

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.30pm on the Manor House Green.

Present: - Cllrs Rafelt, Aston, Newall & Maddison-Potts, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, Members of the Public x 4, Phillip Allott, Peter Mountain, Inspector Gee, District Cllr Rowe, County Cllr Les

Cllr Rafelt thanks all for attending this PC meeting.

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Hull & Harper, Bainbridge PC Clerk & Chairman
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 28th April. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. A MOP requests that the beck needs attention, and has reported this numerous times and wonders when the work will be carried out. Cllr Rafelt apologises for the delay; the work has been ordered and should be completed by the end of the summer.
- 5) Crime Report. Crime reports read out for May & June, the June report related solely to Scorton and there were 11 incidents reported. The police hot topics have been Road Safety Week and burglaries. Resident enquires if Scorton could have more speed vans/vehicle activated signs in the village. Inspector Gee replies that the data has to prove a speeding problem. Cllr Rafelt adds that the PC has been successful in receiving funding from the AJ1 Police Commissioner funding for 2 vehicle activated signs, but there has been a delay in delivery time but we should see these very soon. Phillip Allott states there is a priority scheme in place to deploy speed cameras based on safety/collisions/fatalities and suggests the PC ask for more speed vans in the village. Inspector Gee suggests forming a community safety scheme, Cllr Rafelt replies that we already have one but they haven't been out lately due to COVID regulations.
- 6) Mr Phillip Allott (Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner) & Inspector Mark Gee (NY Police) will attend to discuss the issues raised following the recent visit from the Travellers. Cllr Rafelt begins by reading out correspondence we have received relating, and adds that this has been discussed many times and all agree that it is a difficult situation. The PC have concerns that any action could cause negative implications. Phillip Allott states that the law can move people on after 28 days but that law may change next year, and that travellers have rights. The Police, Crime, Sentencing Courts Bills 2021 (which should go through Parliament next year) will empower the police to take action, the PC have pushed our local MP for this action over previous years. Other Parish Councillors discuss the present legislation, waiting for the legislation to change, and agree that it is the aim that residents feel safe and protected; and as a village we contribute towards the Police service and as such would like to see more support when the travellers are present. The last time the police attended to discuss this issue with PC, they suggested that they could deploy surveillance cameras, all were disappointed not to see these in action at this visit. Residents added that some crimes were not attended to promptly and felt there was insufficient support, Inspector Gee will look into this and adds that police resources need to target the crime hot spots, another resident appeared content with the Police support. The Archery Club had seen Police and been given crime deterrent advice. Cllr Rowe agrees that this is a District wide problem and as Cumbrian Police are stopping travellers parking and this may have a knock-on effect in North Yorkshire. Appleby Horse Fair has been rescheduled for 12th August in the hope that this brings travellers together over one weekend. Inspector Gee wants to work with us and feels that the Police could have communicated their actions better. Residents expressed annoyance as it was felt no action had been taken by the PC: however, the PC has invited Crime Commission and Inspector Gee this evening, discussed these issues with neighbouring PCs, met with Safer Richmondshire Partnership, discussed with our MP, sought legal advice and are grateful to RDC for coming to collect the waste. Cllr Threlfall replies that other villages in the area have problems, and displacement isn't necessarily a solution. Inspector Gee agrees that displacement could be a real problem as the travellers' culture is one of tradition. MOP asks if CCTV could help the Police, and Inspector Gee states that this could be useful on private property but overall felt that a joint partnership involving Police, Safer Richmondshire, DC (environmental/noise control), PCs would be a more beneficial action currently. Inspector Gee will engage with the Safer Richmondshire Partnership to progress further. Engagement, placing barriers & CCTV were then discussed at length, with all the pros and cons. Residents, Cllr Les, Cllr Rowe, Phillip Allott, Peter Mountain, Inspector Gee left. As custodians of the

land at Bridge Green, the PC will engage all with the partnerships to help to ease the situation, however as a statutory body we have to work within the current legislation.

- 7) Updates from County/District Councillors. To be reviewed at next meeting.
- 8) Updates from previous meetings. None.
- 9) Accounts.

