

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Hull, Rafelt & Partington, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Mr & Mrs Gorman, Anthea Rawling, (Residents), County Cllr Les

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Robinson, Harper & Allan, PCSO Wallace.
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest in item 6.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25th November 2015. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime report. PCSO Wallace sent a small report for 25/11 – 25/01 for Scorton & Brompton on Swale area.
- 5) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Website. Clerk has met with the website designer and now has access to alter/add to the site and changes have been made. A further programme needs installing within the Parish Council section to allow the uploading of documents in order to conform to the Transparency Code, the website designer is actioning.
 - School noticeboard. Greenbarnes quote for lockable aluminium noticeboard with posts = £1136.47 including VAT. Cllr Threlfall waiting for price of glazing.
 - Bridge Green – wildflowers. Clerk applied for “Grow Wild” funding award for wildflower meadow where the temporary road was and waiting for notification, however only around 20 – 30% of gaining funding for this project as many more applicants than available funding. Cllr Threlfall queries whether this is still appropriate with the new quarry restorations going on.
 - Correspondence. Tarmac, Scorton Quarry public consultation and exhibition. Cllrs and many residents attended this public consultation. Mr Gorman states that he has concerns about the new proposed lake behind the homes on Bolton road, as now recreational use, has a shingle beach area and also a walkway around the lake and too close to homes. He also has concerns about it becoming a fishing lake and especially any night fishing and who would police the fishing. Mr & Mrs Gorman and Ms Rawling have attended the consultation but residents affected haven’t been consulted directly but all feel that Tarmac is listening to their concerns. Residents aren’t against the quarrying even though it will be disruptive. Cllr Partington asks how far the walkway will be from their homes – 150 metres, and the residents feel the walkway is too near. Cllr Threlfall suggests that they attend the liaison meetings and Cllr Threlfall will further and ask if one representative is required and highlights that the plans for the restoration are fluid and changeable. Ms Rawling asks how cllrs would feel if their properties were near to the lakes. Queries asked about exactly what a recreational lake means. Cllr Les adds that these plans need to be passed by NYCC and will highlight their concerns. Clerk to send a letter thanking Tarmac for the public consultation and thanks for listening to the concerns that some residents have.
 - Registering Jubilee Green. Information received from YLCA and village greens can be used for “lawful sports and pastimes” and this would include erection of children’s play equipment. It was resolved that the clerk should move forward with registering Jubilee Green as a registered village green.
 - Standing Orders. A copy of model standing orders from YLCA forwarded to cllrs and Cllr Les will forward Leemings Standing Orders for the PC to compare. Also Cllr Les suggests moving “Matters raised by the members of the public” to earlier in the meeting. It was resolved to move this item to Number 4 on the agenda in future.
- 6) Accounts.

Incoming: –

 - YLCA (Transparency Fund) £741.03

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £84.00
 - Mac Plant (New drain - Southside) £1224.00
 - Scorton War Memorial Institute (Donation) £750.00
 - V Raven (Computer and Scanner/printer – transparency code fund) £457.23
 - Stronghill Consulting (Website and email hosting 1/16 – 12/17 – transparency code fund) £216.00
 - Simon Winstanley (Matterhorn Salt Spreader) £275.00

Scorton War Memorial Institute donation. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest. Cllrs resolved to give £750 this year. Cllr Threlfall thanks on behalf of the SWMI Committee and adds that this helps to keep rates reasonable for local groups. Grass cutting tender advert discussed as not able to use Richmond and Catterick Advertiser as out of print now. Clerk has enquired with On Your Doorstep and for a one off small advert = £42.00. Cllrs resolved to accept this quote.

