

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 at 7.40pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute ante room.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Rafelt, Robinson, Hull & Allan, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Rev Yvonne Callaghan (Bolton on Swale School Governor), PCSO Wallace, Mrs Tait & Mr Smith (Residents), County Cllr Les (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Partington.
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Allan declares an interest in Item 7 planning item relating to 7 Beaufighter Close.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 27th April 2016. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record. PCSO Wallace leaves as urgent Policing matter needing action.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. Cllr Allan reported the traffic lights at Gatherley Road are not working properly and queues are developing on Richmond Road from Scorton. Cllr Les reported that the sensor in the road is faulty and an order has been placed for its repair.
- 5) Crime report. PCSO Wallace sent a small report for 27/4 – 25/5 and encourages residents to continue to report anything suspicious.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Website & Facebook page. Website/ PC section almost complete. Clerk and Cllr Allan to liaise re: Facebook page.
 - Registering Jubilee Green. Application almost ready and clerk to action the deregistering of the wrongly registered pieces of land around the village green.
 - Clarence Road park. District Cllr Threlfall has spoken with Gary Hudson (RDC) about the possibility of transferring the park to the PC. DC will pay for legal fees and replace the fence if the PC will pay £1000 of the fence costs. Fence = £2500 for similar to present and £3500 for Master View Twin mesh fence with metal uprights. It was resolved to continue with the transfer and PC will contribute £1000 to the twin mesh style fence. Clerk to write a letter.
 - Scorton sign. Letter from Highways stating that the sign would be around £25 but an extra £50 for the administration fee associated. Cllr Les will ask about the administration fee as the PC hasn't had to pay this previously.
 - Hole at Sycamore tree island. District Cllr Threlfall has asked the Council to look at this again as Pest Control came out last year and problem remains unresolved. DC has asked Yorkshire Water to treat all the man holes (10) in the area.
- 7) Accounts.

Incoming: –

 - RDC (CAP grant for school noticeboard) £341.68
 - RDC (1st instalment of precept) £7150.50
 - Northern Powergrid (High Row Wayleave) £26.45

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - I Threlfall (Windsock from Aircraft & Windsock Sales) £134.40
 - M Goldie (Internal Audit) £80.00
 - Mac Plant (Grass cutting x 2) £600.00

Insurance provider. Information from RDC about their Richmondshire Small Parish Council Insurance Scheme and Scorton would be accepted however policy dates would be 1/4 - 31/3 and our current policy expires 1/6. The price would be approximately £125 + a small amount extra to cover

the items on the asset register. Clerk to forward policies to cllrs and the differences in the policies were discussed. It was resolved to cover all items for “All Risks” and include Libel & Slander and Personal Accident for employees, volunteers and committee members. Clerk to forward information to DC for cover from 1/6.

8) Planning items.

- FPP for change of use to park home from holiday use to residential at The Paddock, Hospital Road to Blind Lane. No objections by majority decision.
- FPP for change of use from domestic to mixed use domestic and childcare on domestic premises at 7 Beaufighter Close. Cllr Allan declares an interest. No objections and supportive of this application and the current provision of childcare it offers. The service this business provides is a valued asset to the residents of Scorton. Cllr Robinson commended the implementation of the parking policy.
- FPP for removal of dying hedges and replacement by wooden fence to include timber pedestrian access gate to the front (retrospective) at Shavney House, Hospital Road. No objections. Cllr Robinson & Rev Callaghan leave.

9) Ideas for June edition of Scorton & District Times. Current list: Sable bike rides, FAB walks, Feast bits, fire safety message from Fire & Rescue, Space seed from Bolton School, Gig on the Green. Suggestions: Irish night in October, pre school fair (may be too late). Clerk checked prices for adverts £25/full, £15/half, £10 quarter page. It was resolved to hold these fees.

10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. None attended.

11) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.

12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. A resident asked about the solar light still not working and clerk checked and a works order has been issued. Cllr Harper reported that the dog poo bins around the quarry are full. Clerk reported and now empty. A resident checked about the pot holes on High Row caused by the gritting work carried out recently by Highways. Clerk checked with Cllr Les and also the repairs to the gritting work. Some additional work has been carried out with more to take place following the end of the A1 night closures. Another resident asks about the road surface repairs and a resident also asks about leaving a skip on Banks Lane and cllrs suggest that she contact Highways for their permission. Resident reports a burst water main on Bridge Green and a tree temporarily taken out. Repairs undertaken but area looked a mess and tree looking less than 100%. Clerk reported and asked for them to tidy the area and also highlighted the poorly condition of the tree. Cllr Hull reported that the travellers have pitched on Bridge Green and asked for extra bins to be supplied and that 2 streetlights are out. Clerk reported. Clerk reported that she had been invited to the development of the new Highways Parish Portal and asking for feedback. Clerk couldn't make the meeting but gave feedback via email. Planters need planting up with summer flowers. It was resolved to go for geraniums again. Clerk to order. Cllr Threlfall & Rafelt have put the benches out. Cost for 2 x rotavating and weedkilling the areas for wildflowers = £600. Cllr Threlfall reports that the streetlight opposite St John's Terrace is falling over and has reported. The dog bin requested for Richmond Road will cost £250 and Mac plant will repair the accesses soon.

13) Correspondence. RDC – Parish Precept 2016/2017 & future meeting re: 2017 precept setting. A breakdown of yearly precept payments and invite for Clerk and Chairman to attend a meeting about the 2017 precept. Cllr Les forwards an email from a resident asking about the poor repairs to the road surface, Cllr Les explains that Highways will return again and will inform both PC and resident when he knows the date. Also Cllr Les forwards email about Great Langton – Kiplin road resurfacing on 16/6. YLCA – recruitment of co-opted members to North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel. Cllr aware of this volunteering possibility and Richmondshire Branch Annual meeting 9th June.

Meeting closed: 21.55

Date of next meeting: 29th June 2016 at 7.30pm