

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Marsh, Calvert, Terry, Threlfall & Walker-Wilson, North Yorkshire Cllr Les, Alan Coe (REMS/Tarmac representative), one member of public

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

Cllr Marsh introduces himself as the new Chairman of the PC.

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Rafelt
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 1st July. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. None
- 5) Updates from previous meetings. Highways updates. Station Road Highway Safety. Meeting with Highways Officer on 22.7 with Cllrs Marsh, Threlfall & Clerk, trees team will assess the two ash trees to the North of Stags Way which are affecting motorists' visibility for the Stags Way and the new development junctions. The developer for the Station Road West development is obliged to provide amendments to signs and road markings, including altered junction sign and refreshed rumble strips. Cllrs & Highways Officer discussed the possibility to move the 30mph sign back further up Station Road and decided to wait until the proposed work is completed and then re-assess. Cllr Threlfall reported damaged carriageway at Glebe Terrace, this was not found to meet the intervention criteria presently. Discarded diversion signs reported, and these were picked up and kerb sweeper requested. Cllr Marsh adds that the PC should remain vigilant and ensure this work is carried out prior to the completion of this development.
- 6) Crime Report. No report received as not month end, should see July & August reports at September meeting.
- 7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Cllr Les apologises for missing a few meetings but has been kept up to date with minutes, correspondence, etc. Alan Coe reports that necessary maintenance is being carried out, ragwort remains problematic. Recent correspondence: some groups asking permission to use the lakes. Recent ecology surveys carried out which update the species records. Cllr Threlfall reports that the Uckerby lake footpath is overgrown, Alan Coe will action. Following previous questions, the reed netting remains necessary and may need to be increased. Cllr Marsh thanks Alan Coe for attending.
- 8) Accounts
Balance at 29/07/26 £13,202.84 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)
Incoming:
 - Cemetery payment £210.00
 - Rotary Club (Best Kept Village Competition) £100.00 Cllrs discussed how to spend this money, Cllr Threlfall suggests donating equally to community groups within the village, as the prize was "Award for the encouragement of Community Life". All agreed that this was a great idea, Cllr Marsh felt this was a positive way to recognise the amazing work of the volunteers within Scorton. Rotary Club presenting award 30th July, Cllrs and residents invited.
 - HMRC (VAT reclaim) £1263.49
 - NYC (Urban grass cutting) £1173.64Outgoing:
 - V Raven (Wages July) £867.2
 - HMRC (PAYE) £242.61
 - BT (Broadband) £117.48
 - Tesco (Phone) £17.12Clerk discusses forecast for end of financial year 2027, cemetery spend of £1000 not on the budget, so this reduces our reserves to around £5000 at 31/3/27.

- 9) Planning items. None
- 10) Adopt revised policies: Complaints Policy & Recording of Meetings rules. It was resolved to adopt these revised policies, clerk to add to website.
- 11) Walkabout discussion. Walkabout carried out over two evenings, East 23/7, West 24/7. Cllr Marsh explains that this is the annual check when Cllrs look around the whole village, checking for issues, future projects, etc. This was his first walkabout and feels we live in a super village, and it is obvious that many members of the community look after their own patch, thank you. We ensure that we achieve value for money by ensuring the appropriate department or company carries out the work required, or Cllrs carry out work voluntarily. He would like to ask for volunteers to join the working party, clerk to put this request on noticeboards and Facebook page after the Feast. Hospital Road: renew dog sign on lamppost, clerk ordered. Manhole cover, surround falling away – reported to Yorkshire Water, St Claires edge weedy. Cleveland Road: snicket overgrown – reported to NYC, grass triangle overgrown, reported to contractors, small potholes developing – on forward planner for check in November. Mollie Cail: no lock on bin, outside kerb weedy (Working Party). Bridge Green: becksides trim, reported to Contractors who have completed as far as they can go, clerk to check further. Cllr Threlfall feels this may need to be removed from the quote/contract and needs to be completed prior to Feast and may need to use Mac Plant. Wall around tree has split but stable and safe, may need removal in future and maybe replace with metal circular bench. Trees need some minor work. Willow tree needs more significant work, quote required. Footpath behind Hospital very tidy, clerk to send letter of thanks to the resident who cares for it. Stags Way/Close: grass triangle not cut, clerk contacted contractors. Check falling kerbs September, already marked for work by Highways. Green: weeds around green wall, need quote. Steps weedy, need tidying prior to Rotary Club visit. Ramp at bus stop broken, clerk contacted Highways. Roebuck Close: overgrown generally. Clerk contacted developer, the Area Manager has concerns that the company may go into receivership 31st July. Westfields: strim near bench, clerk has contacted contractor. Bench in small recreation area in poor condition, may replace with Scorton Bench, Cllr Threlfall will discuss with residents. Footpath gate in same area broken, clerk reported to Footpaths & Bridleways, grass/generally untidy, clerk reported to NYC. Jubilee Green: climbing net. Quote received from installer £675.00, quote from MacPlant £526.00. Discussion follows, drawing of installation forwarded to Cllrs; it was resolved for MacPlant to inspect and stabilise using Section 106 funding. Bench in small park area, boards need replacing and tidy area outside around fence, working party will action. Spitfire Park: replace boards on bench, working party. Blenheim Close: noticeboard mossy and Blenheim sign overgrown, working party. Beaufighter Close: snicket weedy, working party. Rectory corner: water hydrant signs missing information, clerk to contact Yorkshire Water. Archers Green: weedy kerbs, working party. Glebe Terrace: soakaway drain needs clearing, working party.
- 12) Welcomers for the Brass Band & provision of Brass Band teas. Cllr Marsh will welcome the band; clerk & Mrs Terry will prepare teas.
- 13) Safety review. Spinning bowl bearing hub repair/replacement & review of climbing net by Proludic. Cllr Threlfall reports that the spinning bowl bearing hub is not able to be fixed, clerk to add this to the Section 106 funding. Climbing net discussed in Walkabout, section 11.
- 14) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Fraud & Online Safety presentation attended by Cllr Walker-Wilson & Clerk, an informative session with very few attendees, lots of leaflets/posters bought to the meeting and distributed in the noticeboards. Recycling lady also attended and will attend the Feast Flower Show to discuss the rollout of the new recycling bins.
- 15) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Resident reports waste on Bridge Green, reported three times, difficulty locating waste, resident had concerns with the length of time taken for this to be removed. Litter bins emptied following Gig on the Green.
- 16) Correspondence. NYC – Local Plan update (online briefing). Cllr Marsh will attend 4/8, Cllr Threlfall & Clerk will attend 12/8. Swarco – VAS warranty. Clerk to ask for quote. Rotary Club of Richmond – Best Kept Village success. Discussed in item 8. Residents – Request for consideration. The Sunday after Gig on the Green, some litter and smashed glass on Jubilee Green. Discussion follows; it was resolved for the PC to

check play areas following community events in the village. Resident informs about concerns with proposed road works and the name and geographical location of these Highways works. Clerk asked permission to forward email directly to Highways, permission granted and forwarded email. Parish Councillor vacancy: can now be co-opted at the September meeting. Clerk to add information from NALC about Parish Cllr role.

- 17) Date of next meeting: 30th September
PC goes into closed session.

Meeting closed: 21.12