

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 8.00pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Harper, Calvert, Richardson & Terry, 10 MOP

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

- 1) Apologies. Cllrs Rafelt & Robson, North Yorkshire Cllr Les
- 2) Declarations of interest. None.
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 14th & 28th May. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Crime Report. PCSO Brown sent the May report, forwarded to Cllrs.
- 5) Matters raised by the members of the public. Many MOP attending about recent anti-social behaviour and disturbances, including vulgar, offensive language and loud music. This has occurred multiple times now and residents are concerned. Email received from a resident relating to the same, replied with advice about reporting the issue to NYC Noise Pollution and the Police. Residents ask what the PC could do in relation to setting standards and neighbourly respect. Cllr Threlfall suggests that this could be published in the next Scorton & District Times, Cllr Harper added that there would be some time before this was published again, it was resolved to put on PC Facebook page in the meantime. Cllrs also offered support should it be required with the noise pollution report. Residents also discuss the ethics and standards of Parish Councillors and the Model Code of Conduct, Cllr Threlfall replies that this is in the hands of the appropriate authorities currently.
- 6) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Save Scorton Lakes. Rishi Sunak visited the lakes on 19th June; Cllr Calvert represented the PC. Mr Sunak was surprised and impressed by the lakes and enjoyed the enthusiasm of the attendees. He gave some advice about the proposals. Save Scorton Lakes thank Cllr Calvert for attending. Naturalists Field Club attended on 21st June, they found the day interesting and will forward their findings. The recent article published in the latest Scorton & District Times has gleaned more support for the lakes. Thanks as always to Alan Coe for all he does. Scorton Lakes are looking into registering the lakes as a Community Asset. Save Scorton Lakes will respond to the Local Plan consultation both as a group and individually. Cllr Threlfall thanks Save Scorton Lakes and Cllr Terry highlights that the Feast has a section in the photography class specifically promoting Scorton Lakes.
- 7) Updates from previous meetings. Bolton on Swale School, waiting for reply.
- 8) Accounts

Balance at 25/6/2025 £18,319.10 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs)

Incoming:

- Northern Powergrid (Wayleave payment) £26.45

Outgoing:

- Tesco (Mobile phone contract) £7.98
- BT (Broadband) £49.09
- V Raven (Wages May & June & Printer cartridges/paper) £1404.36
- HMRC (PAYE) £104.58
- Unity Bank (Charges) £6.00
- I Threlfall (YIBS Cemetery water butt) £21.85
- Zurich (Insurance) £1155.34
- Margaret Goldie (Internal audit) £100.00

Internal audit recommendations: Could all the cemetery outgoings be included in the accounts. Clerk to discuss with the grass contractor and the insurance provider.

9) Planning items

- Application for modification of agreement under S106 of the Town & Country planning act pursuant to application re: 20/00770/OUT allowed under appeal ref: APP/V2723/W/23/3317682 for level of affordable housing provision and car park spaces. Cllrs have concerns that the car park is now showing with only one egress for the car park. This was raised previously in our email 5th June to planning relating to application ZD24/00181/AORM, I have included the details relating to this specific issue: "Car parking provision. Councillors were pleased to note that the car park now has separate entrance and egress. To assist with congestion issues, please could this be one way with the entrance at the west (next to Bolton Road) and the exit to the East, with appropriate signage."
- Outline application for erection of 4 no. self-build dwellings at land East of old Waste Treatment Works, Bolton Road. Cllr Threlfall gives some history about this site, last application in 2017. Scorton Parish Council do not support this application, and have 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 directly on the old waste treatment works. 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.

Withdrawn: FPP for attached double garage at Field View, Bolton Road.

