

# SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

**Present:** - Cllrs Threlfall, Rafelt, Terry & Richardson, PCSO Brown, four members of public

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

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Marsh & Calvert, North Yorkshire Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25<sup>th</sup> March. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. Resident informs that the recent Yorkshire Water sewage pump station breakdown caused pollution.
- 5) Updates from previous meetings. Highways updates: School Layby restrictions, a report has been prepared by Highways to present at Council Committee meeting, no date as yet and Highways will keep us informed. Email from parent at school with safety concerns about road safety around the school. Clerk asked for permission to forward email to Highways and explained about the parking availability in the proposed development next to school; parent replies that this reduction of street parking outside school could increase vehicle speeds further. Email from resident about layby restrictions and parking outside school, clerk informed about NYC Committee meeting. Cllr Threlfall suggests a reminder about considerate parking generally may be useful. PCSO Brown feeds back as has patrolled the area, he has seen no parking that has met the threshold for obstructions of Highway, school have reminded parents about considerate parking in their school newsletter and he doesn't believe that there are significant speeding problems in that zone. Cllr Threlfall has checked the signage around the school. Fraud presentation update will be held 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm, clerk to advertise in S&D Times, noticeboards, website and Facebook page. Mobile library update, 18 different customers in Scorton, if these numbers are reflected by other villages then this is a well supported facility. Clerk to send letter of thanks for this valuable service.
- 6) Crime Report. PCSO Brown gives March report, general increase in rural crimes over the whole Richmond Rural area, eg, diesel, heating oil, quad bike thefts. Advise given to ensure property/vehicles/tanks are locked to make things more difficult for criminals. Appleby Fair coming up and the Police will continue to support. Resident queries the coverage of CCTV.
- 7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Save Scorton Lakes representative, one representative in attendance. Thanks for interest from PC and continue to meet fortnightly, with larger meetings inviting all interested parties more infrequently. No planning application as yet. Website has been refreshed, and includes a "Go Fund Me" link now. Membership increasing and new admin team. Presentations given to various local groups, plus tours of the lakes to interested groups. Cllr Threlfall thanks, and adds that the work of Save Scorton Lakes is appreciated. Lakes are looking great, credit to Alan Coe and team. Cllr Terry asks if Scorton Lakes has links with Coast to Coast walkers, SSL will look into this. Resident asks if the use of the lakes will be closed if permission is granted. SSL, Section 106 agreement would not allow complete closure but the nature of the footpaths may change with building work and access; difficult to assess presently.
- 8) Accounts  
Balance at 29/04/26 £4924.41 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)  
Incoming:
  - NYC (Precept 1st payment) £11,000Outgoing:
  - NYC (Grass cutting 25) £7969.73
  - BT (Broadband) £49.09
  - Tesco (Phone) £7.98
  - V Raven (Wages April) £867.20
  - HMRC (PAYE) £362.61
  - NYC (Park inspections) £644.72
  - YLCA (Membership) £365.00
  - Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £13.00NYC park inspection price increase. 3.4% increase from April 2026
- 9) Planning items.

- i. Variation of application 2 attached to planning permission 23/00028/FULL- resolve a drawing number issue – to correct the incorrect drawing revisions to suit the correct revision numbers at land to the rear of Scorton Lodge, Hospital Road. No objections.
- 10) Typhoon park update. Awaiting two quotes from Proludic and Sutcliffe. Applied for Mayors Sports & Movement funding.
- 11) Safety review. Quarterly report received Jan – March, most items completed but working party to meet up to complete last few items. PCSO Brown leaves.
- 12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Southside streetlight reported and resolved.
- 14) Correspondence. NYC — Street naming consultation for Bolton Road development. Suggestions include Manor Close, Green or Crescent, Cllrs felt this name isn't relevant to the area. Clerk to reply with this detail and state Cllrs are happy with Bolton Meadows or Way and School Close. NYC – Highways, Communication Officer leaving Area 1, clerk to send letter of thanks. Highways Parish Workshops, Cllrs to let clerk know if they wish to attend. North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Recovery Strategy – continued involvement, clerk has replied that we wish to be involved, clerk to forward email to SSL. Northern Powergrid – proposed new power cable, Hospital Road. No objections, providing reinstatement is to a good standard. Residents – Garage signage, resident asking if a “no entry” could be introduced at the garage at Bolton Road. Cllr Threlfall adds that there has never been a one way system at that location but there was some road markings such as access only. Clerk to request if this could be renewed. Speed sign data, resident questions about when the data will be published, Cllr Threlfall states that the VAS were purchased as a speed deterrent. Figures to be downloaded prior to the next meeting. Resident query about resignation of previous Cllr, clerk replied stating the recent resignation of Cllr Tom Robson. This was advertised on the noticeboard and in the January minutes. Resident texts Chairman and queried if clerk has breached GDPR. Cllr Threlfall states as Chairman that there is no breach, other Cllrs concur and will take no further. Resident will report to Monitoring Officer & ICO.
- 15) Co-option of new Parish Councillor. One application received: James Walker-Wilson co-opted.
- 16) Date of next meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> May (June meeting delayed until 1<sup>st</sup> July due to school play)  
Meeting closed: 20.30