

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7.40pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Newall, Partington, Hull, 14 Residents, District & Parish Cllr Threlfall & County Cllr Les, Cllr Rafelt (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Cole & PCSO Wallace, Cllr Rafelt will be late.
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Rafelt re: planning for 6 Typhoon Close. Cllr Threlfall adds that he is dual hatted as parish councillor and also representative of the District Council Planning Committee, and as such any conclusions/decisions will be solely from documents produced at this PC meeting.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 27th September 2017. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. No concerns raised.
- 5) Crime report. No report sent this month.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Michael Heseltine memorial. It was resolved to request funding for a wooden bench similar to the new one on Southside (approx £450). Cllr Threlfall will obtain a quote to flag the area.
 - Small play park. Gina Dowson (Taylor Wimpey) will discuss case with the new legal man at the Stockton branch to see if they can further and finalise.
 - Scorton & District Times. Issue date is delayed as not enough articles to fill as yet.
- 7) Accounts.

Incoming:-

- YLCA (Transparency funding) £432.00
- RDC (Precept 2nd instalment) £7250.00

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - NYCC (Replenishment of grit bins) £90.00
 - V Raven (Wages July, August, September) £967.10
 - Mac Plant (Grass x 2) £600.00
 - Premier Galvanizing (Galvanise cemetery gates) £132.00
 - British Legion (Donation) £75.00
- 8) Walkabout findings. Used a wheelchair to evaluate disability access around the village. Hospital Road/Back Lane to sewerage works entrance – tarmac poor. Reported to Highways. St John of God triangle requires fence repair. Tried to contact grounds man but no reply, to try again or Head Office. Bridge Green – trees need trimming/posts out or need knocking back in/rabbit guards replacing, willows for pruning. Martyn Calvert offers to take them right back but Cllr Harper asks if he could leave a few of the good uprights in place, stated no would only take them down completely and so Cllrs resolved to look at them on Sunday 3rd December when tree pruning/tidying and planters will be replaced with winter pansies. Clerk to reply to Mr Calvert when Cllrs have looked at the willows. Mac Plant quote = £230. Cllrs also to look at the wooden bridge where an upright has come loose and footway slippery. Cllr Partington offers to brasso the Buffalo sign. Becks side required mowing but now completed. Highways footbridge – railings need painting. Clerk asked Highways but no funding available for this aesthetic work but happy for some volunteers to paint. To agenda in the spring. Clarence/Cleveland Road – some patches where tarmac repair needed; High Road/Northside corner – pavement very poor. Both reported to Highways. Stags Way – entrance kerb stones loose again. Clerk reported to Highways. Hole in

sycamore tree island – Cllr Threlfall will fix and also the broken flag stone near the Post Office. Clerk has reported that the anti skid/pavement area on High Row is very patchy now and unlevel. Highways will carry out this work in the spring. Lyndale has a patch of grass encroaching village green. Clerk to write a letter. Glebe Terrace – tree unhealthy. Clerk to discuss with Highways if they wish to remove it but explain that the PC would like to do some sculpting with the stump so would need a large amount of the trunk to remain. To replace tree if needed and fill salt bin. Typhoon park – DC to prune trees and there are tree roots growing through the pavement. Jubilee Green – move dog bin to near the small park. DC will action. Blenheim entrance – prune shrub area. Cemetery - drop kerb required here for better access for elderly and disabled. Requested from Highways who have applied for funding for this work. Bolton Road – RDC to remove old streetlight at The Old Orchard and prune the ash tree near the Blenheim entrance. Macplant to repair 4 pot holes along Southside. Boulder needs replacing on the green wall but work now completed.

- 9) Representative for Remembrance Sunday and donation amount. Cllr Threlfall has got the wreath; he and Cllrs Harper & Partington will attend the service. It was resolved to donate £75 to the British Legion.
- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllrs Threlfall & Rafelt attended the RDC Precept meeting, as usual the DC advised PCs to work out what they actually need to precept rather than basing request on percentage increases/household; nevertheless they will inform us of the band “D” property amount soon. Also Cllr Threlfall attended the Boundary Commission meeting and they have recommended that Richmondshire requires 24 District Cllrs. Scorton asked for a single ward member and smaller area but recommendations are to have 3 cllrs for Catterick, Scorton & Brompton on Swale. SPC need to make their views known to the Boundary Commission. Clerk & Cllrs Threlfall & Harper attended the YLCA Richmondshire Branch meeting. Still waiting for further information about ICO, but suggesting that PCs register with them now. Other information about back up and if Councils use cloud then this should be within the EU. Also that Cllr emails must be not personal and for council use only. Will find out if any of the Scorton.com emails are available for this use.
- 11) Safety review. No accidents have been reported this month.
- 12) Planning items.
 - FPP for residential development comprising 9 No dwellings and 8 No apartments at Land to the East of Dance Centre, Stags Way. Scorton Parish Council, in principle, supports the application, however the apartments are not in keeping with the village and councillors suggest terrace/cottage style housing would be much more appropriate to this development which is adjacent to the conservation area; and in addition be sympathetic to the proposed neighbouring development behind The Lodge. A pedestrian access via The Lodge development would improve connectivity to the main part of the village and aid cohesion with the community. The egress from Stags Way onto Station Road would be improved with a larger radius junction to that already busy area, as presently vehicles need to sway out into the other carriageway to turn left towards the village. Val Atkinson asks if the Police are consulted as she felt the walkway through could increase crime, she was reassured that the Police are consulted and Helen Richardson suggests that we make sure that we would only be supportive if there were no flats on that development.
 - FPP for 64 No residential dwellings, associated garages, open space provision and foul sewerage pumping station at land to the north of The Medical Centre, Stags Way. Cllr Harper reads from the SHELAA report, and emails from Mary Petit & Rachael Wilkinson. Helen Richardson (Governor at Bolton on Swale School) states that school is oversubscribed presently and increases in numbers will possibly change the nature of the school and any new buildings may not be the same quality as present building. Cllr Threlfall & Harper encourages the public

