

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Calvert, Terry & Marsh, Hilary Enevoldson (Cemetery Chair), Alan Coe (REMS), members of public 3

Audio recording of meeting by PC, video recording by MOP. Informed attendees, no objections.

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Rafelt & Richardson, North Yorkshire Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest in item 8 (Scorton War Memorial Institute donation).
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 10th December. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. None raised
- 5) Updates from previous meetings. Football pitch query (resident). Cllr Threlfall discussed with resident, the gymkhana field development includes a paddock and car park, and this may be ideal for this use. Highways updates, Parking restriction proposal at Bolton on Swale School, Headteacher has sent a report to be read at the Executive meeting (date yet to be decided). Bus shelter kerb, response from Highways, will conduct some amendment to the kerb line. Furthermore, Highways have forwarded info onto funding colleague for more substantial improvements to accessibility at the bus stop. .gov emails, clerk now on clerk@scorton-pc.gov.uk but some having difficulties accessing free Outlook, others to attempt. Scorton.com, if moving to .gov site, then this must be wholly PC and not a community website, it was resolved to stay with Scorton.com. Tarmac response, email from Tiffany Cox: Tarmac continuing to carry out aftercare requirements and waiting for planning application to be submitted. Struggling to complete some commitments such as formal management group until they better understand the future of the site, however Tarmac remains committed to their obligations. Cllr Marsh asks about their ongoing requirements and suggests a meeting with Tarmac. Long discussion follows; it was resolved to wait for the planning application to arrive before requesting a meeting. Alan Coe adds that the long-term management plan includes the development of a community liaison group meeting during the aftercare period, and that the appointed body should be set up for the nature conservation during this 5 year aftercare period (now into 4th year). Cllr Marsh further adds that these processes/groups should be implemented, as required whether or not a planning application is pending. It was resolved to send a reply to Tarmac, thanking them for continuing to be committed for upholding their obligations relating to the Section 106 agreement and the agreed aftercare requirements. Resident asks what would happen should the appointed body not be adopted by the end of the 5 year period, Alan Coe replies that Tarmac would need to continue caring for the site.
- 6) Discussion re: cemetery car park. Cllr Threlfall requested this to be agendaed, as doesn't want to react to the pending school layby restrictions but have potential solutions in place prior. Suggestion is for a notice to deter parking. Mrs Enevoldson adds that most funerals do not occur during school drop off and pick up, and maybe a time limit would work. Residents of Glebe Meadows estate suggest that this may cause more problems around the Blenheim Close junction, which is already problematic and is the PC reducing safe spaces for people? It was resolved to place a sign, under the cemetery noticeboard, "Cemetery car park, maximum stay 1 hour".
- 7) Crime Report. December & January reports summarised, full reports forwarded to Cllrs.
- 8) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Alan Coe (REMS/Tarmac representative) in attendance and gives his report. Area 6 (behind garage) barbed wire removed, brown stems strimmed, sheep now grazing. 1000 tree guards removed, work completed on bankside plantation. Trimmed area around the bird watching platform, and improved access for children and people with disabilities. Structural inspection of tunnel, in good order, but will need some work carried out. Barn owl box installed. General tree management around site carried out.
Save Scorton Lakes representative report. Meeting held for friends of Save Scorton Lakes on 17th January, over 60 people attended. Aim was to thank members for supporting, discussed current situation, aims, 106 agreement. Update about WhatsApp, Facebook and website. (3600 followers). Discussed objection letters, workshops and why people should be members of the group. Funding opportunities, next steps, online membership form now active. Cllr Terry suggested encouraging younger members to join SSL.
- 9) Accounts
Balance at 28/01/26 £19,490.97 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)
Incoming:
 - Cemetery payment £1000.00

Outgoing:

- Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £15.96
- BT (Broadband) £107.88
- V Raven (Wages December & January) £1654.40
- HMRC (PAYE) £362.61
- WJPS (Email .gov) £424.80
- RTS (JG tree work) £2160.00
- Mac Plant (Repair accesses) £393.60
- Croft Casting (Bridge sign) £174.00
- SWMI (Donation) £900.00
- Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £6.00

a) Scorton War Memorial Institute donation. Cllr Threlfall declares an interest. The annual donation allows for a 2 tier pricing system for local residents hire. It was resolved to donate £900.

10) Planning items.

- FPP for proposed ground and first floor extensions including internal modifications at High Greenbury Farm. No objections.
- Variation of condition number(s): 2 and 10 of planning permission ZD24/00711/AORM1. Addition of solar photovoltaic panels and battery storage on Plots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, and 102. Reduction of rooflights on the detached garage from four to three. Repositioning of ASHPs in line with the manufacturer's recommendation. Recalculation of the BNG metric as outlined below. (minimum 10% net gain required under Condition 23 of 22/00148/OUT is still achieved following these changes). Front gardens within each plot changed from Modified Grassland to Vegetated Garden. Margins of the attenuation basin changed from Modified Grassland to Other Neutral Grassland. Hedgerows on plot boundaries removed from the calculation at Land for Development at Station Road. Councillors felt that a site meeting would be useful, clerk to further. It was resolved to reply: Cllrs felt that the openness of the development would be adversely affected by the re-planting of the hedge at the front of the development (along Station Road). Councillors also felt that there is an excessive amount of trees proposed within this small development.

11) Casual Vacancy. Following the letter and email sent to Tom Robson, no reply has been received, and so clerk to inform the Monitoring Officer of a Casual Vacancy.

12) Safety review. Quarterly play park inspection report. Cllr Threlfall & clerk checked all parks and items on the list. Many items resolved. Some work still required, Cllrs will meet. Cllr Threlfall highlights that the Section 106 funding, and that all the equipment in Spitfire Close will need removing and the wooden equipment in Typhoon Close, also both hopscotch areas not used. Tarmac around the gates at Typhoon park needs attention. Cllr Marsh asks if we can get the children involved in choosing new equipment for Typhoon park. JG – children digging in the bike ramps to be repaired, also large rabbit hole has been filled.

13) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.

14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Streetlight out at bottom of Flywheel Street, also streetlight out on Southside, both remain problematic (no calls returned by Streetlighting) referred to Cllr Les and Parish Liaison to resolve. Grit bin at The Havens, filled now but still not on the portal – referred to Cllr Les & Parish Liaison to resolve. Resident reports litter bin not emptied at Mollie Cail park. Resolved. Resident reports dog attack outside the Post Office, advised to report to the Dog Warden and Police if felt necessary. Cllr Threlfall reports the tarmac near the Blacksmiths has deteriorated to be repaired, also accesses around the green. Cllr Calvert reports hedge outside Holly Hedges has become very overgrown and difficult for pedestrians to pass, he offers to cut back, clerk to check contact first.

15) Correspondence. NYC – Urban Grass cutting decision. Request if PC wishes to continue cutting the urban grass, slight payment increase £1173.64 for 2026. It was resolved to accept. NYC – Street name consultation at Station Road West, it was resolved to suggest “The Crescent”. Karbon Homes – Development name consultation – Bolton Road, it was resolved to suggest School Close. Clerk to check placement of streetlights for this development. Local Government Boundary – Final recommendations. Oftec – Future Ready Fuel Campaign for rural households. Cllrs to complete individually. NYC – Local Planning Enforcement Plan Consultation. Cllrs to feedback to clerk. YLCA Branch meeting – 5th February at 7pm.

16) Date of next meeting: 25th February
Meeting closed: 21.05