

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Robinson & Rafelt, Walter Head (Little White Bus – Operations Manager), County Cllr Les (later)

Cllr Harper explains that Michael Heseltine's funeral has taken place today and was very well attended and Cllrs Threlfall, Harper and the clerk attended from the PC. Michael Heseltine served Scorton admirably as both a District and County Cllr during his life.

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Threlfall, Partington & Newall, PCSO Wallace
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 30th November 2016. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. None attending.
- 5) Walter Head (The Little White Bus) discussing a new bus service in Scorton. Thanks PC for inviting and states that there are 32 volunteers, 11 paid drivers and 11 buses presently. NYCC ask for tenders but don't have any legal constraints to assist any bus services. Not for profit organisation and NYCC have provided most of the vehicles and grant funded the Richmondshire Rover vehicle. This service goes to Barnard Castle, Ripon & Bedale and is on a trial until June 17. Market days are promoted, Barnard Castle service runs on Monday & Friday, Ripon on Thursday. These services are reliant on number of passengers and volunteer drivers and more volunteer drivers are needed. Concessionary fares, LWB can claim 95p/journey. Would like to run service with ½ volunteer drivers and ½ paid in order to make service sustainable. There is no minimum hour requirement from volunteers, and MIDAS course & DBS check are required and Little White Bus will pay for these. Min age is 24, max 80, and need D1 on licence but will pay for this if not on licence currently. If volunteer is 70+ then will assist for licence to be updated. Mr Head asks for timetables & posters to be distributed. Clerk will put the volunteer request on Facebook also. Mr Head will forward articles for Scorton & District Times. Cllr Harper adds that the bus needs to stop at the bus shelter as this is the main stop in the village and last week a bus just stopped at the Heifer stop and missed some passengers at the bus shelter. Mr Head will forward this information to all the drivers. Cllrs Harper and Robinson feel that the service is promising and the older generation are grateful for this new service. Cllr Harper thanks Mr Head.
- 6) Crime report. PCSO Wallace was pleased to send a very small report & clerk and Cllr Harper met with PC Wood earlier and he reported that he carried out some speeding work in the village but found none at that time.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Memorial Benches. Waiting for street furniture licence for the recycled plastic bench on Bolton Road and have given prices to family. Wooden bench waiting for decision from family.
 - Table license for Westfields. Letter and licence sent and waiting for a reply.
 - Commons registration. Moving forward with deregistering front garden.
- 8) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £84.00
- RDC (Fence for Clarence Road park) £924.00
- SWMI (Donation) £750.00

Discussion about donation to SWMI. Cllrs looked at previous donations and discussed the benefits of the hall and importance of keeping the hire prices low for local people and resolved to donate £750.00.

Pensions Regulator. Moving forwards with the completion of this requirement, and staging date is 1st February when more can be completed.

9) Planning items.

- FPP for single storey extension to the south elevation at 3 Typhoon Close. No objections. Granted: Prior Approval of proposed change of use of three agricultural building to dwelling houses (C3) and for associated operational development – Nursery Farm Cottage. FPP for replacement of all wooden windows with UPVC sliding sash windows – 18 Noble House. FPP for construction of conservatory to rear of dwelling – 38 Blenheim Close.

10) Ideas for articles in the Scorton & District Times. Feast ideas from Mr Howland, Curlew Rides, FAB walks, Cafe reopening date, Cllr Robinson Resilience Scheme volunteer piece, Little White Bus article, Gig on the Green fund raiser, Cllr Harper article about Ward Boundaries review, shop refurbishment closure dates, Feast AGM date. Cllr Les arrives.

11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllrs Harper attended the Ward Boundaries Commission (National Body) meeting which was arranged by the DC. Informative meeting and the Commission look at ratios of voters to representatives and carry out an unbiased report. Review begins in May and looks at many things such as how the council works, how many committees, geography, demographic, etc. Also to look if there is a shared service or any other reason why certain villages should be together. They will be forecasting 5 years ahead and the consultation runs from 23rd May – 21st July and Cllr Harper will write an article for the Scorton & District Times.

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

13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Mrs Heywood reported the solar light the West side of the bridge is still not working. Clerk reported to streetlighting again. Cllr Harper reports a pothole has developed next to a manhole cover in the road near to the Post Office. Clerk reported to Highways.

14) Correspondence. NYCC – Urban Highway grass cutting. Request of whether the PC wishes to continue with the urban highway grass cutting 2017/18. £993.26 for the year will be reimbursed to the PC. Cllrs wish to continue with performing this service. Clerk to reply.

YLCA – Legitimate Copying of Planning applications – blanket permission, Richmondshire Planning Department has given permission for all PCs, no extension of referendum principles, there will be no cap on Parish Precepts for 2017/18, auditor appointment for 2017/18 – 2021/22, this will be PKF Littlejohn LLP.

Residents - Dog fouling. Two complaints, one about Jubilee Green and one about the Banks Lane area. The Banks Lane resident was pleased about the placement of a new dog bin on Richmond road and she felt this had helped but problem still awful. Clerk to reply to both and Cllr Hull will get some flags and posters and report to the dog warden at RDC.

Cllr Les stated that he saw Little White Bus on the agenda and the CC are pleased to support this new service. A1 should be completed on time – June, and the fort bridge continues to be delayed and will likely be open near to the completion date. White Shops roadworks also have been delayed and should be completed in July.

Meeting closed: 21:20

Date of next meeting: 22nd February 2017 at 7.30pm