

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Robinson, Partington & Rafelt, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Mrs Richardson (Bolton on Swale School Governor & Resident), Helen Allan (Resident), County Cllr Les & Ms Bailes

- 1) Apologies. PCSO Jordan Wallace.
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest in item 9.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 29th July 2015. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime report. Very small report for August & September but recent spate of burglaries in Richmond Rural area and residents to remain vigilant. Reminder that Mobile Police Office will attend near PO on 7/11.
- 5) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Website. Cllrs will look at the new website and Website designer should be able to train clerk to place attachments/make changes on the website very soon in order to be compliant with the Transparency Code and apply for Quality Council Status.
 - Flash Flooding – Southside. PC has asked for 2 more quotes but none forthcoming. Cllrs agreed to accept quote from Mac Plant for £870.00.
 - Scorton sign – Richmond Road. Received quote from Highways - £25.31 but maybe up to extra £50 for delivery. Clerk to reply asking for a grouped delivery to reduce cost. Ms Allan has sent information about a comparative company for additional quotes, however Cllrs felt that Highways quote very reasonable.
 - Cllr Les reports about a new workshop/meeting for clerks to meet with Highways and information will be forwarded soon. New A6136 junction improvements has proved to be a great partnership working between NYCC & RDC with funding from Local Enterprise Partnership. Carriage resurfacing will take place on Hospital Road and Station Road and a new fund (Locality Grants scheme) will be promoted soon where County Cllrs will have £5000 to distribute to new projects. Cllr Les applauds Cllr Robinson for the Resilience Scheme.

6) Accounts.

Income: -

- HM Revenue & Customs (VAT repayment PC & Cemetery) £1807.63
- RDC (Precept 2nd payment) £7000.00
- Murphy's Fun Fair (Ground rent for Feast) £300.00

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £84.00
- Reeth Brass Band (Feast payment) £150.00
- Jessica Tweddle (Reeth Brass Band teas) £65.00
- RDC (Uncontested election) £100.00
- V Raven (Wages July, August, September) £917.28
- Scorton & District Cemetery (VAT payment) £146.00
- Mac Plant (Grass x 4, becksid cut) £1278.00
- Pkf Littlejohn (External audit) £120.00
- SWMI (Broadband project donation) £1000.00
- NYCC (Replenishment of grit – Stags Way) £90.00

Cllr Threlfall queried why the accounts (PC & Cemetery) were not amalgamated and to discuss this at the next cemetery meeting.

The Annual return for 2014/2015 was returned and signed off with a comment about the total fixed assets, with assets being recorded at the original cost and no adjustment is required until disposal.

7) Planning items.

- Consultation to vary planning conditions – Scorton Quarry. Discussed at previous meetings and forwarded to Cllrs by email. No objections.
- FPP 4KW solar panels to be installed on rear of 30 Blenheim Close. No objections.
- Outline application for detached dwelling at land east of Old Waste Water Treatment Works. Cllrs do not support this application as the outline application area is beyond/and not adjacent to the village development line. Also Councillors have concerns that the outline plans show that the site would be directly next to the sewage works. The recreation area which lies to the west of the application site belongs to the Parish Council and is to be registered either Village Green or Common Land. Mrs Richardson agrees with the comments and appreciates the support.

Granted: FPP for garden room extension to rear of 17 Beaufigther Close. FPP for timber cabin to provide additional living accommodation at 8 Beaufigther Close. Temporary permission until 7.9.20 and only to be occupied by named person.

- 8) 1st Responder quarterly update. Keith Partington gives an update: NCR recruitment is moving forwards and to go into the October issue of the Scorton & District Times. Amount of call outs has been increasing lately. Cllr Threlfall adds that Defib training may be available soon as looking at moving the village defib from Abbey Care to SWMI however training needs to take place around this relocation.
- 9) Update re: Scorton War Memorial Institute Community Broadband. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest. Cllr Threlfall reports that the SWMI have been looking at community broadband for some time and the trustees have supported the scheme and benefactors have assisted including SPC who offered £1000 towards the scheme. This will be charged service with an admin fee of £20/unit as a one off fee (this is to cover running costs), the service will cover Uckerby & Bolton also. Cllr Robinson asks about the financing of the scheme and felt it may be self-funding. Cllr Threlfall replies that this will be looked at after 3 years. Helen Allan asks about how people would pay for the scheme. Cllr Threlfall reports either electronically/cheque/cash. Future plans to introduce E-books were also discussed and Cllr Les felt this would fit with the Locality grants scheme.
- 10) Walkabout feedback. Southside – weeds around the kerbs at the lower end to be dug out early spring and parking remains an issue towards the top end, awaiting reply from NALC. Glebe Terrace – grass overhanging pavement. Clerk to report to Highways and grit bin empty – to fill, manhole cover rattly – clerk to report to Highways. Snicket – weedy. Mac Plant to resolve. Jubilee Green – trim bushes, plant new beech tree in next planting season, stake loose, swing needs a hole to let the rainwater through & dead branches need removing. KP & DR will resolve. Typhoon Close – pavement cracking near park. IT will discuss with DC. Gymkhana sign to be removed. Bolton Road – Hedge near No 1, IT will discuss with residents, dead branches – clerk will remove, ash tree needs cutting back – clerk to check with Taylor Wimpey re: ownership. Blenheim Close – entrance sign needs a good tidy. Macplant will resolve. School noticeboard needs replacing. Westfields – streetlight 4 not lit. Stags Way – entrance kerbs falling away. Northside – poor parking. Clerk to send a letter. Hospital Road – Bottom of Flywheel Street not lit, clerk to report, hydrant post not clearly visible, clerk to report, pavement narrow and weedy. JH & IR will resolve. Snicket – weedy and fence leaning. IT to report to DC. Various pot holes especially near the kerbs around Cleveland/Clarence. Play park – hole in matting near swing, wobbly climbing frame and seat needs treating. IT will report to DC. Clarence Road – wall split near substation and streetlight unsafe/unlocked. Bridge Green soakaway works will be completed in the near future. Wooden bridge needs treating. Macplant will resolve. Sports Car triangle – manhole cover not secure. Clerk to report to St John of God. Abbey Care Wall – clerk to write to Abbey Care and ask to see structural survey of wall.
- 11) Ideas for articles - Scorton & District Times. Items requested/received already: Surgery info, Patient participation group, FAB walks, John's cycle rides, café closing dates, Remembrance Sunday, Social event, Pre school fayre, Carol singing, Abbey Care Carols, 1st Responder recruitment, Solar panel info, Feast report, Eco award, Methodist events, and IT suggested placing the results of Best Kept Village.
- 12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllrs Harper & Threlfall attended the Tarmac liaison meeting who arrange these twice yearly meetings and are good neighbours to Scorton. New footpaths are to be opened up soon and some replacing old paths. Recent oak tree plantings have been carried out following NYCC recommendations. The area to the south of Richmond Road has found lots of large cobbles which are

difficult to work with and therefore a time extension is required with extraction until 2020, restoration until 2021 and completion 2022; there will be no working hours extension. To agree a restoration plans as have been doing ongoing plans previously. Plans in place to hold another open day in January. Gates have been removed near old Richmond Road and signage at the bottom is to be made more positive to encourage walkers. Cllr Robinson had attended a meeting with Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Association who are looking to give a 10 minute talk to local PCs. Cllr Robinson is supporting many other new schemes and liaising with Living Well Co-ordinator. Cllr Threlfall added that at the Housing Enablers Annual Conference Rural Action Yorkshire heralded the Scorton Buddies Scheme.

- 13) Safety review. Cllr Harper reported a trip hazard at Cleveland/Clarence junction. Clerk checked area and found no obstructions or hazards at that time.
 - 14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Harper reported that a beckside cut was needed prior to Feast, dog bins near quarry full. Both reported and completed. Horse Chestnut tree looking unhealthy and to remove the green bin from Bridge Green. Bin removed and tree checked. Also the hole reappeared in sycamore tree island. This was reported to Yorkshire Water to see if linked to sewers who came out and checked sewers and stated that the hole was due to rats but not linked to the sewers and suggested contacting Environmental Services. DC (Pest Control) came out and checked again (charged service £42/hour) and felt it was related to the close proximity of the sewers. He baited the area safely numerous times and now the work is completed. Mrs Enevoldson reports that the water butt is now in place at cemetery and appears to be working well. Mrs Heywood reported that the fence was down at Sports Car Garage. Clerk reported. Cllr Threlfall found one window to be out of the noticeboard, he is repairing and replacing and states that it needs treating/refurbishing. A resident reported that recent dog signs at Typhoon Close park had been damaged. Clerk asked DC to replace with sturdier signs. Clerk reported streetlight out on Bolton Road No 48.
 - 15) Correspondence. NYCC – Catterick A6136 junction improvements, proposed timetable changes (service 55), Clerk to reply Option A. Community Awards, Cllr Robinson had been shortlisted to the last 3 and the Award Ceremony will be 16th October. Large grass visibility cuts map circulated around all Cllrs. YLCA – Transparency Fund, clerk to find out more details as would be a good opportunity to update equipment, clerk to agenda in October. Training programme – Cllr Partington can attend new Cllr course and Cllr Harper to attend Understanding Planning, Branch meeting 8/10 Clerk & Cllrs Partington & Rafelt will attend. Rotary Club Best Kept Village results. Scorton came 6th. A Heywood – congratulations re: the path behind the Care Village. Clerk to send a letter to the Coach House. M Aston – Car damage due to cricket match. Coates Garage will repair. Fire Brigades Union – Fire Cover Review concerns. Yorkshire Water letters about water meters at bus shelter. Clerk explained that there is no water at that site now and the account has now been deleted from their records. Table licenses forwarded to The Farmers Arms & White Heifer.
 - 16) Applications received and decision re: new co-opted councillor. Three applications received Helen Allan, Hilda Ellis & Margaret Grant. Cllrs voted and it was resolved to accept Helen Allan.
 - 17) Matters raised by members of the public. None
- Meeting closed: 10.42pm

Date of next meeting: 28th October 2015 at 7.30pm