

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

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

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Newall. Cllr Threlfall is hosting this Zoom meeting.
- 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 30th September 2020. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public.

Outline application with some matters reserved for residential development for up to 38 units at land for development, Bolton Road, Scorton. A member of public had asked the clerk to forward an email detailing a recent traffic survey, Cllr Harper responded to this and thought it a good idea, adding that the parking allocated for the school will just cause queuing and additional traffic problems on that stretch of road. The MOP added that there is no way to police the allocated spaces and felt that the development would just add to the current problems of parking near the school, and has concerns about the children's safety. Cllr Aston asks if he has put in his objections to planning, he replies that he will. Cllr Threlfall states that as a PC we must look at the material reasons for objecting to this application and our previous concerns were material considerations and advises not to place too much emphasis on the parking as could be mitigated. 2 members of public give their thanks and leave meeting. Councillors resolved to object to this proposal with the following concerns: The proposed development area is not within or adjacent to the current building line of the village. The housing targets within the current Local Plan have been reached with the granted proposed developments in Scorton. The physical rural gap between Scorton and Bolton on Swale would be encroached upon. The access and egress for the proposed development is unsuitable for that stretch of road. Parking is already problematic in that area at school pick up and drop off times. The area floods regularly. The current proposed developments will bring the infrastructure to its capacity. Clerk to reply.

- 5) Updates from County/District Councillors.
 - Cllr Les – Force Control Room Performance update. The response time to answer calls has improved as more people are now employed and this gives the public more confidence in the service as a whole. The travel funding for a cycle lane from Scorton/Brompton/Richmond has not be prioritised as more populous areas have been given the funding such as Harrogate and Knareborough. Busy with COVID – infection rates are going down now and below England average, NYCC will provide support for the mass vaccination. Spending review today, CC's are receiving help for COVID, adult social care and help to assist families over the Xmas period. The devolution proposal has been submitted for the whole county and Cllr Les reassures that Town & Parish Councils will be able to take on more responsibilities as they wish but CC will continue if required too. RDC are stating that 92% prefer the East/West split, Cllr Les suggests that this is a misleading claim. Locality projects discussed and some funding towards a new noticeboard is promising. Cllr Aston notes his disappointment, that although he understands that cycleways must be allocated for the more populous areas, that this means that Richmondshire will always be on the back foot. Cllr Threlfall adds that the RDC Local Plan states that cycleways should be joined up within Richmondshire, and are mostly these are in denser areas of the District.
 - Cllr Rowe – Disappointed that the Scorton/Brompton/Richmond cycleway has not been put forward, as would have made cycling safer and thus increased figures. Has devolution concerns with the East/West split as would be with the Harrogate area and as such may be their poor neighbour; additionally, the DC has asked for a moratorium from the devolution as there are bigger priorities with the pandemic currently.
 - Cllr Threlfall – RDC has introduced park and pay by phone thus supporting local businesses. It is the Richmond 950 anniversary next year and DC has given funding to support this celebration. The East/West proposal for the unitary council was a majority decision.

Black Widow Competition – A local artist, Judi Allinson judged the competition and the first place went to Imogen. Clerk to distribute the pictures back to the children, arrange book token and send letter of thanks to the judge.

- 6) Crime report. Crime report sent in from PC Wood, poaching remains problematic in the area, and there has been a change of staff within the rural team.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Station Road signage. Email from Ian Beighton (NYCC Highways) re: bend warning sign, unfortunately this cannot be relocated on the offside of the road as against Highways protocol. Cllr Threlfall suggests a site meeting and Cllr Les will arrange.
 - Beaufighter Close snicket. Highways are waiting for the building work to be completed prior to reinstating the chicane in the correct position.
 - Travellers. No recent meetings or developments. Clerk to reagenda in January.
 - Black Widow bench. Clerk has added this to the insurance and will be an extra £7 in future years but the insurance company have waived the cost to cover it for the balance of this year. Interest from a local aviation group regarding the bench and clerk has given some additional information, and suggests that a plaque could be placed on the bench to further explain its relevance. Discussion followed and Cllr Les suggested that the Locality funding would support such a plaque. Clerk to request the article this aviation group has written for our website and Facebook page.
- 8) Accounts.

Incoming: -

 - Ancient House, Rest Harrow, The Kennels, Honeysuckle Cottage (Encroachments) £4.00
 - RDC (CAP grant) £980.00
 - Football Foundation (Funding) £900.00

Expenditure: -

 - PlusNet (Broadband supply) £84.00
 - I Threlfall (Paint for wind vane and cemetery bench) £44.00
 - British Legion (Donation) £100.00
 - NYCC (Colour newsletter) £190.00
 - Mac Plant Hire (Hedge cutting cemetery, tidy up play area) £444.00

Forecast 2021/2022 and precept decision. Forecast forwarded to Cllrs prior to the meeting, questions and discussion followed. Cllrs felt that due to the pandemic people have been placed under additional financial stress and would like to keep the precept free from any increases this coming year. It was resolved to not increase the precept and request £15500.
- 9) Planning matters
 - Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 1/39/146B/FULL to allow the rear extension/dwelling to be sold off separately from the frontage dwelling at 9 The Archers Green. No objections.
 - FPP to replace wooden frame sash windows with UPVC frame sash windows at 2 Illman House, Howard Court. No objections.
 - FPP for proposed replacement sash windows to first floor flat at 19 Noble House, Howard Court, Scorton. No objections.
- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Cllrs Rafelt and the clerk attended RDC precept information meeting, information about the reorganisation of local government was also given. Clerk and Cllr Threlfall attended YLCA meeting, interesting speaker from Safeguarding Fraud Team, clerk has put information in the latest S&D Times, on website and Facebook relating to this.
- 11) Safety review. RDC play park checks. Jubilee Green, wobbly pole: clerk waiting for reply from park company to forward to RDC.
- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Hull reported an oil spill on Northside. Clerk purchased and used granules, and left a note for the owner. Owner rang, apologised and paid for the granules. Cllr Harper reported the light out at the end of Flywheel Street, now resolved. Cllr Hull reported the dog bin full at the quarry. Clerk reported but during lockdown so reduced staff but will do when able. Cllr Rafelt and clerk tidied the flower planters on Hospital Road. The main noticeboard is becoming difficult to use, unlockable now and Perspex is yellowed. Cllr Threlfall offers to make a new board similar to the one at the

school, price around £850 for the glazing and may be able to reuse some of the wood from the old board. Cllr Les adds that he can part fund this with the Locality budget. Cllr Harper asks why the quarry was working on Sunday. Cllr Hull reported the light in the Cleveland Road snicket, clerk will report, also that the guttering on the bus shelter is damaged. Clerk to agenda for January meeting. VAS signs, clerk has forwarded the locations for the signs again. Cllr Harper suggested that the one on Station Road is too far away from Stags Way and may not flash before vehicles get to the junction, suggestions were made to use the post opposite Elmfield Hall. Cllr Threlfall suggested that the one on Glebe Terrace could be placed on the telegraph pole as they used to be when the Safety Partnership loaned these signs. Clerk and Cllr Hull will arrange a meeting with Darren Griffiths, NYCC. Clerk explains that we have a specific power to pay for these VAS signs under Section 72 RT Regulation Act 1984, so we don't need to use our Section 137 allocation. A zoom meeting was held with all members of the syndicate and things seem to be progressing well, clerk to work on a contract type document for all members to agree. Cllrs resolved that they are happy for the clerk to sign our agreement with NYCC as the lead parish, and clerk to ring insurance company to explain that these signs will be moved out of our area.

- 13) Correspondence. NYCC – Village green (Jubilee Green) decision notice, single unitary council. The small play area on Blenheim Close has now been registered as village green (VG241), clerk has forwarded information to The Open Spaces Society, they have published an article and we have put the link on our website and Facebook page. RDC – East/West model for two unitary councils & Area Partnership meetings. CAP meeting 17th December. Clerk and Cllr Threlfall will attend. North Yorkshire Police – AJ1 road safety funding success. Clerk will move this project forward when all the locations are finalised. Residents – parking issues on High Row and Banks Lane. Re: Banks Lane Cllr Rafelt states that there is a car park available, and adds that some may find that the road crossing is difficult; Cllr Harper adds that the car park is often full and that she observed problems with someone parking in front of the horse field gate which caused problems to the owner. She suggests using white lines across at the kerb side to deter parking in front of the gates. Cllr Threlfall suggests a site meeting with Highways to discuss solutions, Cllr Les will arrange. Also, maybe the car park would benefit from extending. Clerk to reply to residents. Re: High Row PC Wood has contacted Cllr Threlfall about this following a letter from Rishi Sunak to ask about the history of the issue along High Row. The coloured demarcation seemed to work well and this could be a solution again, to await Highways decision. YLCA – Code of Conduct further consultation. Cllr Harper has critiqued this document and suggested comments, it was resolved to accept these comments in our formal reply.

- 14) Date of next meeting – 27th January 2021

Meeting closed: 21.45