

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 29th October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Calvert, Terry & Marsh, Alan Coe (REMS), 8 MOP

Audio recording of meeting by PC, video recording of meeting by MOP, informed attendees, no objections. Cllr Threlfall welcomes Cllr Marsh to Scorton PC.

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Rafelt, Robson & Richardson, PCSO Long, North Yorkshire Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 24th September. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. Cllr Threlfall asks each MOP to raise their points: Resident asks about the update re: 20mph on Bolton Road from the agenda. Resident brings up parking, the layby, and the lighting around the school. Also, cobbles have been removed from in front of The Cottage, High Row and replaced with brick sets, she also raises concerns about the Bolton Road side of the lakes and the spinney of trees near the cemetery. Another MOP mentions parking obstructions outside their house near to the school, and the traffic and parking generally along Bolton Road. Relevant correspondence: An email has been received from Bolton on Swale School explaining that a car and trailer had been parked which blocked the entrance at the school, the Police attended. Staff found this incident and behaviour threatening and were upset by it. An email from a resident, explaining the incident and his frustrations about the parking around the school. Cllr Threlfall explains that the PC has supported the residents and can maintain pressure; we have explained that Highways have the powers in relation to this and Highways are moving forward with the layby parking restrictions. The draft order is published and open for comments until 21/11. PC support this order; the initial concept of the school layby was for the use of the school. A resident adds that there is a serious problem on Bolton Road, inconsiderate parking which blocks driveways and causes visibility problems, he requests double yellow lines. Another adds that the whole area is chaotic and school coaches have many problems and can rarely use the school layby. Cllr Threlfall adds that hopefully the layby restrictions will help with this and parking. Parking around schools is a common problem, he suggests an article in the next Scorton & District Times. Cllr Calvert adds that the 15 school parking places in the new development should help too. Reply from Highways about the request for 20mph speed limit for outside the school, Highways are unable to further due to the average speeds in that area. Resident concerned that there was no consultation letter about the layby restrictions, and that the driving along Bolton Road is poor, he asks if the red patch under the "Slow" road marking could be replaced. Clerk to forward request to Highways, also remind about white "H" bar agreed to the North of the school. Re: question about surface in front of The Cottage, High Row. Cllr Threlfall stated that this had been discussed with the resident and that the area is natural stone, liftable and a permeable surface. Also concerns about car parking around the green bottom, Cllr Threlfall replies that this is a Highways verge, and unfortunately this is inconsiderate driving and parking.
- 5) Crime Report. August report summarised, full report forwarded to Cllrs.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings. Asset of Community Value update. This is being processed by ACV Team at NYC, decision date 24/11. Letters of support received from Brompton PC, Moulton & Uckerby PM and Save Scorton Lakes.
- 7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Alan Coe (REMS/Tarmac representative) in attendance and gives his report. A tree had fallen on a fence, removed and repairs made. On site inspections taking place, also general fencing work. Cattle moved out and will return in the Spring. Coffee van remains on Saturdays. Resident has concerns about the area behind Bolton Road: brown areas, Alan Coe replies that weedkiller is not used but the area was cut, left fringe areas. Spinney near cemetery is overgrown, and has barbed wire causing deer to get injuries. Alan Coe replies that the spinney is not Tarmac owned but he will look into this. Also discussed hedge cutting along the road, Alan Coe replies this has been cut and he will look at thinning the trees. Save Scorton Lakes. Representative attending, now reached 3000+ on Facebook page. Launched new Facebook page - Friends of Scorton Lakes for supporters. SLL giving presentations to local organisations. Query about Saddington Taylor consultation, Cllr Threlfall states that they have assured us that a public consultation will take place prior to the submission of the planning application. It was resolved to ask Saddington Taylor if they propose to hold the public consultation prior to the New Year. New leaflets have been produced with QR code which links directly to the website. Thanks to Save Scorton Lakes team. Cllr Threlfall suggests review of Scorton PC representative for November meeting.
- 8) Accounts
Balance at 29/10/2025 £24,506.26 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs)
Incoming:
 - NYC (Precept 2nd payment) £9250.00Outgoing:
 - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £12.18

