

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Hull, Harper, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, County Cllr Les, 4 Members of the Public

- 1) Apologies. Cllr Aston & Newall, District Cllr Rowe
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of normal monthly minutes dated 25th September 2019. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. A MOP asks why the traveller issues haven't been included in this agenda. Cllr Rafelt explains that there is a meeting with Safer Communities in December and we will update following this.
- 5) Planning items
 - FPP for change of use for the keeping of horses and stables at land adjacent to the Archery Field, Hospital Road. MOP explains that the stable block will be in the centre of the area and on the South boundary; he had asked local residents their thoughts before applying and formed the application with these comments in mind. Cllr Threlfall added that the area will still provide a visual green connection from Bridge Green and down Hospital Road towards the green. No objections.
 - Outline application committee meeting for land off Bolton Road – 5th November. Held at RDC Mercury House at 6.30pm. District Cllr Threlfall will attend and adds that the new Local Plan will include that physical gaps between villages should be maintained.

Granted: LBC to create habitable space in roof with rooflights, Mulberry House, Northside.

PC consultation event for proposed motorway service area on land east of J52 at Pallett Hill Farm. Cllr Les has forwarded his comments stating that junction 52 wasn't designed with this proposal in mind and for the increased amount of traffic.

- 6) Crime report. Not received this month.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings.
 - Glebe Terrace Tree. Clerk met with Cllr Les who liaised with Steve Barker (Area 1 Highways), the tree will be removed asap and will be replanted following, Cllr Rafelt asks what variety will be planted and where. To be discussed following removal.
 - VAS signs. Email received from Brompton on Swale stating that they require further evidence with regard to speeding in their village, want more precise costs and details and costs for moving and maintaining the sign. Cllr Threlfall suggests that splitting the costs so that it could be worked on a pro rata basis. Cllrs resolved to give Brompton more time to get the information they require until end of the year. Clerk to reply.
 - New sign for Post Office. Owner has contacted RDC planning department.
 - Grass tender. Email from GCH Gardening Services, explains that this was the last cut and if further cuts are required in November to contact them. Also happy to continue next year but aware that we are going to tender, and if successful then would like to discuss the giant hogweed plans in more detail.

8) Accounts.

Incoming:

- Murphy's Fair (Groundrent for Feast) £300.00
- RDC (Precept 2nd payment) £7500.00

Expenditure: -

- Plusnet (Broadband supply) £84.00
- British Legion (Donation) £100.00
- PKF Littlejohn (External audit) £360.00
- CAB (Donation) £150.00
- GCH (Grass x 2) £708.00

- Mac Plant (Works to path towards Bolton on Swale) £1074.00

External audit. Returned and completed.

- 9) Replacement tree for outside the SWMI. Queries raised about planting a tree of the same species as the diseased flowering cherry, Cllr Threlfall will ask Gary Hudson RDC. Clerk to agenda for December meeting.
- 10) Representative for Remembrance Day and donation to British Legion. Cllr Harper will be the PC representative and read the Roll of Honour, Cllr Threlfall will attend. It was resolved to donate £100 to the British Legion.
- 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. None attended.
- 12) Safety review. No accidents reported.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Harper reported the overhanging bushes on Stags Way, Clerk to write a letter to the owners. Cllr Hull reports that the light remains off on the No entry sign on the bus shelter island. Clerk to report. Cllr Rafelt reports poor lighting at Glebe Terrace, clerk to check if a light is out and report as necessary. It was resolved earlier in the year to re-fill the grit bin on Stags Way as a PC, clerk to check.
- 14) Correspondence. RDC – Consultation on removal of payphones & funding success. Phone Box consultation, clerk to reply stating that rural, isolated communities still rely on phone boxes. CAP funding success for RAF bench, work can now commence. Also the RAF plaque is back in place and GSM Printing has done a great job at a much reduced price due to the topic of the plaque, clerk to send a thank you letter. Citizens Advice Bureau – information and donation request. In the last year 134 people have been helped within the parishes of Scorton and Brompton on Swale, it was resolved to donate £150.00 this year. NYCC – consultation about County Council services, Cllrs to respond by 18th November. Cllr Cole resignation letter, Cllr Rafelt replied thanking her for the hard work and dedication shown. This vacancy can now be filled by co-option, clerk to action. Cllr Threlfall adds that Mac Plant will cut the Mollie Cail hedge top and side soon and complete the wildflower work. A memorial bench will be taken in over winter to be treated. Cllr Les informs that there was a bi election in the upper dales recently. An Independant Council has been formed to advise NYCC, their remit is to tackle rural issues across the whole county. Also Perdah is now in place as so no Locality Budgets will be allocated until this period is over following the General Election.

Meeting closed: 20.45

Date of next meeting: 4th December