

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Calvert, Terry, Marsh & Walker-Wilson, two members of public

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

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Rafelt & Richardson, North Yorkshire Cllr Les, PCSO Brown
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 27th May. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Election of Chairman & Vice Chair. Cllr Threlfall reiterated that he stated this was his last year as Chairman, Cllr Calvert gives vote of thanks to Cllr Threlfall, all agreed and thanked Cllr Threlfall. Cllr Marsh is happy to become Chairman, and it was resolved unanimously. Cllr Threlfall to accept the role of Vice Chair. It was resolved for Cllr Threlfall to remain as Chairman for this meeting.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. Resident has sent an email relating to jumps on private land to the East of the village, asking if this is a breach of planning. Cllr Threlfall gives some history, that a resident had sent an email suggesting that a breach of planning had occurred at the stables on Hospital Road, this was followed up by a meeting at the site (with PC Chairman) which he thought had concluded the issue. Cllr Threlfall further states that planning regulations vary from area to area and that the PC had discussed that the jumps at the stables on Hospital Road were a minor breach, and that if the PC were to be consulted by the planning department the PC would state this.
- 6) Updates from previous meetings. Highways updates. Bolton Road layby restriction, the NYC committee meeting resolved that this Waiting Restriction will be introduced over the school summer holiday.
- 7) Crime Report. PCSO Brown forwarded the June report.
- 8) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Scorton Lakes reports that this is a quiet time, but their work continues.
- 9) Accounts
Balance at 01/07/26 £10,856.60 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)
Incoming:
 - Cemetery payment £150.00Outgoing:
 - Purple Creative (Upgrade CMS for Scorton.com) £360.00
 - V Raven (Wages June + paper) £873.19
 - I Threlfall (Timber protection, paint) £143.35
 - M Goldie (Internal audit) £150.00
 - Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £14.00NY CAB send thanks for donation.
- 10) Planning items.
 - i. FPP for proposed annex to act as ancillary accommodation to the main house at 6 Stags Close. No objections under PC delegated authority (Cllrs Threlfall & Calvert).
 - ii. FPP for a loft conversion requiring a comprehensive roof reconstruction, which includes the addition of a dormer, as well as the refiguration of the entrance area to facilitate access to the loft at Hengistbury, Bolton Road. No objections.
 - iii. Variation of condition 4 attached to planning permission ZD24/00080/FULL – in order to vary the opening hours of the approved use at Penny Petroleum. Councillors have concerns about the light and noise pollution relating to this early opening and recognise how this could affect neighbouring properties adversely. Councillors had no objections to the Sunday and Bank Holiday opening hours being extended to 10pm.

- 11) Cemetery Items: rabbits entering main cemetery area, discussion about possible solution and gate coating. This was reported by a resident, and area assessed. Cllr Threlfall reports that some of the netting is damaged, possibly from strimming. Suggestion is to weed kill around the netting and add planks around the working cemetery area, also the gate would benefit from a powder coat. These would need to be taken away, a temporary gate would be used. Maximum cost around £1000.00, it was resolved to progress. The cemetery hedge around the car park has also grown over the years and needs a heavier cut this year, quote to be requested, also for the weedkilling.
- 12) Station Road: discussion about Highway safety. Cllr Threlfall discusses that it was disappointing that we weren't successful with our requests for a mini roundabout for the new development on Station Road at the Stags Way junction and that the multi stemmed tree to the north of Stags Way is causing driver visibility issues. Suggestions of moving 30mph limit further back to help with safety. All agreed that the area now has many junctions and concerns about safety, clerk to arrange a site visit with Highways.
- 13) Safety review. Thanks to the working party, who have resolved most of the issues on the park inspection list, they have painted litter bins too. This helps keep the precept down significantly as all of the work is carried out voluntarily. The spinning bowl at Jubilee Green may require replacement, price for supply and fit £640.00 + VAT, £430.00 for supply only as working party can fit. Cllr Threlfall will assess current bearing and report back.
- 14) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Clerk & Cllr Threlfall attended Highways workshop, with a specific focus on Bridges. Packhorse Bridge discussed and this is the responsibility of Footpaths & Bridleways. Lots of regulations and red tape attached to bridges, and work can be frustrating and delayed due to this. Around 50% of the work they undertake is proactive, the balance is emergency work. Cllrs Threlfall, Richardson, Terry & clerk attended the YLCA Branch meeting. Cllr Terry feeds back, he found it an informative and interesting meeting with lots of open discussions and knowledge. Battling on to retain 3 meetings/year. Accountability of NY Cllrs was discussed, and it was resolved to take this to the next Executive meeting, also the provision of water authorities to become statutory consultees. It is hoped that both of these items will then be taken on by NALC.
- 15) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Resident reports rubbish bags around bins at Bridge Green, reported and resolved. Cllr Threlfall asks the clerk to send a letter of thanks to NYC Streetscene as they are such a reliable and helpful department.
- 16) Correspondence. NYC – Monitoring Officer changes to publication of councillors' usual address. Clerk has emailed Cllrs and now removed all the addresses from the website. YLCA – further planning consultation update regarding Water Authorities. As discussed previously from YLCA Branch meeting, this will be moved forward at the Executive meeting. Residents – Information request. AGAR information forwarded, information on the website. NYC – renewal of subsidised bus services. Little White Bus - Richmondshire Rover is the only subsidised bus service relevant, Cllrs resolved to reply that they support the current provision, and would like this to remain. Cllr Terry adds that Little White Bus are struggling for volunteer drivers, clerk to ask if they would like some publicity. York & NY Combined Authority Better Bus Services consultation. Cllr Walker-Wilson states that the last bus from Darlington is too early and prior to normal working hours, furthermore there isn't the ability to get into Richmond for a 9am start. All agreed that a direct link to the new medical centre at the Garrison should be highlighted. Clerk to cite these points and ask regular bus users for their comments, Cllr Marsh, Threlfall & clerk to complete. Letter of resignation from Helen Richardson, Cllr Marsh discusses co-option of next Cllr and is disappointed that when people apply sometimes they are unsuccessful and often we never hear from these people again. Suggests that we could invite them to join the working group or join a sub committee as volunteers.
- 17) Date of next meeting: 29th July

Meeting closed: 20.37