SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Marsh, Calvert, Terry, Threlfall & Walker-Wilson, three members of public

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

1) Apologies. Cllrs Rafelt, North Yorkshire Cllr Les
2) Declarations of interest. None
3) Approval of minutes dated 29th July. Cllr Threlfall notes two alterations required. Item 8, typo V Raven Wages should read £867.20 not £867.2, and item 17, to add "to discuss staffing matters". Clerk to make these changes and it was then 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. Prohibition of waiting and loading and provision of parking notice dated 7/8/26 for layby outside the school. Cllrs had heard positive comments, Cllr Marsh asks the clerk to email the school and ask if they have found this new provision has helped with school parking. Disabled access for the bus stop, this work was carried out on 2/9/26, the work was funded by Passenger Transport Team and a funding bid for works to provide additional sections of footway and dropped kerb is in progress. Positive comments from residents. Section 106 funding updates, funding now released by NYC. Park project now in progress, work has commenced to remove the wooden equipment from Spitfire & Typhoon parks. Proludic have met at the site and request slight changes to the layout, also the roll over bars are too high but these will be lowered, work should commence w/c 2/11/26. Jubilee Green climbing net exploratory dig found that the main post fits over another and requires approx. ½ metre of concrete to stabilise (cost £250.00), hopefully this should resolve the wobbly nature of the post. It was resolved to accept this quote. Deregistration discussed, three houses have not replied, clerk to chase with further explanations and give deadline of end of November.
6) Crime Report. July, August & September reports received. Police request for information relating to a burglary in Scorton, clerk posted this on PC Facebook page.
7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Alan Coe sent a Scorton species report dating from 2023 – 2025 highlighting the species found around the lakes. Cllrs feel a summary of this would be ideal for the S&D Times, clerk to ask Alan and thank him for the report. Save Scorton Lakes, sent a report: they continue to monitor the situation and meet frequently to update and review plans. Scorton Medical Centre forwarded their recent newsletter. Summary: the GPs are currently taking action against the Government over the new GP contract. Flu & COVID vaccinations clinic will be 17th October. Dispensary update/reminder that 72 hours is required for medication. Welcoming Student Drs into the practice this coming year. Use of AI for taking consultation notes. Availability of Mounjaro injections, strict criteria must be met and promotion of StopTober (smoking cessation).
8) Accounts

Balance at 30/09/26 £20,459.75 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)

Incoming:

- Cemetery payment £150.00
- Murphys Fair (Groundrent) £300.00
- NYC (Precept 2nd payment) £11,000.00

Outgoing:

- V Raven (Wages August & September + donation to clubs & Band Teas) £1716.08
- Nest (Pension) £184.53
- BT (Broadband) £117.48
- Tesco (Phone) £15.00
- Mac Plant (Reduce height of cemetery hedge + cut and beckside cut) £580.80

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- Osmotherley Brass Band (Feast performance) £125.00
- NYC (S&D Times) £117.00
- Streetscape (Roundabout bearing) £516.00
- Precision Cleaning (Power wash play equipment and benches) £780.00
- I Threlfall (Bolts & wood for benches) £30.21
- Swarco (Warranty) £1309.28
- CAB (Donation) £300.00
- Unity Trust Bank (Service charge June, July, August) £21.00

Cllr Terry queries about the BT contract, clerk believes this ends next September and will review prices then, also query about the groundrent for Murphys Fair and if this increases. Cllr Threlfall explains that this is agreed by the Showman's Guild.

Pensions Regulator - re-enrolment and re-declaration. Completed re-enrolment & re-declaration, legal requirement. NALC/YLCA – new pay scales from 1st April. Clerk leaves the room. It was resolved to accept the agreement of 3.3% from 1st April 2026.

Swarco – Warranty quote. History given to residents, vehicle activated signs are part of a consortium including Bolton on Swale, Scorton, Brough St Giles & Tunstall. Discussion follows, this hasn't been budgeted for and so Cllrs may have to choose which item they would prefer to carry out, Cllr Walker-Wilson states that safety should be the priority and Cllr Terry suggests looking for some road safety funding. The quote is £1309.28 for 3 years. It was resolved to accept the quote and write to other members of the consortium with a proportional invoice. Project ideas for 27/28. Bolton on Swale PM will be incorporated with Scorton PC from 1st April 2027. Clerk has spoken with the previous Bolton clerk, assets include noticeboard, 2 benches, the village pump, defib and 2 planters. The noticeboard has deteriorated significantly, Cllr Threlfall will assess and estimate some replacement prices for the budget figures and Cllr Calvert will assess the pump for future work required. Cllr Walker-Wilson suggests that the Rotary Club steps need painting. Cllr Threlfall suggests that the football posts on Jubilee Green may need replacing.