to go the planning committee and write a letter prior which members of the public can read. A long discussion pursued from both Cllrs and residents. Sarah Calvert states that 9 objections have been sent into the RDC so far and Martyn Calvert feels that the site is too small for so many houses, and the area floods. Will Atkinson (owner of the land) the development would be characteristic of the village and asks if a development outside of the village would be better, Cllr Rafelt replies that the character of the village is more than the aesthetics. Amanda Ramsey asks about the development at Brompton and why that hasn't been completed. Cllr Threlfall explains that Phase 1 was completed but the other phases not. Helen Richardson asks if there is demonstration of need. Cllr Threlfall replies that stats show that 180 houses/year need to be built and this is not based on military demands but on age, growth, population and social considerations. Scorton Parish Council unanimously resolved to not support this application on the following grounds: The proposed development area is not within or adjacent to the current building line of the village. The Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment within the Local Plan deem the area unsuitable for development. It is not connected to the village and as such councillors felt that it would be very difficult for these residents to have cohesion with the community, and the present villagers with them. The lack of public green space within the plan. The egress into the proposed development is unsuitable for that stretch of road. There would be increased traffic through the village as the vast majority would need to travel through to get to the A1 and all the local towns. The area floods regularly. It is a haven for wildlife as adjacent to the increasingly bio-diverse area of Scorton Lakes. The current infrastructure of the village would be altered. The Primary Schools warm community feel may disappear due to the increase in numbers. Currently the school is oversubscribed, and so children may not be able to attend their own village school. The Drs' Surgery may struggle to cope with the increase in numbers and may need to alter their flexible appointments system which residents currently appreciate.

- Outline application with some matters reserved for up to 80 dwellings, new vehicular access involving construction of mini roundabout and associated highway works, public open space, landscaping, football pitch and car park (36 spaces) at Land to the West of Glebe Terrace. Cllr Harper reads from the SHELAA document (4 plots covered in this application) and the DC updated this January this year and the 5 year plan states that Scorton should take approx 80 houses over the next 5 years. Again a long discussion follows with both the residents and Cllrs partaking in analysis of the application. Scorton Parish Council unanimously resolved to not support this application on the following grounds: The Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment within the Local Plan states that Scorton is required to take 80 houses in total for the whole of the period to 2028. With the 3 smaller developments begun and proposed to the North of the Village this proposal would then far exceed the recommendations. Councillors suggest being concordant with the Local Plan and that this development be reduced to 50 dwellings or less. The clear lack of information within the proposals due to the nature of this being an outline planning application. The proposal includes the large area all the way through to Banks Lane. Councillors propose that the development could be designed in such a way to only use the land to the South and near to Richmond Road. The balance of that field could then be gifted to the village and protected for prosperity, as a contribution to recreation. A pedestrian crossing near to Glebe Terrace would ease the danger of crossing the busy road especially for the school children. Both the school bus and local village school would need children to cross there safely. The current infrastructure of the village would be altered. The Primary Schools warm community feel may disappear due to the increase in numbers. Currently the school is oversubscribed, and so children may not be able to attend their own village school. The Drs' Surgery may struggle to cope with the increase in numbers and may need to alter their flexible appointments system which residents currently appreciate. Positive

comments if development reduced: The land is adjacent to the existing development limit. It is connected well to the village by footpaths and it was felt by all that the cohesion to the village would be favourable. The roundabout would help to slow traffic at this entrance to the village.

- FPP for rear extension at 6 Typhoon Close. Cllr Rafelt declares an interest. No objections.
- FPP for timber garden room at 5 Manor Court. No objections but noted that the colour of the roof tiles would be more aesthetically pleasing if red in colour and so would be more in keeping with the adjacent area.
- LBC for removal of brickwork blocking up the previous cellar door and replacement in stone to match the existing and removal of concrete sill to stair window and replace with a natural stone sill at Clara Meyer, Southside. No objections.
- Re-consultation on planning application for the purposes of the change of use of former quarry to a waste recycling facility for the treatment of waste wood – Kiplin Quarry. Clerk to look further about the changes in this application and reply with our original concerns and add any new issues from this re-consultation.

Withdrawn: 11 Steggall House.

Granted: 30 Blenheim Close – replace garden room, Lime Tree House – demolition of existing garage and replace with two storey extension.

- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Newall reported the one way sign on the green wall at High Row is bent. Clerk reported to Highways. Cllr Harper reported that the bus shelter bench has been damaged and needs repair. Cllr Threlfall will sand the areas down. Cllr Harper adds that the plaque at the wind sock is damaged and will see if it can be cleaned.
- 14) Correspondence. Mr Robinson reports that the Northern Powergrid work on Bridge Green has been left in an unsatisfactory state. Clerk has contacted Northern Powergrid and waiting for a reply.

Meeting closed: 23.35

Date of next meeting: 29th November at 7.30pm