- 7) Planning items.
- FPP for demolition of existing rear conservatory and replacement with oak framed orangery extension – End House, High Row. No objections under delegated authority (Cllrs Harper & Rafelt gave their considerations 9/12).
 - Outline application for erection of two detached dwellings – land adjacent to The Archery Field, Hospital Road. Councillors resolved they would not be able to support this application for the following reasons. They refer to the current Richmondshire Core Strategy, in particular CP12 which discusses the environmental assets including the protection of the green infrastructure network of the plan area. If this site was developed in any way the corridor of green space would be broken thereby visually, physically and socially isolating not only the residents of Bridge Green but also separating Bridge Green from the village and the historic Archery Club and field. It is worth noting through local knowledge that this area has flooded within the last 4 years to a depth of over a foot (clerk to send photographic evidence) and there are a number of disused fuel storage tanks underground. Councillors are also concerned about the impact of the additional access/egress onto the bend on the main road from the site.
 - FPP (retrospective) for erection of fence to front of dwelling – 12 Spitfire Court. No objections.
- 8) 1st Responder update. Number of calls increasing and busy Christmas period. 1st Responders are now responding to slips/trips/falls. Over 441 1st Responder bags out over the whole of Yorkshire. Training discussed.
- 9) Ideas for the next edition of Scorton & District Times. Already received: Curlew cycling, Highways roadwork's, H&R Carers Centre, Cafe Opening date, change of contact for Young Farmers, Gig and Feast dates, Carol singers – money raised, Scorton.com, Police surgery dates + extra piece. Maybes/asked Broadband service, advert for Mini Maestros, Feast AGM or other, School, Care village, WI. Suggestions included children's colouring/crossword and ask if Tarmac want anything in, Queens 90th Birthday celebrations. Clerk to hold publishing until Cllr Threlfall & Partington have given their articles.
- 10) Discussion about new equipment for Clarence Road park. Cllr Rafelt suggests replacing the piece of equipment removed and feels that a climbing type of play equipment would be ideal, he asks about the ownership of the park and Cllr Threlfall gives previous history with the DC offering the PC the park approx 5 years ago but the PC decided not to at that time, he also states that the DC will not replace any equipment as funds are not available. Clerk has contacted Yorventure about funding and funds are available for up to 50K (not guaranteed) but requires 10% reimbursement to landfill fund and if the park owned by DC then would need written agreement from them. Cllr Threlfall will get more information from DC about PC taking over this park and suggests getting a play park company to look at the area and give some ideas of prices for a full refurb.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllr Rafelt attended the YLCA New Cllr introduction training and gained a lot of information and thanks the PC for sending him.
- 12) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month. Clerk to agenda Southside access in April.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Hull reported the streetlight out in the snicket to Cleveland Road. Clerk reported and now resolved. Cllr Harper reported that the rat hole is now back on Sycamore tree island. Cllr Threlfall will ask DC to return. Cllr Rafelt put up the new Scorton sign. Cllr Threlfall states that the benches will go in this weekend (Cllrs Rafelt & Partington offer help). DC have informed clerk that the streetlight outside The Old Orchard is to be removed as has been out of order for some time and not needed as NYCC lamp directly opposite. Cllr Hull reports that the area under the climbing frame is mossy; Cllr Threlfall will take this to the DC. Cllr Robinson invited to the NYCC Library Consultation but was unable to attend and is invited to speak about Resilience Schemes at Brough St Giles PC and will attend. Cllr Threlfall states that as two boxes of flood snakes have been distributed to residents recently we should replace these. Clerk to look at funding. Cllr Rafelt adds that the no dogs allowed signs have been damaged again at Typhoon Park. Cllr Threlfall will ask DC to place the play park signs at this location.
- 14) Correspondence. NYCC – Work at Gatherley crossroads update and bus consultation results. The upgrade of Gatherley crossroads will take place early February and bus consultation has reduced Richmond – Northallerton route to three services a day. RDC – Richmondshire Area Partnership Funding success, Draft Economic Action Plan consultation, loan of Resusci Annie and new dog fouling campaign. Success with the Area Partnership funding for a salt spreader and a new noticeboard at the school. Accept dog fouling campaign and highlight problem locations throughout Scorton. Colburn Town Council – Sports facilities. Clerk to reply. YLCA – Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons, increase in membership subscriptions and Branch meeting - 11th February. Cllr Partington will form a committee to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday. Clerk, Cllr Hull & Threlfall will attend YLCA branch meeting. Joyce Greenbank resigns from Michael Sydall Foundation and clerk to agenda at February meeting.
- 15) Matters raised by members of the public. None.
Meeting closed: 10.03pm

Date of next meeting: 24th February 2016 at 7.30pm