- 10) Discussion about annual walkabout items. The walkabout took place on 10th & 11th June. Bus shelter – would this benefit from a noticeboard? Weedkilling around the village generally, clerk has asked for a kerb sweep and to get a quote for the other areas. Stags Way, clear ivy from the pavement and trim hedge, on forward planner for October; pot holes reported to Highways. Village green, lime trees need trimming, to discuss with Conservation Officer prior. Hospital Road, white bollards, some need replacing + some new, litter bin needs replacing, NYC will replace providing it is moved nearer to Flywheel Street and quote required for white posts. Rose Villa, tree over pavement needs trimming, owner has resolved. Cleveland Road, snicket overgrown - weed kill, then shovel, pot holes reported to Highways, grass not cut on triangle, clerk has spoken to contractor, car often parked on the grass and thus unable to cut. Resident pointed out that an allotment is overgrown, tenant sorting. Some pressure washing around the village, plastic benches, signs, etc, quote required. Bridge Green, some trimming of trees required, one of the new apple trees is suffering in the dry weather and being watered by a Cllr and local residents. Bridge plaque, quote for railway style plaque with date installed (2024). Hospital Road, lane to the back of the care village has pot holes, reported to Highways, pavements need attention, clerk has reported. Care sign not fixed to wall correctly, clerk reported. Glebe Terrace, pavement needs attention, reported. Southside – streetlight out, reported. Rectory corner drain, kerb sweeper requested. Glebe Terrace, parking on grass, reported to Highways. Typhoon Park, pavement near gate breaking up/unlevel, rambling roses need removing, wooden equipment has a limited life, and trees need some lower branches removing. Cllrs will carry out this work. Weeds and grasscutting generally around the estate, the PC only maintain the parks, the other green areas are looked after by NYC who cut less regularly than the PC. Beaufighter/Spitfire Park, trees need bottom branches removing, bench poor (Cllrs will replace the slats), and again the wooden equipment has a limited life – both parks for review next year. Jubilee Green, large hole in bike ramp, to be filled, metal bird deterrents have been put on the swings, Cllrs will remove and replace with cable ties, trees around houses, crowning work and shrubs reduce, quotes needed, bench poor, Cllrs will replace slats. Dog poo, Cllrs cleaned up, Shrubs need removing from the outside of the small park. Cllrs will carry out this work. Blenheim sign – Cllrs will prune. Bolton Road – some white posts need replacing, quote required. Cemetery, rabbit mesh needs

pinning down and also the gate mesh needs securing, path needs edging, Cllrs will carry this out, notices need replacing, clerk to replace. Green – the step outside The Heifer, Cllr Terry has concerns about the stability of the temporary step, to add to the table licence. Lots of jobs which require quotes, clerk to bring back to July meeting.

- 11) Safety review. NYC – play equipment inspection. Clerk to chase quarterly report.
- 12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Cllr Calvert attended the Lakes with Rishi Sunak and this should be in the next Darlington & Stockton Times. Cllr Threlfall & clerk attended the YLCA Branch meeting, the speaker was from Catterick Integrated Care Centre; this was inspiring & informative and is the first jointly funded health care project involving the NHS & MOD. Will open in 2026 and will house outpatients, community midwifery, mental health, OOH, OOH Dentistry, X-Ray and maybe chemo and radiotherapy, drug and alcohol services. Transport to this new care provision was discussed by attending PCs. Scorton PC raised Boundary Commission concerns about the vastness of the new rural areas, other PCs had very similar concerns. Branch to write to the Boundary Commission. Also, remote decisions about planning. All agreed that this is an ongoing problem, with some discussing the remoteness of NYC generally. Letters to go to NYC Planning department, and the Minister for Housing, Communities & Local Government from the Branch.
- 13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Sign on Brompton Road is showing the entrance to Tancred Recycling has twisted round and not visible. Reported, Highways have resolved. Resident reported mess left behind following traveller visit. Reported to NYC. Cllr Calvert reports that some signs have been left behind following work on Bolton Road, clerk to report. Cllr Richardson highlights that there may be issues for vulnerable people following the switch from analogue to digital, a resident notes that the last date for this is January 2027. Additionally, the mobile signal is reduced in Scorton for some networks, this may also lead to problems with the Lifeline service. Clerk to research, and publicise information.
- 14) Correspondence. NYC, Local Plan consultation and resident request. Cllrs discussed, it was resolved for the Chairman & Clerk to complete. Email from a resident asking about how the PC intends to gather the views of the public in relation to this consultation. Cllrs are elected to give the views on behalf of the residents, additionally, clerk to put a post on Facebook and post in the noticeboards to encourage residents to give their own views. BT payphone and telephone box removal and opportunity to adopt a payphone kiosk. Councillors have concerns that should the internet and mobile network service be compromised in any way, and especially in an emergency situation then this resource could be invaluable. If the decision is reached to disconnect the phone, then Scorton PC do not want to adopt the phone kiosk. Community Governance Review. Scorton PC is not for review at this time, nevertheless the Team has spoken with the clerk and Bolton on Swale are interested in merging with Scorton PC. Residents – Jubilee Green rabbits. Rabbits causing divots in Jubilee Green, this is a difficult problem to resolve, rabbits are coming from adjacent areas. Clerk to send thanks to the resident for keeping on top of the divots, and area to be assessed regularly by Cllrs and clerk. Weedkilling quote for all the areas noted in the walkabout: NYC £322+VAT, it was resolved to accept this quote. NYC Richmond Area Committee meeting 30th June, 10am, County Hall.
- 15) Meeting closed: 21.35

Date of next meeting: 30th July