Incoming: -

- NYCC (Urban grass cutting) £993.26
- Northern PowerGrid (Wayleave payment) £26.45
- National Lottery Community Fund (Jubilee Green funding) £9955.00

Expenditure: -

- Mac Plant (Tree removed – Jubilee Green, repair accesses) £870.00
- PMF (Goal nets) £36.90
- V Raven (Wages April, May, June) £1200.00
- PlusNet (Broadband supply) £84.00
- RDC (Play park checks) £369.60

Banking issues. Clerk has changed over to internet banking as requested but felt that HSBC cannot cover our needs as a PC. She spoke to other clerks and they have suggested Barclays, who allow for two signatories to process payments. Clerk to action when COVID regulations relaxed, as Barclays aren't accepting new customers at this time.

10) Planning matters

- FPP for single storey extension to rear elevation. 7 Archers Green. No objections.
- LBC & FPP for proposed refurbishment, repairs, conservations works, including French drains to the perimeter, internal alterations, rear kitchen extension, side extensions, glass front entrance canopy, side entrance porch and solar panels at Scorton Lodge, Hospital Road. No objections to the effect this refurbishment will have on the village, however Councillors do have concerns regarding the extensive alterations and extensions to this Grade II listed building.

Granted: FPP for 4 No linked livestock buildings and associated feed bins hardstanding and drainage infrastructure at Beck Hill Farm. FPP for demolition of existing dwelling and ancillary outbuildings, and erection of a replacement dwelling with landscaping and associated works at Greenbury Farm. FPP for proposed replacement sash windows to first floor flat at 19, Noble House, Howard Court. FPP for single storey extension to extend bedroom and provide dressing room and en-suite and loft conversion (with dormer) to provide 2 No bedrooms and bathroom at Heather Ridge, Bolton Road. FPP for single storey extension to rear elevation at 7 Archers Green.

11) Walkabout date. 7th & 14th July at 7pm. Clerk to inform all Cllrs.

12) IT security within the PC and internet banking. This was discussed with a minor email issue recently. Cllr Aston will arrange separate PC email addresses and forward.

13) Decision regarding the Jubilee Green park improvements. Three quotations – Playdale, Proludic and Streetscape. It was resolved to accept the Streetscape quote, clerk to inform all and order equipment.

14) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. None.

15) Safety review. Report from RDC play park inspection: small entrance gate at Jubilee Green requires adjustment, this should be resolved very soon.

16) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Threlfall notified us that he had reported rubbish to be collected from Bridge Green following the travellers visit. There was some tree damage, which have been pruned and Cllr Harper suggests asking Braithwaites for advice about the walnut tree bark damage. Clerk to action. Cllr Hull and MOP reported that the beckside hasn't been cut and hogweed sprouting. Clerk contacted grasscutter, who has sprayed the area and will return early July to cut. Cllr Threlfall reported area around the Alan Cowen bench not been strimmed. Clerk reported and now resolved. MOP requested dog fouling signs on Jubilee Green. Clerk to agenda for next meeting. Also, that the chicane in the snicket has been put back in the wrong position. Clerk to contact Highways when adjacent planning permission lapses. Buddies requested use of the village green for occasional events, PC responded that this is acceptable. MOP notified us that cars are being parked behind the bollards and on the pavement on Hospital Road. Clerk to report to Highways. MOP reports shredded and pulled off tree guards around the lakes, and has already spoken with Tarmac but requested that we place a notice in the next Scorton & District Times reminding dog

owners to keep their dogs on the lead. MOP asks for PC assistance about the surgery not taking telephone orders for repeat prescriptions from August, as some residents will struggle with using technology or physically getting to the surgery. Clerk to write to the Practice Manager asking for provision for our most vulnerable residents.

- 17) Correspondence NYCC – Change of operational highway services company – Teckal. National Lottery Community Fund – success for play park funding. RDC – Success for play park funding, street lighting programme funding scheme, Local Plan preferred options consultation. Jubilee Green play parking funding RDC = £10000, and National Lottery Community Fund £9955, clerk can now order play equipment as this funding covers the quotation. Cllr Newall suggests that the Bus Shelter Buddies may like to help fund some equipment at Jubilee Green. It was resolved to accept this offer. Street lighting funding, clerk has asked RDC if they can take over the new footway light on Bolton Road. Local plan preferred options consultation – Cllrs to respond individually. Yorkshire Ambulance Service – new national database for defibs. The Circuit, clerk has registered.
- 18) Date of next meeting – 11th August

Meeting closed: 23.20