

# SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.40pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Harper, Rafelt, Cole, Aston, Newall, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, District Cllr Rowe, County Cllr Les (later)

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Hull, District Cllr Spencer
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime report. PC Wood sent a newsletter and crime report for May.
- 5) Matters raised by members of the public. None.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.
  - Richmondshire Leisure Trust. Email from Austin Gordon with attendance figures from our Parish. 3% use gymnastics and cheer leading, 6% use the gym facilities from Scorton postcodes.
  - Bridge Green. Email from Environment Agency and would require a flood risk permit from them prices from £170 - £1441 just for the application. Cllrs to review in the autumn.
  - Bolton Road sign. It was resolved to accept Johnson Ramsey's quote to rebuild the Scorton sign.
  - Hole on sycamore tree island. Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water.
  - Planter bands. Cllr Aston has repaired the planter bands.
  - Grass cutting. Cllr Hull had seen some comments on Facebook but no official complaints. Clerk already spoken with contractor and will collect grass from cemetery, notified of the odd missed areas, and highlighted the need for more frequent early cuts, then usually tail off at end of season, weather dependant. Cllr Threlfall added that these are new contractors and we need to give them some patience and understanding. Cllr Les arrives.
- 7) Accounts.

Expenditure: -

  - Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
  - Mac Plant (MH base for bench, hedge cut Jubilee Green, repair accesses) £1296.00
  - GCH (Grass x 2) £612.00
  - The Bridge (Donation) £100.00
  - SWMI (Donation) £800.00
  - Andrew Jackson (Tree works – Southside) £950.00

External audit – approval of annual governance statement. Circulated to all Cllrs and resolved to sign this statement for the external audit.
- 8) Planning items  
Granted: Nursery Farm Cottage prior approval for proposed conversion of redundant barn.
- 9) Ideas for June edition of Scorton & District Times. Feast, Gig on the Green, New District Cllr info, FAB walks, Bus timetable changes, contact Rev Yvonne about the work at St Marys.
- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. None attended.
- 11) Safety review. RDC play equipment inspection. Jubilee Green, Ball Wall some bolts missing and build up of moss. Cllr Aston will replace the bolts and the moss algae is to be power washed. Pod swing, grass matting is wearing, to be reviewed regularly but nothing dangerous presently and tree is overhanging the frame, to be cut back. Climbing net – movement in middle support, this was checked last year with the supplier and has to have some movement otherwise the ropes may have

too much tension. Litter bin damaged – to be removed as condemned. Mollie Cail park, the maintenance gates are not secured, clerk to purchase a padlock and forward a key to grass cutters, and the bank slide connectors loose and movement evident, Cllrs reviewed and could find no movement or loose connectors. Additionally Cllr Harper noted that there is an inspection cover near the gate which has moved and needs repositioning. Cllr Aston will action.

- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Hull & a resident reported dog fouling on Banks Lane. Reported to DC dog warden and requested the notices. Cllr Hull reports that the front of the cemetery bin is broken, clerk to report to DC, and the willow tree has a large amount of ivy growing up it. Cllr Threlfall will cut at the base. Cllr Harper reports the painted stones on Hospital Road and Cllr Les will action, footpath sign at Westfields is missing, Clerk reported to NYCC. The RAF memorial plaque is unreadable, clerk has asked if this can be re coloured/engraved but the company would need it removing in order to do this work. Cllr Threlfall will action. Cllr Cole reported that the grass sign on the sycamore tree island is broken, sign removed. A resident reported that there are 3 dead trees on Jubilee Green and clerk found another, to be removed.
- 13) Correspondence. NYCC – VAS policy. Clerk to contact Brompton on Swale, Brough St Giles and Bolton on Swale councils to confirm they remain interested in sharing a VAS. RDC – Area partnership funding 2019 – 20, clerk to apply for football posts, Community Awards, Cllrs to complete nominations if any ideas, Dementia friendly information, Cllr Harper felt that this would be a double up as already doing lots in the village with Scorton Buddies, St John of God & Abbey Care. Cllr Les adds that the elderly support is around 50% of the NYCC budget now, the Locality budget funding has been protected for 2019/20. YLCA – Training programme. Cllr Aston has signed up for the new cllrs course. The Bridge – Donation request. It was resolved to donate £100. Allerton Waste plant has tours available for PCs – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2pm. Walkabout 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.30

Meeting closed: 21.55

Date of next meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019