9) Planning items

i. Tarmac – Ellerton Quarry proposals. The proposals look minor and the material is transported over the Swale and so doesn't affect roads in our area. It was resolved to accept the briefing offer.

ii. Bellway – Development proposals. Offer to discuss future aspirations/proposals in the Scorton area. It was resolved to accept this offer.

NYC Parish Liaison. Many changes to planning notifications for both PCs and residents, need to register on the Planning Portal, clerk will register and carry out checks regularly.

Withdrawn: 22/00730/FULL Station Road East for condition 10 to be removed from the approval notice & non amendment of electric gates, this cannot be considered as a non material amendment.

Granted: LBC for repair and maintenance at School House, Grammar School Court, Outline application for erection of up to 2 dwellings at land East of Old Waste Water Treatment Works, FPP for a loft conversion requiring a comprehensive roof reconstruction at Hengistbury, Bolton Road.

10) Discussion about communication for minor items within the Council. Cllr Marsh suggests using WhatsApp for easier communication within the group, mainly for things like arranging working party groups, walkabouts, etc and could also help quicken the resilience plan emergency response. Cllr Threlfall has concerns that this may be used for making decisions. It was resolved to initiate this, and to use only for minor matters.

11) Safety review. New report from Play Inspector, many minor items are now completed. Cllr Marsh thanks everyone for assisting with these improvements and the tidy up around the village, thanks to be sent to volunteer, and many positive comments received from residents. The only item remaining on the report are the timber steps at Mollie Cail park, these will be removed and area made good.

12) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. Cllr Marsh attended the Local Plan briefing. The NYC Policy Team are looking for new sites to develop, they are working to implement their new plan in 2029. Presently they are comparing the NY plan against the new National Planning Policy Framework,

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transport links are crucial to this new plan. Correspondence: NYC Local Plan briefings via Teams 27/10, 28/10 & 3/11

13) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Streetlight out on Copper Beech island, reported and resolved. Resident queries the movement of the dog bin on Brompton Road, clerk explained reasoning. Bollard near to Westfield has been removed. Cllr Walker-Wilson reported water leak on Hospital Road, reported and resolved, another leak near to The Lodge, this has been reported. Resident asks about allotments in the village, problems with NYC data, clerk is still working on this. Kerb stones falling away at Stags Way, reported and also reminded about the kerb stones already marked further around Stags Way. Archives list received from NYC Records Office. Resident reports overgrown shrubbery at Westfields, resolved and thanks received from resident. Cllr Threlfall reports dangerous diversion signs, pointing the wrong way around the green. Clerk reported. Cllr Calvert reports the streetlight on Hospital Road overgrown, clerk to report.
14) Correspondence. NYC – Community Governance review (final recommendations). Already discussed in accounts. NYC – Digital Inclusion Grant. NYC – Streetlighting attachments request. Clerk to complete, only attachments are VAS at Station Road and Bolton on Swale. York & NY Combined Authority – Local Transport Plan. North Yorkshire CAB – Donation request. Fourteen people were helped from Scorton in the last year. It was resolved to donate £300.00. Wharfedale Homes – request for sewer connection in Jubilee Green, Cllrs decided that the link in the middle of Jubilee Green would be inappropriate for a play area. Residents – Disabled access, Cllr Marsh & clerk met with resident to note specific concerns, discussion, it was resolved for Cllrs to meet to further. Clerk to reply to resident. Objection to closed session of July meeting, resident further highlights concerns. Cllr Marsh highlights that minutes have been changed and that we have apologised for not formally voting to go into a closed session. Thanks for the email and wants to work collaboratively. Clerk to ask YLCA for confirmation. Request for Highways Section 36 job order. Clerk replied that we have no authority or involvement with the Highway works and thanks for keeping us up to date. NYC – Home to School Travel Policy Consultation. Clerk to gain some advice prior to reply, to reagenda in October.
15) Co-option of new Parish Councillor. No applications received, Cllr Marsh to look at application notice and clerk to post on Bolton on Swale noticeboard as well as Scorton.
16) Date of next meeting: 28th October

Meeting closed: 21.45

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