

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Calvert, Terry, Richardson & Marsh, Alan Coe (REMS), one member of public

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

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Rafelt, North Yorkshire Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 28th January. 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. .Gov emails. Clerk having problems sending to Gmail addresses, apologises to Cllrs who did not have pre meeting reading due to this. Cllrs to work on getting onto .gov emails. Clerk to contact supplier following. Maybe take to next YLCA meeting to see if other councils are having problems.
- 6) Crime Report. January report already discussed, February report due at month end.
- 7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Alan Coe (REMS/Tarmac representative) in attendance and gives his report. Water levels high in all the lakes, pumps being used currently to alleviate. Cllr Threlfall asks about possible solutions, and what would happen if problems occur. Alan Coe replies NYC would be the contact should this arise and that there was a scheme proposed but this was shelved. The current pumps aren't a long-term solution. Lots of work taking place currently, clearing areas, pruning strimming, areas prepared for accessibility with a walk published in North Yorkshire Walks – Accessible for all. Fencing works have taken place and work on gates in next few weeks. Tunnel under road to be assessed. Cllr Calvert highlights that a Herdwick sheep was stuck in the brambles recently, Alan Coe will clear brambles. Windsock needs replacing. Cllr Terry requests flood signage for the garage corner and Cllr Calvert reports the grass triangle outside the garage being damaged from wagons turning from the Northallerton road. Clerk to report both issues to Highways.
- 8) Accounts
Balance at 25/02/26 £16,727.09 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)
Outgoing:
 - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) 7.98
 - BT (Broadband) £53.94
 - V Raven (Wages February) £827.20
 - Defib Warehouse (Battery) £329.46
 - YLCA (Training) £27.30
 - Mac Plant (Clear/weed kill snicket Cleveland Road, accesses Southside) £612.00
 - Scorton Buddies (Donation) £200.00
 - Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £6.00
- 9) Planning items. None
- 10) Glebe meadows play parks. Part of the Section 106 project - Wooden equipment, hopscotch and springy to be removed from both Spitfire and Typhoon parks, quote sought from Mac Plant and repair the tarmac entrances at Typhoon park. Clerk to contact Streetscape in the first instance, for some ideas for new equipment in Typhoon park – age range up to 10 years, then to consult children with various options. Cllr Richardson highlights problems with entrance to Blenheim Close, with vehicles parking too close to the junction and thus causing safety concerns and difficulties with driver visibility. Clerk to contact both Highways and Police.
- 11) Safety review.
 - i. Accesses Northside. Needs work to repair, Mac Plant to be contacted for a quote. An email from a resident about Southside accesses, work has been completed now.
- 12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall attended YLCA Planning Policy Reforms training session. Radical planning reforms due in the summer, the National Planning Policy Framework will now set planning policies at Government level, and local policies will still be in place but will not duplicate or differ from the national plan. YLCA Branch meeting attended by Cllrs Threlfall, Richardson & clerk. Some frustrations due to councils who requested items to be discussed not in attendance. New CEO Paula Shillow starting handover. New information about the consultation with Water companies for planning applications, which YLCA & NALC have been

pushing for: consultation advisory but not compulsory, Cllr Threlfall suggests that YLCA should take this further as crucial that Water companies are consulted as a mandatory consultee.

- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Following many reports, phone calls & emails, NYC Streetlighting came out to see what the issues are. Clerk met with Mr Jackson on site on 20/2, a temporary light will be placed on Flywheel Street column, whilst waiting for heritage lamp, repair will be carried out on Southside lamp, and the portal will be updated to include all lamps. A resident sent an email asking what could be done about the safety of pedestrians at the bottom of Flywheel Street (overgrown hedge and no lighting), Cllr Threlfall thanks Cllr Calvert for cutting the hedge back at Holly Hedges (clerk confirmed resident's permission). Furthermore, a resident reports another streetlamp has been removed on Hospital Road, clerk to report. Clerk reported bus shelter lit bollard as unlit, now resolved. Windsock to be re attached. Problems with sewage works near Jubilee Green last week due to a breakdown.
- 14) Correspondence. NYC – NY Landscape Character Assessment consultation. Cllr Threlfall, Marsh & clerk met and answered the questions about this consultation, all Cllrs reviewed and happy to forward. NYC – Draft recommendations Community Governance review, recommendation for Bolton to be included within Scorton PC, for consultation later in Spring. NYC – NY & York Local Nature Recovery Strategy, final document. NYC – Local Plan and third release of “Call for Sites”. Rotary Club – Invitation to enter Best Kept Village 2026, Scorton to enter again. Scorton Community Buddies – Donation request. Resolved to donate £200, Cllr Marsh discusses recent document promoting Age Friendly communities, as Scorton is such a well-supported village in this respect, Cllr Richardson concurs. Cllr Marsh to look out document and forward. Cllr Marsh asks about the Mobile library, could we ask how it is going, how many using. It was resolved to ask around June when the service is more settled. Cllr Marsh also queries about the location of the Mobile Library, Cllr Threlfall explains that it was placed in this location to be central to all. NYC – Street name consultation for Station Road West, other names have been forwarded by developer: Thorfin Crescent, Dacre Crescent, Bodin Crescent. It was resolved to reply that Curlew Crescent would be more appropriate. Orchard Homes – request for electrical supply for Hospital Road development, Cllrs didn't note any objections, and it was resolved to ask for a site meeting. Catterick Integrated Care Centre – drop-in session 5th March SWMI 2 – 5.30pm
- 15) Date of next meeting: 25th March
Meeting closed: 21.05