

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Hull, Cole, Aston, Newall, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, District Cllr Rowe, Inspector Gee & PC Wood (NY Police), 19 Members of the Public

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Harper, County Cllr Les. Cllr Rafelt welcomes the Members of the Public.
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 15th May 2019. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime report. PC Wood sent a newsletter and crime report for the balance of May and June until 26/6.
- 5) Inspector Gee & PC Wood attending to discuss concerns relating to the Travellers &
- 6) Matters raised by the members of the public. Cllr Rafelt invites comments from the public, many and varied issues relating to the recent visitors on Bridge Green, including one about the long waiting times to reach a call handler on 101. Inspector Gee stated that the Police have to work with the resources they have and call times are usually much less than ½ an hour, and urges everyone to report crimes as gives an accurate picture of the area and shows that more resources are needed during times of higher crime. During the run up to Appleby the Police do gain more resources from other areas. Drones were discussed by the public and Inspector Gee stated that drones are not regulated for private use. Members of the public had many ideas to help the situation for future years, however Inspector Gee added that other villages have had problems with trying to enforce these rules, he further stated that some villages produce leaflets or talk to the travellers on their arrival to explain any previous problems and expectations. Cllr Rowe asks if the 4 crimes that were reported were attended by the Police, this information would need to be confirmed, as didn't have that information available. Timetabled visits to sites by dedicated officers hopefully help to relieve the issues. One of the main problems was that crimes aren't being reported by the public during the run up and following Appleby Fair and so these crimes cannot be resolved with the help of the Police. It was felt by some members of the public that the PC weren't doing anything to help alleviate this issue, and as owners of Bridge Green then surely we could refuse permission for camps, Cllr Threlfall stated that court orders may be able to be processed, however this takes 30 days. Cllr Rafelt further explains that Parish Councillors do this voluntarily and aim to achieve the best we can for our village, and as we aren't legal experts we will ask for clarification about the law of common land. Cllr Rowe suggests that actions should involve the whole community, including PC, Police, DC & CC assistance. Inspector Gee happy to continue to assist and advise, PC Wood adds that Borderwatch which is a voluntary patrol are a useful local resource for the community and as more issues have arose this year, then more resources will be allocated next year. Cllr Rafelt confirms that he has arranged to meet with our MP to discuss these issues. Offers to put up fencing/boulders around Bridge Green from a couple of the residents, with no labour charges. PC to agenda again for July. Cllr Aston added that hard and soft options could be used to help alleviate this issue. A resident ends with accepting that there is no one or easy solution but all she asks if for us to work together as a village and try to make a difference next year. Police and members of public leave.
Cllr Rafelt asks Cllr Rowe if he has anything to report. He is on the Licensing Committee & Local Plan working group following full council meeting, and has requested a cycle lane from Brompton to Richmond from NYCC. Cllr Rowe leaves.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Richmondshire Leisure Trust - request. Query about whether the PC would like to donate to this Trust. It was resolved not to donate this time.
 - Footpath sign replacement – Westfields. This is on the NYCC list for replacement.
 - The Highlanders – volunteering. Application put forward as requested, unsuccessful this time but RDC will keep details for any future volunteering opportunities
 - Vehicle activated signs. Clerk to arrange a meeting with NYCC, Brough St Giles and Brompton on Swale PC to assess feasibility.

8) Accounts.

Incoming:-

- Northern Powergrid (Wayleave) £26.45

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £42.00
- V Raven (Wages April, May, June) £1200.00
- GCH (Grass x 2) £692.00
- LCR (Magazine subscription) £17.00
- Zurich (Insurance) £857.46

9) Planning items

- RDC planning meeting relating to land off Bolton Road - 2nd July

Granted: Scorton Village Store – installation of two refrigeration units (retrospective), 10 Wilson House – replacement of UPVC windows & doors.

