

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Rafelt, Calvert, Terry, Richardson & Marsh, four members of public

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

- 1) Apologies. PCSO Brown, North Yorkshire Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 25th February. 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. Highways updates, reply received from Ian Beighton regarding the verge damage outside the garage, he will arrange for the area to be inspected and repair as necessary. Clerk to put on the forward planner for June. Highways also reassure that flood warning signs are placed when weather conditions dictate, Cllrs queried this. Also, Highways reply about Blenheim Close junction and irresponsible parking, they remind that no vehicle should be parking within 10 metres of a junction and to contact the Police for them to monitor. Police update, regarding Blenheim Close junction, will monitor and provide advice/enforcement as necessary. PCSO Brown updates about parking near to the school and restricting accesses to driveways, he attended numerous patrols over several weeks and didn't identify any vehicles that met any threshold of illegal parking, he discussed with the Headteacher and suggested using the school newsletter to remind about responsible parking when picking up and dropping off. Emails received from a resident relating to parking outside school, resident gave permission to forward these emails to the Headteacher. Cllr Threlfall reminds that there will be double yellow lines around the new junction for the development South of the school, hopefully this may help. Clerk to reply to resident, explaining that we continue to speak to the relevant authorities but as a PC we have no jurisdiction to do any more. .Gov emails. Cllrs Marsh, Rafelt & Threlfall now using .gov emails; Cllr Threlfall discussed with supplier and they suggested that devices to use .gov emails need to be fairly new (older than 2020 may not work). Supplier happy to attend prior to meeting for a fee to help all Cllrs access. PCs may need to provide newer equipment for Cllrs. Will discuss at YLCA meeting to assess if other councils are having issues. Purple Creative are completing some minor changes to Scorton.com to ensure website accessibility compliance.
- 6) Crime Report. Expecting report at month end.
- 7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Save Scorton Lakes representative, two representatives in attendance: awaiting proposed planning application, and continue to raise awareness. Mayor of Richmond attended a tour of the lakes and was impressed with the area. 3600 Facebook members currently, which often includes beautiful photography. Cllr Threlfall thanks Save Scorton Lakes for all they do.
- 8) Accounts
Balance at 25/03/26 £15,167.97 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)
Outgoing:
 - Eyecatching Signs (Cemetery sign) £48.00
 - Tesco (Mobile phone contract) 7.98
 - BT (Broadband) £53.94
 - V Raven (Wages March) £827.20
 - Purple Creative (Website hosting) £264.00
 - NYC (Newsletter) £152.00
 - Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £6.00BT price increase. 7.3% increase from April 2026
Scorton Buddies – send their appreciation for the recent donation.
- 9) Planning items.
 - i. Variation of application 22/00730/FULL – condition 10 is to be removed from the approval notice at land at Station Road. No objections.
 - ii. Outline application for erection of up to 2 self-build dwellings at land east of Old Waste Water Treatment Works at Bolton Road. Councillors resolved to not support this application, with the following concerns: Development boundary. The application area is beyond and not adjacent to the village development line. This would be isolated

and unconnected to the rest of the village, with negative ramifications for both the built environment and community cohesion. Contamination issues. The land to be used for this proposal is immediately adjacent to the live waste treatment/pumping station works. In addition, Councillors would like to make planners aware that there has been a recent failure of this pumping station requiring emergency work by Yorkshire Water. Flooding. The development area is prone to flooding, as shown on the NYC Flood risk plan. Access/egress. Concerns were raised about the vehicular access for this proposal; concerns about passing places along this long lane, and also the access/egress onto Bolton Road and the safety of both pedestrians and users of the busy Bolton Road. Village Green protection. The village green (VG237) known locally as Jubilee Green is directly adjacent to this application site and councillors feel that its present open aspect is an asset.

- 10) Typhoon park update. Part of the Section 106 project - Wooden equipment, hopscotch and springy to be removed from both Spitfire and Typhoon parks, quote received. Cllr Threlfall & clerk met with Matthew Day, Streetscape, three options with quotes forwarded – Cllrs suggested the small swing set, 1.3m slide and roll over bars, would suit this small park, clerk to ask for a revised quote. Likely to require extra funding as well as the 106 section agreement funding, North Yorkshire Mayor has released funds to encourage movement, activity & sport. Clerk to apply to the Mayor's funding in the first instance and acquire 2 other quotes.
- 11) Discussion about working towards an Age Friendly Parish Council. Cllr Marsh asks for this item to be agendaed, NALC have provided good practice guidance and a toolkit to help councils work towards becoming more Age Friendly. Cllr Marsh asks if the PC would like to close the gap between what we are currently doing and the future to ensure best practice? All agreed that Scorton has some positive and enthusiastic groups currently. It was resolved to form a committee, Cllr Marsh to lead, Cllr Terry & Threlfall will assist. Cllr Terry suggests asking other PC's what they are doing in relation to becoming Age Friendly Councils.
- 12) Safety review. Cllr Threlfall thanks the councillors who joined a maintenance day around the village and in the play parks, still need some top soil around some play areas – to be completed when ground less likely to be damaged. Clerk to ask to meet with play park inspector to discuss any remaining items.
- 13) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Catterick Integrated Care Centre held a presentation in the SWMI on 5th March, Cllrs and clerk attended, due to open later in the year with many local services. Cllr Marsh discussed the possibility of a direct bus service to the location. Also, Cllrs and clerk attended two site meetings with developers. Station Road West (Mulgrave Property), discussion about the remaining hedge, developer stated that retaining this is part of the planning conditions to enable their biodiversity conditions. Confirmation that the developer will maintain the site, including play area for perpetuity. Hospital Road West (Orchard Homes), positive meeting, developer asking for power supply for the development and this to be along the grass verge outside The Lodge and along until the Grammar School entrance, Developers will notify all residents affected, and reinstate verges and village green following, and protect the verge along Hospital Road. The whole area (East & West) is owned by Orchard Homes, discussion about Phase 2 proposals at site.
- 14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Streetlights along Hospital Road, temporary light fixed at bottom of Flywheel Street, heritage lamp near Katrine House requires work to be completed by Northern Powergrid before new lamp can be installed. Police are offering Fraud presentation for residents, clerk to arrange.
- 15) Correspondence. NYC – NY Combined Authority – Local Transport Plan consultation. Clerk & Chairman to complete to include direct destination to healthcare locations, Cllrs to complete individually. Northern Powergrid - Work at Hospital Road for new development. Cllrs agreed with this installation provided the reinstatement is to a high standard. Residents – School parking, clerk to reply, first to ask Highways to update about layby restrictions timing and that this and other possible actions are the responsibility of Highways. Planning & Highways advice. Resident asked to remain anonymous, query about breach of planning conditions, advised resident to contact NYC Planning with concerns. Councillors decided to not take the matter any further as felt a minor breach, comparable with other garden structures which may have not applied for planning permission. Other complaint was the flying of flags; government advice is that if on the Highway then permission should be sought from the Highways department.
- 16) Date of next meeting: 29th April
Meeting closed: 20.50