

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Harper, Hull, Cole, Rafelt, District & Parish Cllr Threlfall

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Newall & Partington, County Cllr Les, PCSO Wallace
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 28th February 2018. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. None attending.
- 5) Crime report. Report for 28/2 – 28/3, no crimes on the report this month, however District Cllr Threlfall met with Inspector Gee and asked why all crimes don't appear on the report. Inspector Gee replied that the report is more of an indication of crimes in the area.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Michael Heseltine memorial bench. Cllrs resolved to get the engraving on the bench into the top rail of the wood. And the wording to be “In memory of Michael Joseph Heseltine 1938 – 2016”
 - Jubilee Green safety issues. Following the report from RDC re: matting and climbing pole having movement, clerk asked Proludic to have a look at these issues. Awaiting reply and forward email to District Cllr Threlfall.
 - Dog bin – Jubilee Green. Clerk & District Cllr Threlfall met with RDC to discuss moving the bin nearer to the road for collectors. Work needs to be undertaken prior to it moving as undergrowth needs removing and a shrub planting. A dog bag station is to be placed next to the dog bin at the Scorton lakes car park by RDC.
 - Information morning. Cllr Harper thanks everyone for their efforts, which made for a successful morning. The stall holders were pleased that the turnout was good. Also park companies display and public consultation produced some possible alterations to the designs.
Proludic: Too many slides so to take out the 1 metre slide, 1 baby and 1 normal swing, ask about the possibility of a double slide down the bank and if the pod swing could be basket like in design, and provide a talk tube.
Streetscape: Too many swings presently so just alter to baby and normal plus pod swing, higher roundabout, ask if design has any wood and if the multiplay has a climbing wall, confirm that there will be steps up the bank, take out the see saw and provide a climbing hut and talk tube.
Clerk to ask both companies for these alterations and decide at next meeting. District Cllr Threlfall will invite Gary Hudson for his comments.
- 7) Accounts.
Expenditure: -
 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - YLCA (Membership) £294.00
 - RDC (Play park checks/maintenance costs) £371.36
 - V Raven (Wages Jan, Feb, Mar & postages, etc for year) £1024.93
 - Green Frog (Bird Cherry tree) £35.00
Grass cutting tender for 2018 – 2020. Farm & Land Services £260.00 +VAT/cut, Mac Plant £275.00+VAT/cut (prices previously increased 2012 £235, then £250 from 2015). It was resolved to accept the Mac Plant quote, they have proved to be a reliable service and will help with any special/urgent requests without question. Another enquiry from Andrew Walker but too large an area to fit in with his other contracts.
- 8) Planning items.
Granted. LBC to remove existing wrought iron gates, refurbish and reinstate.
Projector. It was resolved to purchase a projector, prices start around £50. Clerk to order.

- 9) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. Cllrs Harper, Threlfall & Hull attended the planning committee meeting regarding the two proposed developments. All felt that the issues raised were relevant, impartial and led to a positive democratic discussion. A resident gave praise for how the PC had professionally dealt with these planning proposals. Glebe Terrace was granted for Outline permission, and Station Road was refused.
- 10) Safety review. No accidents to report.
- 11) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Hull reported that a large bale had fallen into the beck near the Packhorse bridge and also a tree fallen. Clerk asked Environmental to assess, who resolved. Cllr Harper reported a pot hole at the entrance to Stags Way. Reported via Parish Portal. Cllr Newall reported that the streetlight within the surgery is on all the time. Clerk will check if a local authority light. A resident reports full dog bags being thrown in hedges or dropped on the paths around Banks Lane and the lakes. Another resident adds that the dog bin at Jubilee Green is overflowing, and an increase in dog fouling on Jubilee Green. Clerk reported both issues to RDC dog warden and Streetscene. Cllr Hull reports various pot holes near to Morningside on Clarence Road. Clerk will report. Cllr Rafelt reported the inspection cover area dropping at the entrance to Blenheim. Clerk to report. Cllr Cole reported the inspection cover in the grass opposite No24. Clerk to report. Bench refurbishments are soon to be completed. Tarmac required for Flywheel Street and Southside. Mac Plant to action. Cllr Cole discusses the parking along Bolton Road grass verge which is making a mess of this area. To discuss with Cllr Les at the next meeting.
- 12) Correspondence. Northallerton Courthouse proposed closure consultation. Cllr Les forwarded an email from Catterick PC as a good example of a reply to this consultation. Cllrs agreed that this had all the issues that they had envisaged from the possible closure of Northallerton Courthouse: travel time, use of public transport for residents who don't have access to a car thus affecting the more vulnerable groups of the community. North Yorkshire is such a rural community and as such the public transport provision is limited, and a journey to towns further on would not only involve more expense and longer journey times, but would involve many changes which would disadvantage the elderly and disabled further. Police time and travel expenses would be increased, as would the expenses paid to the witnesses. This proposal would decrease access to the justice service within North Yorkshire. Clerk to assess whether Magistrates courts need to remain within the same county or would Teesside be an option prior to replying and add response as necessary. Yorkshire Ambulance Service – Community Public Access Defibrillators. Looking at a replacement programme for community defibs; however this would only be undertaken if the device were to be transferred to the PC. There would be future associated costs: Electrodes £25, Battery £198 (free within 4 years), Cabinet £478 (replacement). PC resolved that they will take over ownership of the defib. Yorventure – Official grant offer letter and acceptance. Clerk to sign formal funding agreement and return. Rotary Club of Richmond – Best Kept Village Competition. Scorton will enter this year. YLCA – General Data Protection regulations. Lots of information/proformas, etc have been forwarded to PC. Also training days however these were fully booked very quickly and await new dates. Clerk to purchase a shredder. Resident trying to find information about two WW1 soldiers who are on the Memorial plaque in the SWMI. Cllrs had some ideas and will further.

Meeting closed: 21.25

Date of next meeting: 25th April at 7.30pm