

# SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Rafelt, Harper, Maddison-Potts, Hull, Aston, Parish & District Cllr Threlfall, County Cllr Les, Inspector Gee, PCSO Mattison, Members of the Public x 2

- 1) Apologies. District Cllr Rowe & Cllr Newall
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 26<sup>th</sup> January. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.
- 4) Crime Report. Cllr Rafelt thanks Inspector Gee & PCSO Mattison for attending. Poaching issues remain problematic and often from out of area. Milk thefts reported by PC and residents, Police looking at CCTV which is helping with their inquiries. Cllr Rafelt reports the parking on pavements on Bolton Road and Hospital Road. Clerk to send photograph to PCSO Mattison showing problem area. This is not Police enforced, however PCSO Mattison will help with giving advice about inconsiderate parking. Inspector Gee adds that barriers or bollards are useful for this. Inspector Gee states that parking around schools is difficult and educating school users is usually the best way forward, DC can provide resources for enforcement. There is a new pilot study in Scarborough, the road where the school is sited is blocked during school drop off and pick up and this encourages families to walk to school.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. MOP discusses the memorial bench which is to be sited on the sycamore tree island. £970 has been raised. He shows Cllrs pictures of the bench and asks if a base could be put down to attach bench. Also, two planters either side. Cllrs agreed the bench is perfect but need to check with Highways about possible Street Furniture Licence, this is a replacement bench, so doubtful this would be an issue. Clerk to inquire. Cllr Aston discusses the issues raised with zero emission vehicles, and rights the park especially around the green. Cllr Les replies that work is on going in this area and £30 million has been requested to aid the infrastructure needed. Catterick village will be a pilot area, and Cllr Les is happy to include Scorton in this study. Much work is needed in this evolving area.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings.

Signage update (Bridge Green, Jubilee Green, entrances/main green). Quote received from Eyecatching signs; another quote required from William Smith sign maker. Clerk to action. Cllrs resolved that the design was suitable. Communitree project. The trees are ready for collection and school can help on Friday afternoons; it was resolved to meet 11<sup>th</sup> March at 1.15 on Jubilee Green. Broadband/website/IT. Broadband price slightly increased to include local and national calls £31.20/month, the transfer will take place on 28/2. Cllr Aston has designed a signature for council emails, to wait until after the elections and have a group photo on the signature. Jubilee celebrations. Cllr Threlfall has talked to other local groups, and will discuss with the Feast Committee at their AGM. The Jubilee falls the weekend prior to Appleby. Query whether the parish would like to buy a commemorative item for the children or a whole large commemorative item such as park equipment. Cllr Hull suggests another Jubilee photograph of the whole village, this is usually done at the Feast. She is also disappointed that we have to change our plans for the Jubilee due to the timing of the Jubilee celebration and the alteration of Appleby dates. Inspector Gee adds that the date was changed this year to the second weekend in June so that it didn't clash with the Jubilee celebrations, and the long bank holiday weekend likely to be busy generally and Police plan in place - staffing levels will be increased. New legislation should be coming through soon, Cllr Threlfall states that there is another reading next Friday. Inspector Gee adds that the travellers aren't just a Policing matter, but a multi-agency partnership is found to work, ie Highways, environmental teams, licencing legislations, RSPCA, safeguarding teams, etc. Cllr Threlfall has spoken with the Richmondshire Safety Partnership, a multi team task force and will push for further action. Inspector Gee brings the Appleby Fair evaluation report published by the Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordination Group (MASCg) and this is available to read on the Appleby Fair website. A MOP asks if the PC engages with the travellers, Cllr Threlfall has been to talk to them but not always a positive experience, he states that the situation needs to be managed. Inspector Gee encourages engagement with the travellers and feels the multi team agencies can help with the management. MOP asks about the signage and if it will be in place by May. It will. Cllr Rafelt adds that we have been engaged with this since 2019 and

then COVID hit which affected the Safety Partnership working. Cllr Les reports back that section 77 can only be used by NYCC on NYCC land, and although they regulate village greens and common land these aren't owned by the NYCC. Police leave. Cemetery update. Chairman & Clerk to meet with RDC to discuss their procedures. Scorton & District Times. Mark Hewitt replied and has forwarded a bird article with pictures. It was resolved to have the centre spread in colour. Solar lamp and additional solar pad, awaiting advice from lighting Engineer about the suitability of the lamp post, re additional weight.

- 7) Updates from County/District Councillors. Cllr Les: Local Government Review continues. Council tax will be increased by 1.99% and 2% on adult social care. Recruitment schemes continue to encourage new staff. Avian Flu continues to settle. Cllr Les will convene a meeting when The Police, Crime, Sentencing Courts Bills 2021 has passed through government and its practicalities. Cllr Threlfall: Play area grants, now out for tenders and will involve PC. 0% council tax increase. Small business grants approved. Council housing rent has a slight increase. Small pockets of land are being gifted for affordable housing. Festival funding up and running. Community housing and local plan reviews continue. New LED streetlights are now in the village.
- 8) Planning items  
Granted: LBC for single storey brickwork extension to provide dining area, lobby and WC. The Old Rectory.
- 9) Accounts.  
Incoming: -
  - NYCC (Locality funding for pruning and fencing works at Jubilee Green) £1400.00Grass cutting tender. Only one received - current contractors. NYCC £5660.00 (2% increase from last year). Clerk to inform grasscutter.  
Unity bank application, in progress.
- 10) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors & Clerk. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall attended the YLCA branch meeting via Zoom. Crime Commissioner has been invited and accepted Zoom meeting on 26/5 at 6.30. Submit questions prior. NALC Civility & Respect Project ongoing, aiming to raise standards of behaviours in local councils. YLCA encouraging the option of remote meeting/hybrid meetings.
- 11) Safety review. Report from RDC play park inspection: some concern that the nylon inserts on swing seat hanger cracking and the new play unit has some burnt end caps. Clerk to contact Streetscape to repair.
- 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Cllr Maddison-Potts reported a blocked drain at the entrance of Blenheim Close. Clerk reported. Also asked about the white line at this entrance, Highways already have this on their list and work will be carried out in the Spring. Bollard down on Bolton Road, clerk reported to Highways. Banks Lane map unreadable, for liaison meeting. Cllr Rafelt reports that one limb of the cherry tree on Blenheim Close needs pruning. MOP reports flytipping adjacent to the Coast to Coast path, reported to DC but on private land so DC unable to remove. Also complains about dog fouling. MOP needs new posts to stabilise fencing following pruning works. Accesses around green need attention, Mac Plant to complete in the Spring.
- 13) Correspondence. NYCC – Adoption of Minerals & Waste Joint Plan & LGR programme update. Minerals & Waste plan checked, nearest to Scorton, Killerby and Kirby Fleetham, all will access via new A1 corridor. Local Government review will be in May. RDC – PC Elections Clerks' briefing & Festival/Events funding. Clerk to attend briefing and funding open for festivals/events. Rotary Club annual best kept village. Cllr Harper suggests that the bus shelter needs painting prior to this competition. Clerk to reply and agenda painting of bus shelter in May. Saddington Taylor – Advising PC of Public Consultation. Great to see community consultation and await formal plans.
- 14) Date of next meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> March

Meeting closed: 21.30