

## SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Robinson, Newall, Partington & Rafelt, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, County Cllr Les

- 1) Apologies. PCSO Wallace
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Newall declares an interest in a planning item (3 Beaufighter).
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. None attending.
- 5) Crime report. PCSO Wallace sent a small report for 26/10 – 30/11 but query about a crime which is not on the report. Clerk to check with PCSO Wallace.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
  - Memorial Bench. Price from engravers £60 for plaque, to obtain a quote for hard standing and clerk to apply for street furniture licence from Highways and forward prices to relative. Wooden memorial bench. Company who supplied Millennium benches are now defunct. Clerk to find out pricing from Sam Turners and if they do routing/engraving. Woodcraft UK York bench 5ft £566 and do engraving. Other benches were discussed. Cllr Threlfall suggested that the benches are over covered with varnish now and would benefit from oiling but would need sandblasting first and then oil. Will try one and see result before doing all, and may benefit from leaving outside to help lift the varnish over the winter. Cllr Robinson suggests asking Abbey Care if they have any storage space for the benches and will action.
  - Packhorse Bridge. Information for the Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust re: possibility for restoration funding. Clerk to forward information now that the owner has been established.
  - Table license for Westfields. Tables remain and clerk/Chair to write a letter explaining the table license and the need for an insurance policy for liability.
  - Small play park at Blenheim Close. Clerk has spoken to Taylor Wimpey who has received nothing and also spoke to Mr Stevenson from Latimer Hicks who stated that the paperwork just needs checking and then should be ready for completion.

7) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
  - Mac Plant (Grass cutting x 2 & wild flower spray/rotovate) £1194.00
  - NYCC (S&D Times) £36.00 Cllr Robinson suggesting increasing the amount we receive, to review after next delivery.
  - The Green Frog Garden Shop (Pansies/compost) £67.33
  - RDC (Dog waste bin) £224.40
  - V Raven (Wages October, November, December) £967.10
- Precept decision for 2017/18. Forecast circulated to cllrs and feedback from the RDC meeting, and the Parish Grant from RDC 2017/18 will be nil. Discussed in detail and it was resolved that if the Blenheim small play park is completed increase to be nil and if this is not through prior to 9<sup>th</sup> Jan to ask for an increase of £500.
- 8) Planning items.
- FPP for construction of conservatory to the rear at 38 Blenheim Close. No objections.

- FPP for rear single storey extension, side double storey extension over existing garage and enlargement of front porch to provide extra living room space at 3 Beaufigther Close. Cllr Newall declares an interest. No objections but suggest an independent tree survey for sycamore with Tree Preservation Order.

Refusals: Outline application for erection of two detached dwellings on the land adjacent to the archery field & Outline application for detached dwelling house on land east of old Waste Water Treatment Works. Clerk to circulate refusals to cllrs. DC Threlfall reports back about the new design of the Stags Way development and brings new design to meeting. Also discussed was the development of a play park in that area. Cllr Harper suggests a walkway between the Clarence Road park and this development which could alleviate the issue. Cllrs agreed this may be a solution and Cllr Threlfall will raise this with the landowner.

- 9) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllrs Harper, Threlfall & Clerk attended the RDC PC briefing in preparation for 2017/18 meeting. Some items already discussed relating to the precept and there will be another meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan relating to the change of boundaries for DC elected members.
- 10) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 11) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Clerk met with Richard Marr (Highways) & Cllr Les on 16<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the Highway issues from the walkabout. Hospital Road footpath will be widened and footpath drain cleared. It was noted that the St John of God houses have bushes that are overhanging the footpath. Clerk has reported. Rectory Corner will have long drain cleared, rattley manhole cover fixed and a “Slow” sign on the road before the corner. Discussed snicket but unsure of ownership. Clerk to discuss with Taylor Wimpey. Memorial bench discussed and happy with the concept but would need a street furniture licence. School layby, drain higher than the tarmac, Highways will lower the drain and tree roots making ridge in pavement. Highways will shave off some tarmac and lower where the roots are pushing the footpath up. Also discussed a new scheme and asked if Scorton PC will trial, this will allow the council to see all the pending works for our area and can print off prior to meeting to keep cllrs informed. Clerk agreed. Cllr Harper reported the dog bins are full at the quarry. Clerk has rung the site office and they will empty. Cllr Harper also reported the streetlight at Clarence Road is still not working. Clerk has repeated the request to the DC.
- 12) Correspondence. BT – Removal of payphones, also YLCA email highlighting considerations to be brought to mind if thinking of adoption and RDC comments. Cllrs resolved to reply opposing the adoption of the telephone kiosk by the PC, as following the information that 31 calls have been made, there is a clear overriding social need for its retention. Clerk to reply. RDC – Community Infrastructure Levy. District Cllr Threlfall explains further and to be approved in 2018. PC to reply that they are happy with the levy and areas proposed. NYCC – Minerals and Waste Publication Stage publication stage. Clerk to reply no objections. NYCC – Commons registration. Jubilee Green pending final approval and started applying for wrongly registered patches of land to be deregistered. Little White Bus – new service to Barnard Castle, Bedale & Ripon. Cllr Newall will laminate and highlight Scorton and place in the bus timetable board. RDC Budget Consultation.  
Cllr Les reports the Little White Bus has been supported by both DC & CC. The A1(M) is on target and due to be completed late Spring, however the Fort Bridge is delayed and may be months before open. The final 7km of A66 has been agreed to be duelled and will start 2020. Cllr Harper thanks everyone for the years meetings and big thanks to Vice Chair Linda for standing in when Chairman unable to attend.

Meeting closed: 21:35

Date of next meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm