

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Hull, Newall & Cole, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, County Cllr Les, one member of the public

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Harper & Partington
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 31st October 2018. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by members of the public. MOP discusses the new housing development proposal and states that one development has been approved; and that the village is slowly being eroded away by new developments, he adds that there are plenty of houses for sale within the village presently and queries if further properties are needed. The consultation this afternoon suggests that the comments from residents will be used by the developer only and not forwarded to the DC or PC. Gaining places at the school is problematic already, and asks could the village cope with this additional proposal. Cllr Threlfall adds that the DC requirements for housing numbers are already achieved with the new development opposite Glebe Terrace and the other smaller developments.
- 5) Crime report. PC Wood has sent a report for October and very little for Scorton area.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Memorial bench. Hilda's family would like to attend when the bench is installed; it is arranged for Sunday 2nd December at 2pm. Cllrs to attend if possible and also family would be happy for anyone to attend who knew Hilda. Farmers Arms to be informed and previous landlord.
 - Matrix board signs. Initial quote received and clerk to forward to Cllrs Les and Threlfall. Cllr Threlfall will discuss the possibility of sharing a Vehicle activated sign with Brompton PC. Cllr Les will check if what type the NYCC will allow.
 - Sycamore tree – Glebe Terrace. Steve Barker (Highways) rang on 26/11 about his concerns re: road safety and the sculpture causing driver distraction, he is happy to move the tree to another location. Discussed the new development and roundabout, and said that we would discuss at this meeting and suggested that the PC meet up at the tree to discuss further. Cllrs discussed other possible locations. Clerk to arrange meeting.
- 7) Accounts.

Incoming:-

 - Relatives of Hilda Ellis (Memorial bench) £454.08

Expenditure: -

 - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
 - V Raven (Wages October, November, December) £1200.00
 - NYCC (Print S&D Times) £38.00
 - Mac Plant (Grass cutting) £330.00

Precept decision 2019/2020. Budget prepared and circulated and Cllrs resolved to increase the precept by £500 to £15000
- 8) Planning items.

Granted: FPP for conservatory to rear of 12 Archers Green. FPP for single storey garage for The Holt, Hospital Road.
- 9) Trees around Jubilee Green. Cllr Rafelt spoke to all but one of the residents who was unobtainable, and it was resolved that 2 metres should be removed from the trees around the properties whose rear gardens directly adjoin Jubilee Green and also reduce the shrubs.

- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors. None attended
- 11) Safety review. Letter received from RDC following their play equipment inspection. Ball wall requires a bolt fixing and the tarmac area in front has a build up of moss/algae, and in addition Cllr Rafelt found that the ring has a screw missing and one is loose. Cllr Threlfall will complete the repairs to the ball wall and Cllr Rafelt has scraped the tarmac area but this will need power washing in the spring. The matting around the Pod swing is wearing, not urgent and will review regularly. The climbing net central support has movement, however this was a concern last year and the play park company came to check and the pole needs to have some movement otherwise the ropes have too much pressure and may snap. Cllr Rafelt felt that the whole of Jubilee Green could do with a general tidy up, the area in front of the benches remains muddy and worn. Mac Plant will pave in front of these as resolved at 25/4/18 meeting. The football posts/nets are in need of replacement, clerk checked some prices which ranged from £600 - £2000 and to review in January; in the meantime the present posts will be removed. The bin is not locked, Cllr Hull will notify RDC.
- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Clerk reported the streetlight not working on Bolton Road, now resolved
- 13) Correspondence. Scotts Wright – Title registers for small play park Blenheim Close. Received and fees paid by Taylor Wimpey as agreed. NYCC & RDC – Launch of Ready for Anything, 11th December. White Heifer – Table Licence received. Little White Bus – Future of this service, as was partly funded by central government. Clerk to bring to January meeting with figures of usage from Scorton. Cllr Les will grant £1000 towards this scheme from Locality budget. Cllr Threlfall suggests the use of voluntary donations/fares from pensioners to help retain the service; Cllr Les adds that this may not be possible due to conditions with the bus passes. Cllr Les will fund the repair of the Scorton sign on Bolton Road £600, and the repair of the footpath to Bolton on Swale £1600. Thanks given to Cllr Les from PC. Extra road repair funding from central government. Cllr Cole asks about the safety of the Fort Bridge Junction. Cllr Threlfall adds that Remembrance Sunday Service was a special occasion, the centenary of the end of WW1. Around 150 people attended and 1374 handmade (knitted, crochet, etc) poppies were displayed around the memorial plaques; a resident had researched all the men that died during WW1 who were residents of Scorton and surrounding area and these were individually read out by residents.

Meeting closed: 20.40

Date of next meeting: 30th January at 7.30pm