

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Rafelt, Robson & Terry, North Yorkshire Cllr Les, 15 MOP

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

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Harper, Calvert & Richardson
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25th June. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. PCSO Brown sent the June report, Cllr Threlfall gives a summary, full report forwarded to Cllrs.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. Resident has concerns that the benches on Hospital Road aren't being cared for; Cllr Threlfall treats the benches voluntarily on a rolling cycle and the ones on Hospital Road are the next benches due.
- 6) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Cllr Les notes that the PC walkabout is on the agenda and will help with anything he can. Local Plan consultation now completed. Will attend the Scorton Lakes proposal meeting if possible. Cllr Les asks how the NY Liaison Group is working, clerk felt it was supportive and informative. Cllr Terry asks about the footpath to Gatherley Road, and queries when this will be completed. Cllr Les replies that it's difficult to gain funding for the whole path to the crossroads. A resident highlights that the Grammar School tower is looking a state, he asks what NYC can do to push the owners to repair. Cllr Les suggests that the PC would be better placed to add pressure. Cllr Threlfall adds that the PC has discussed this previously with the Residents' Association, and notes that there is a new Chairman for the group. Save Scorton Lakes have held a recent art competition at the Dance School, this was popular and increased knowledge of the area. Cllr Terry adds that he's interested to see the Lakes photography section at the Flower Show. The group continue to meet regularly. Saddington Taylor has invited the PC to see the proposals (also Cllr Les & Cllr Mark Crane, NYC Planning Committee invited). Cllrs discussed the pros and cons of attending this meeting, Cllrs Calvert (Scorton Lakes representative for PC) & Cllr Threlfall to attend & listen to what is proposed and to promote an appropriate public consultation. A resident adds that they would be disappointed if the PC didn't attend. Save Scorton Lakes request for Asset of Community Value. Cllrs all support this application for the lakes area. Save Scorton Lakes, Cllrs Threlfall, Cllr Calvert & clerk to collaborate and get the application completed.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Walkabout feedback and decision relating to estimates received. PC looking for budget estimates to allow for decisions about prioritising projects (more formal quotes later). Jubilee Green trees around the Blenheim Close properties to be crowned to approx. 6-7 metres and shrubs pruned. Around £2000, Cllr Threlfall adds that this work would need to be carried out between Nov – March. Play equipment, bins, and plastic seats – pressure washing around £700, it was resolved to carry this out this financial year. White posts – 18 current damaged or missing white posts reported to Highways, potential new area Hospital Road (North & South) around £2000, to be budgeted for in the 2026/27 precept. Highways reply about the parking on the verge outside Glebe Terrace, they will add some verge markers to the area.
- 8) Accounts
Balance at 30/7/2025 £15,568.88 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs)
Outgoing:
 - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.98

- BT (Broadband) £49.09
- V Raven (Wages July) £691.57
- Unity Bank (Charges) £6.00
- I Threlfall (Glenwood bench treatment) £29.95
- Mac Plant (Repair BMX track, footing for memorial bench) £513.60

Unity Trust Bank, Financial Services Compensation Scheme Eligibility confirmation. Completed.

National Joint Council Salary award 1/4/25 – 31/3/26. 3.2% increase proposed, Clerk currently at Scale 20 £16.37/hour, with pay award £16.90/hour. Last reviewed 25.9.24, cllrs asked for clerk to note hours worked, since 1/1/25 average weekly hours 12.3. Currently paid 10 hours, it was resolved to approve the pay award which is back dated from 1/4/25 and increase hours to 12/week from 1st August.

9) Planning items

- FFP for extension and alterations to east elevation to provide double garage at Field View, Bolton Road. No objections.

- 10) Provision of Brass Band Teas for Feast Sunday. Clerk & Cllr Richardson to meet and greet the band and prepare the tea (plus a volunteer offers to help). PC & Feast Committee share the cost of the Brass band.
- 11) Safety review. NYC – play equipment inspection. Quarterly report received, Clerk & Cllr Threlfall have checked the items requiring attention. Jubilee Green – bubble seesaw damaged and needs straightening, multiplay and swing basket some caps missing. MUGA – bolt missing on basketball back board. Spitfire Court, Balance trail, bolt loose, chain eyelet to timber post is loose. Mollie Cail – Slide – fixtures, need new cap and base, eyelet from rope handrail to timber post loose. Multiplay & Climbing den - caps missing. Typhoon – chain connectors notched. Cllrs working party to resolve most, clerk to contact park contractor to replace caps.
- 12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Cllr Threlfall met with Phillipa Abbott, NYC Library service, re: location of mobile library, happy with the location outside Mulberry House and service likely to commence mid-winter.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Resident reported mess left by Travellers on Bridge Green. Clerk reported. Resident reported white posts damaged on Bolton Road near School, reported to Highways. Resident reported large branches down on Bridge Green, owner of tree will remove. Resident discussed concerns about proposed telegraph pole on Southside. Clerk to inform Openreach that we should be consulted as on PC land. Westfields memorial bench now in place, family has visited and pleased. Remote/hybrid meetings and proxy voting – some progress has been made and we await official guidelines from NALC/YLCA. Government emergency alert – 7th September 3pm. Hole in verge on Bolton Road. Reported to Highways. Resident reported Northside accesses, difficulty traversing with mobility aid, area checked no deep holes, also lack of dropped kerb at the bus shelter, the bus shelter does have a dropped kerb. Clerk to feedback to resident. Resident reported the overgrown hedge on Stags Way, and also ivy is growing out into the pavement. Clerk reported to Highways. Resident reports overgrown garden at 7 Cleveland Road, clerk to report to Housing.
- 14) Correspondence. Rotary Club of Richmond – Best Kept Village results (Scorton - Highly Recommended). Resident – School parking. Concerns about the poor parking around the school, PC chased for update about the layby restrictions and fed this back to the resident, also explained about the 15 proposed school parking places within the Bolton Road development. Resident feels that the layby restrictions will not help. Another resident highlights that parking around Blenheim junction can be dangerous near school drop off and pick up. Letter of resignation received from Jenny Harper, clerk to send thanks and inform Electoral team.

15) Meeting closed: 20.37

Date of next meeting: 24th September