

## SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 29th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Scorton Methodist Chapel.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Robinson & Heywood, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Gillian Wall (NYCC), Keith Partington (resident)

- 1) Apologies. PCSO Jordan Wallace & County Cllr Les.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime Report. No crimes reported since 20<sup>th</sup> March. Suspicious sellers in area presently and Police are aware.
- 5) Gillian Wall (NYCC) attending to inform about her role as Richmondshire Stronger Communities Delivery Manager. This brand new scheme started Oct 2014 and is a good news project and follows the recent cuts to non-statutory services. GW's role is to liaise with the community and the NYCC to find solutions. There are 4 priorities Libraries, Community Transport, Youth Service and Older and Vulnerable Adults. Libraries: after recent cuts only 5 libraries would have remained open, so this scheme looks at working with communities to help keep service in partnership with NYCC. Looking for volunteers to help run libraries as staffing is a large proportion of expenditure. Community Transport: NYCC will consult in future and want to work with the community to fill the gap in Community Transport. Youth Service: Works with North Yorkshire Youth and presently helping with the start-up of Scorton Youth Club and can hopefully help with additional funding. Older and Vulnerable Adults: Helping with Scorton Buddies and could also assist with Craft clubs, Knit & Natter, etc as grants are available but not for ongoing expenditure. There is a gap in funding for development work/further ideas and schemes but GW will assist, speed up process and bring organisations together. GW adds that Scorton is already a model of good practice and offers help with any long term grass roots programmes. Cllr Robinson asks if the bus service consultation will happen again as last year, GW didn't think in the near future but would check. Cllr Threlfall and Keith Partington suggest looking at everything we do and bringing it all together in one place/event to promote. GW would be happy to support and suggests some support/reward for volunteers. All agreed that villagers are keen to volunteer and that is why Scorton is as proactive as it is. Keith Partington gets contact details from GW for funding support for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. Cllr Harper thanks for attending.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
  - Local Plan Core Strategy. 1<sup>st</sup> June is the public consultation. Cllr Robinson adds that the document has great information about the village. Clerk to feedback to John Hiles.
  - Archery field/Old Garage site. District Cllr Threlfall has spoken with John Hiles and Peter Featherstone and may hopefully be able to add as an Open Space Amenity on the Local Plan and also a possibility to add the area directly to the West of the Doctors' Surgery. Re: Right to Buy/Bid, DC suggests registering the Archery Field as a Village Green in the first instance. Clerk to action.
  - Clarence Road Park. Received two more quotes for sand blasting but not worth attempting as slide is powder coated. To continue with original plan. Regarding the wooden equipment being wobbly DC have confirmed that it is safe and checked every 2 weeks.
  - Blenheim Road Park. Waiting for reply from Gina Dowson (Taylor Wimpey) re: playground checks. Clerk to chase.

- Planters along Hospital Road. To be placed and planted with help from 1<sup>st</sup> Brompton on Swale Beavers on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 6 – 7pm. Cars to be parked next to planters while Beavers are planting for extra safety. Clerk to arrange.
- Highways items. Email from Area 1 regarding long email/meeting following last years Walkabout, most items resolved now. Bolton Road tree needs trimming, Highways will not action. Clerk to check ownership of land with new legal contact at Taylor Wimpey. Otherwise action Mac Plant. Grit bin which needs filling on Bolton Road, Highways state this is not a Highways bin. Certain it is and clerk to reply. Footway drain Hospital Road near 1 St Johns Terrace has a camera investigation ordered. Clerk to ask for outcome. White posts around the village. Highways have asked for confirmation about whether the PC would like these to be removed or replaced as if removed then at a later date the PC ask for them to be replaced this is likely to be refused as would be classed as an improvement and a new request. After discussion of the pros and cons of the white posts it was resolved to ask Highways to replace and preferably before July when judging of the Best Kept Village takes place. Chairman to write a piece in Scorton & District Times to deter poor parking and inform about Best Kept Village Competition.

7) Accounts.