- BT (Broadband) £80.23
 - V Raven (Wages October) £827.20
 - HMRC (PAYE) £335.57
 - NYC (Weedkilling) £386.40
 - YLCA (Training) £115.00
 - Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £18.00
- a. NYC – Commuted sums. Information from NYC relating to Section 106 agreement for the housing on Stags Close, this needs to be spent on play areas and open spaces. Total: £12,698.00, latest date is 2032. Three quotes required. To discuss at the spring walkabout, wooden play equipment on Glebe Meadows has limited life.
 - b. Budget – request from Cllr to ring fence a maintenance fund for play parks. Cllr Threlfall brings this and suggests £1000 to be ring fenced in the budget for play park maintenance. It was resolved to accept this proposal. Cllr Terry asks if the play park at the new development on Bolton Road will be adopted by the PC, Cllr Threlfall replies this is a Housing Association development and they will remain responsible for this park.
- 9) Planning items. Cllr Threlfall discusses the development at Station Road West, following recent work there is a section of hedge remaining at Banks Lane corner. Clerk to email planners for clarification that this is to be removed.
 - 10) Safety review. Three monthly park inspection report received, nothing new but need a working party to complete the last few items.
 - 11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. YLCA – Branch meeting. Cllr Richardson forwarded a summary of this interesting meeting and will bring leaflets to next meeting. Insights & YLCA training - .gov emails. As AGAR is strongly encouraging (not mandatory) councils to have a .gov email, many options available. Costs vary depending on what is needed. As we have a website, clerk to contact Purple Creative to see what they can offer for clerk and Cllr .gov emails and iCloud storage.
 - 12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Resident query about NY Housing, referred them to NY Housing. Relatives of the new memorial bench on Westfields are pleased. Representative for Remembrance Sunday service, Cllr Threlfall will lay wreath, Roll of Honour ? Cllrs Rafelt or Richardson, and donation to be completed at November meeting. Resident queries about the VAS figures from the last time they were moved, these were not downloaded this time. Cllr Threlfall adds that these signs were installed as a speed deterrent and the figures are downloaded on an ad hoc basis. Cllr Threlfall adds that the dropped kerb has been raised by another resident, clerk to ask if Highways can smooth out the dropped kerb towards the North. Cllr Marsh suggests asking these residents if this would be suitable.
 - 13) Correspondence NYC – Draft Order re: waiting restrictions outside Bolton on Swale School, PC to forward our support. Community Governance Consultation, Scorton PC happy to merge with Bolton on Swale PM but would like to keep Scorton PC name; it was felt that the community consultation was poor and that the letter didn't mention the proposal at all. Clerk to forward these comments. Streetworks – drainage pipe, Station Road. Three-way lights between 1/11 + 28/11. Farmers Arms – Table Licence received. Request for advertising in Scorton & District Times. This has not been reviewed for some time. It was resolved to offer ½ page only, in black and white, £20 for the village and £30 for outside area. Cllr Terry queries if the Christmas tree has been arranged and asks if some funding could be raised from using the barriers for advertising. Clerk to agenda November. Cllr Calvert states that there are some broken branches on the willow tree on Bridge Green; Cllr Threlfall further suggests that we could plant another willow nearby as the current tree is reaching its lifespan. Tree work at Jubilee Green, three quotes received ranging from £2250 - £2750, this was to reduce and remove around ½ of the unsuitable trees as resolved at September meeting. Plus £200 for removal of dead holly tree. It was resolved to accept the quote from Rennison Tree Specialists, the quotes need re-instatement prices which could vary dependant on the ground conditions, maximum total £2660. Some appropriate planting will be required following this work.
 - 14) Meeting closed: 21.07
Date of next meeting: 26th November