- 10) Walkabout feedback. Southside: cobbles and planters outside Forge, no action. Glebe Terrace: tree, clerk asked Highways for update. Snicket to Beaufighter: area needs weeding/excess soil removing, fence to be returned to original place, and then Highways will replace the barrier. Resident informed that the fence will be returned to original position asap. Jubilee Green: shrubs in the small park area need tidying, Cllrs Hull, Harper and Clerk will action, District Cllr Threlfall will ask for the open top bin to be removed. Also some trees require removing as dead. Bolton Road: telegraph pole near school at an angle, clerk reported to OpenReach who spotted another which requires attention. Some white posts need replacing, clerk informed Highways. School layby would benefit from a road sweeper, clerk reported to DC. Cemetery: bin front broken and unable to reattach, DC will replace with a 2nd hand bin. Lych gate and gate may require repairs, and cemetery bollards at an angle, clerk to bring to cemetery meeting. High Row: no parking sign attached to fence, clerk to write to the owners. Footpath very poor, clerk has reported to Highways. Bollards next to the White Heifer are rusting, Cllr Threlfall will inform DC. Station Road: Michael's plaque, clerk to agenda in September. Stags Way: kerbstones falling in wait until housing development completed and then report to Highways. Hospital Road: requires weed killer along the side of the hospital wall. Pot hole in pavement outside the Granary, clerk reported to Highways. The Havens: daffodils were a poor show this year towards Clarence Road; Cllrs have chosen bulbs and clerk to order for autumn planting. Bridge Green: chestnut tree requires ties; wooden bridge needs attention, footway to be improved with non slip timber and some additional strengthening works, these works will cost around £250 for the materials. It was resolved to go ahead, Cllrs Rafelt, Aston & Threlfall will provide the labour. Willow requires trimming, Cllr Hull will action. West side of the beck requires the hogweeds clearing and cutting, clerk to inform contractor. Mollie Cail Park: double gate is positioned the wrong way round which makes closing difficult, Cllrs to action. Streetscape to fix the matting down more securely. Clarence Road: pothole near the old garage area, clerk reported to Highways.
- 11) Provision of Reeth Brass Band teas. Cllr Cole & Clerk will welcome the band and provide their tea.
- 12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Cllr Rafelt & Threlfall attended and the meeting was also attended by Chief Constable Lisa Whinwood, questions were mainly referring to the travellers passing through. YLCA are moving offices soon, and unlicensed textile collections information forwarded to all members in Richmondshire.
- 13) Safety review. No accidents reported.
- 14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Residents and Cllr Cole reported the hogweed getting out of hand, clerk reported to contractors who actioned. Cllr Hull reported the phone box smashed; clerk reported to BT who promptly repaired, also a resident asked her if a 40mph could be introduced to Station Road from the station. Clerk to agenda in July. Cllr Harper reported the lit bollard on cooper beech island over, clerk reported to Highways who have resolved. Stags Way grit bin, NYCC usually fills at £90, it was resolved to fill ourselves. Cllr Rafelt reported via a resident that the park on Typhoon Close has lots of nettles, clerk reported to DC who has actioned, also that the signs around the Glebe Meadows estate are shabby and paint peeling off and one at an angle, District Cllr Threlfall will inform DC. GCH reported verbal abuse from one of our residents about grass that they were about to cut and another report from a resident about a can being mown over, however contractors were about to remove. Resilience plan update in progress and supplies being reviewed.

15) Correspondence. Tesco Bags of Help – RAF bench funding success, £1000 to be forwarded, Clerk to look for other funding. Resident – Archery Club damage, clerk to reply. RDC – Housing needs survey & Green spaces consultation. The housing need survey will look at the specific need in the village, may be useful to put the information in the October S&D Times and the old garage triangle to be identified for a green space, clerk to forward response.

District Cllr Threlfall reports that the junction past Fort Bridge has been out to consultation. The willows on Bridge Green have been cut back.

Meeting closed: 22.45

Date of next meeting: 31st July 2019