Income:-

- St John of God, Briarside, Honeysuckle Cottage (Encroachments) £3.00
- RDC (Precept 1<sup>st</sup> payment) £7000.00

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- LCR (Magazine subscription) £17.00
- Mac Plant (Repair accesses around green, clean kerbs around green) £984.00
- (Cllr Threlfall declares an interest) Richmondshire Local Sports Association (Affiliation fee) £10.00

The Pensions Regulator – staging date 1/2/17 and have nominated contact. Asked for 3 x hard copies of Good Cllrs Guide for new Cllrs from YLCA but unable as waiting for new publication and this will be available electronically only. Gillian Wall leaves.

8) Planning items.

- Scorton Quarry – application for the approval of details reserved by condition No 14 (C1/39/34G) which relates to importation of aggregate. Cllrs do not support this application and query why this aggregate needs to be imported. Clerk to reply.
- 28 Blenheim Close – extension to porch on east elevation. No objections.
- Feather Hill Farm – erection of building to cover manure store. No objections.
- Broadmead House, High Row – conversion of two storey cottage from domestic storage into Self-contained annex to be retained as part of existing dwelling. No objections.

Granted: FPP for installation replacement doors and windows with UPVC - 15 Steggall House.

9) Complaints procedure adoption. With a few minor changes to take out parts about filling in complaints form, it was resolved to adopt this document. Clerk to forward to Cllrs.

10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. LaFarge Tarmac meeting attended by Cllrs Threlfall & Harper there is a new Quarry Manager at Scorton, Vicky Cooper and LaFarge and Tarmac are splitting up. LaFarge will merge with Holson and Tarmac being bought by CRH and renamed Tarmac Group. Completion of the Scorton site will be 2020 and all the lakes will be conservation lakes with some more protected than others. The site will be managed in the long term for 25 years after completion of the quarrying and land owners have signed agreement. Have asked for an extension to the quarrying deadline till 2019. Wildlife numbers are increasing and the footpath in the woodland (near wind vane) will be moved to inside the lake area. The garage side (near village) will be completed within 18 months. Car park will remain. Cllr Robinson (as part of the

Buddie Scheme) met with Damien Hunt manager of Abbey Care Village. Gwendolyn House is now closed and unable to take any more residents due to enforcements. Would be happy to attend PC meeting to give updates about the Abbey Care Village. Clerk to arrange for June meeting.

- 11) Safety review. Cllr Threlfall reported that part of the wall had fallen down near Manor House green in high winds. Clerk reported to Abbey Care Village who actioned and bollards placed around dangerous area by Cllr Threlfall. Cllrs pleased that area is now safe.
  - 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Heywood & Harper reported that the hole has reappeared on sycamore tree island. To fill with gravel again as worked well and lasted quite some time. Benches are now out and will require funding next year. Cllr Threlfall reports residents had complained about smoke from Abbey Care Village following gardening work. Checked with DC who stated that as long as the material is from that site could burn on site. Cllr Harper reports holes appearing in Stags Way Road. Clerk to report. Cllr Harper reports holes need repairing in Flywheel Street. Macplant to complete work. Cllr Harper reports two of the Cherry trees need replacing. Cllr Heywood adds that the Hogweeds are getting large again. Macplant to spray.
  - 13) Correspondence. Richmondshire Local Sports Association – Nominations for awards. (Cllr Threlfall declares an interest) It was resolved to give £10 affiliation fee. District Cllr Threlfall states that £2500 has been given to clubs this year and Cllrs have nomination forms and will look for suitable nominations (last date 27.5). NYCC Area 1 Highways – Surface dressing 2015/2016. Map with areas to completed, section near Kiplin nearest to Scorton. RDC (Richmond Area Partnership) – Approval of Flower planters for Hospital Road. Disruption notice about large cycle ride 16<sup>th</sup> May coming through Scorton. Notices placed on noticeboards. YLCA (White Rose) Transparency Code funding to help Parishes go Digital will be delivered through the National Association of Local Councils.
  - 14) Matters raised by members of the public. A resident reported the Grammar School clock not working. Clerk to inform the committee. Resilience scheme comments to Cllr Robinson prior to May meeting. As the last meeting of Cllr Heywood she thanks the PC for her time on the PC and all thank her for her hard work.
- Meeting closed: 9.55pm

Date of next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm