pavement. Cllrs had already resolved to plant Hospital Road verges with evergreen, low maintenance, slow growing shrubs, this is hoped to ease the verge parking on Hospital Road.
- 6) Updates from County/District Councillors. District Cllr Threlfall reports that the DC continues to work with the CC to ensure a smooth transition when Unitary takes over. Swimming pool will open in January and the DC is supporting with energy costs until end of March. Six small businesses have taken up grant funding. A Warm hubs project has been released, clerk has forwarded this information to Scorton Buddies. Cllr Rafelt asks about the future of Colburn Leisure Centre. District Cllr Threlfall replies, Colburn Town Council has donated funds to keep this facility open.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Cemetery update. One quote received for the path works, plus quote to tidy bike path and extend in Jubilee Green. One contractor declined, two further quotes required if possible. Website update. Clerk was discussing this with other nearby clerks, and suggestions made. One declined and one happy to carry out the necessary work, although not an official web designer, has designed another PC website and quote is for £50/hour with an estimation of 6 hours to complete the work needed to ensure the website is accessible on any device and some tidying work to make it more user friendly. Cllrs asked if they want a whole new website or this option, it was resolved to keep the website and carry out the work required. Broadband hotspot in the Institute to be publicised in next S&D Times, Cllr Rafelt adds that this is an important service especially if phones not working as Defib attached to the building.
- 8) Accounts. Balance 30/11/22 £27860.40  
Outgoing:
  - Brompton on Swale PC (Oak tree) £96.20
  - YLCA (Training) £66.80
  - Plus Net (Broadband) £36.40
  - V Raven (Wages O,N,D) £1741.00
  - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.50Forecast for 2023/24 and precept decision. Forecast forwarded to cllrs via email, and also paper copy distributed in meeting. Discussed at length and cllrs asked questions. Tax base has reduced this year and so if

precept is kept the same residents would see an increase percentage wise. The precept last increased by £500 April 2020. It was resolved to increase the precept by £500 to £16000. Clerk to respond.

NALC National salary award. Clerk on salary scale 20, and it was felt there was no need to change this.

Appraisal completed and thanks go to Callum McKeon RDC for his help with this.

9) Planning matters

- i) Outline application for erection of 10 residential dwellings (all matters reserved except for access) revised description and layout 12.10.22 at land to the north of Hospital Road (Amended Proposal). Cllr Rafelt reads out our previous response to planning, PC met with developers: Bio diversity/hedgerows and open space increased, air source heating planned and surface water review will take place. Discussed nearby neighbour issues and what could be done to alleviate problems, developer will introduce a construction management plan with helpline for them to discuss any issues that may arise during building work. All Cllrs pleased to see the density reduced. Cllr Threlfall adds that the garages are distant from the housing and suggests that the whole area should be developed by one builder. MOP adds that the traffic will be too much for the small lane and there will be problems on Hospital Road. It was resolved to reply as follows: In principle Scorton Parish Council supports this application, however an integration of both this application and 16/0060/FULL (this is the development directly to the west of 21/00910/OUT, and will share the access road), could be beneficial. Councillors agreed that it may be favourable to both applications to bring together these developments; and they stated that the general layout and aesthetics of the whole site, parking provision and access would be improved should both of these developments share the same building plans.
- ii) FPP for the erection of 5 residential dwellings, creation of access and landscaping at Station Road. Cllr Threlfall highlights that this land was designated as a landscape zone when the Medical Centre planning was approved. It was resolved to response as follows: Scorton Parish Council cannot support this application. The application area is a designated landscape zone, please see planning decision notice 05/00735/FULL relating to the Scorton Medical Centre application. "The siting of the building whilst extending beyond defined development limits for the village visually relates satisfactorily to building on the edge of the settlement. The building and the majority of the site are set back from Moulton Road retaining the designated landscape zone which is important to the visual appreciation of the character and setting of the village when approaching from the north." From Planning decision notice 05/00735/FULL dated 16th August 2005. Should the planning authority not reject this application on the above grounds, please could we be re-consulted?
- iii) FPP for removal of UPVC conservatory and formation of single storey rear extension, formation of entrance porch with side bays to extend ground floor rooms and provision of first floor bathroom window at The Kennels, Southside. No objections
- iv) FPP & LBC for installation of a solar panel array on the land to the rear of Manor House, Southside. No objections.

Granted: FPP to replace double glazed wood windows and back door with UPVC, and front door with a composite door. 7 Wilson House

- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Clerk attended Highways meeting with Deborah Flowers, mainly discussed the future with the Unitary Authority and reporting issues to Highways. All at this meeting would like to continue with the Parish Portal. Clerk, Cllr Richardson & Threlfall attended the online Unitary Council update. It is hoped that there will be 6 community areas, double devolution discussed and asking for pilot councils to apply, deadline is 31/3/23, however this is only the pilot and other opportunities will be available. It was resolved not to apply to join the pilot scheme. A Parish Charter is being developed in conjunction with some town and parish councils, there will be a 12 week consultation in the new year. Precept will be paid twice yearly. Cllr Threlfall adds that the double devolution may cause issues with differing councils taking on differing roles, and Cllr Richardson found the presentation interesting but short on detail. Cllr Threlfall attended the YLCA meeting with Zoe Metcalfe, Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner. Civility & Respect Project was discussed, clerk will bring this to January meeting. Other questions related to speeding, more visible Police presence, and problems getting through to 101.
- 11) Safety review. Report sent and no different observations. Cable ties have been added to the top of the swing frames and hopefully this will ease the bird mess problem.

- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Resident reported the dog bin nearest the wind vane full. Clerk reported. Cllr Richardson reports the weedy kerbs, it was noted that these had been sprayed recently but not the best time of year to do so. Clerk to agenda February. Cllr Rafelt reports a telegraph pole at the wrong angle on Southside, concerns of stability. Clerk to report.
- 13) Correspondence. NYCC – North Yorkshire Unitary, invitation to submit expression of interest. As discussed in item 10, it was resolved not to submit at this time. RDC – CAP funding open. Clerk to apply for cemetery noticeboard. Little White Bus – reduction to services. Discussed with provider and posted information on Facebook. Royal British Legion – letter of thanks.
- 14) Co-option of new councillors. Two spaces available, one application received. Cllrs voted Alan Bell to be a Parish Councillor, clerk to inform. To advertise for the remaining cllr vacancy later in the new year.
- 15) Date of next meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> January
- 16) Meeting closed: 21.07