

SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 7.25pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

Present: - Cllrs Threlfall, Rafelt, Calvert, Terry, Richardson, Marsh & Walker-Wilson, Alan Coe (REMS Tarmac representative), one member of public

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

- 1) Apologies. North Yorkshire Cllr Les, PCSO Brown
- 2) Declarations of interest. None
- 3) Approval of minutes dated 29th April. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Matters raised by the members of the public. Resident discusses Travellers on Bridge Green and believed that the signs enabled the Police to move Travellers on. Cllr Threlfall states that these signs do help the Police to act should an offence occur.
- 5) Updates from previous meetings. Highways updates. Bolton Road layby restriction, a NYC committee meeting was held today to decide this, and we should hear in the next few days. Road marking near the Garage, reply from Highways, unable to renew as would require a Traffic Regulation Order and the cost of this is not warranted at this time. Street name update for development on Bolton Road. Street naming team came back with Willowmere & Meadowgate, following discussions with Cllrs, clerk replied to ask why Bolton Meadows or Way wasn't considered now, and add that this and Meadowgate would be acceptable. VAS data, downloaded from Station Road, the 85 percentile speed is 33.3mph. This VAS to remain while the development works are being carried out, and the battery one to be moved to Tunstall and returned before Gig on the Green.
- 6) Crime Report. PCSO Brown forwarded April report.
- 7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. Alan Coe (REMS) gives his report. Quiet time of year as have to be aware of the bird breeding season and so not able to carry out much work. There was an abandoned vehicle in the car park, but this has now been removed by NYC. Problems with cars parking after 5pm in the North car park and being locked in, more notices to be placed. Report about a car on site, a few people have permits. Lifebuoys were removed from housing, now resolved. Dragonfly Society and others have been recording data in the area, 146 bird species recorded, many of which are red species. Cllr Calvert asks about the sheep at Bolton Lake, AC replies that this is following expert advice and encourages ground breeding birds. Richmond & Northallerton Green party had a tour of the lakes and loved what they saw. Cllr Threlfall thanks AC for attending and his work around the lakes, Alan Coe leaves.
- 8) Accounts

Balance at 27/05/26 £14,298.56 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)

Incoming:

- Cemetery payment £150.00
- Northern Powergrid (Wayleave) £26.45

Outgoing:

- Mac Plant (Repair accesses) £456.00
- BT (Broadband) £117.48
- Tesco (Phone) £17.12
- V Raven (Wages May) £867.20
- YIBS (Top soil) £83.80
- Zurich (Insurance) £1147.90
- Unity Trust Bank (Service Charge) £7.00

Purple Creative – website upgrade and accessibility required £300.00. It was resolved to accept this quote.

Discussion about insurance and the benches outside The Farmers as this is empty, clerk to ask Brewery if they have insurance.

9) Planning items.

- i. LBC for repair and maintenance work at School House, Grammar School. Reply with full support.
- 10) Items for next edition of Scorton & District Times. Feast Committee have asked for a middle page spread, Scammers presentation 10th July (front page), Gig on the Green, Best Kept Village information, ask Alan Coe if he would like to provide some of the red species within the lakes, considerate car parking.
- 11) Typhoon park update. Three quotes received: Streetscape £10695, Sutcliffe £11070, Proludic £8725, Cllrs resolved to accept the Proludic quote. Clerk to inform and apply for 106 funding.
- 12) Safety review. Following working party to assess items raised from park report, clerk to ask Proludic if they could look at the climbing net on Jubilee Green.
- 13) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk. None attended.
- 14) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Resident reports VAS at Glebe Terrace not working, to be moved and battery replaced at weekend.
- 15) Correspondence. NYC – Community Governance Review consultation. Discussion about the ramifications (with some Cllr concerns) of Bolton being incorporated within Scorton PC, aware that we will need to increase insurance, and the noticeboard will require replacement. Cllr Threlfall feels it is a shame that Bolton isn't currently represented. Cllr Rafelt adds that we need to confirm the assets and responsibilities of this potential merge. It was resolved that Scorton PC support this merge, clerk to reply. NYC – Parish Website, clerk carried out user testing via Teams, should be live in June. NYC – Updated Parish Charter. YLCA – meeting 11th June at 7pm Middleham Key Centre, Cllrs Threlfall, Terry & Richardson & clerk will attend. Residents – Rabbit issues (Jubilee Green), rabbits digging, top soil ordered working party carried out work. Information request, for all internal emails, meeting notes, correspondence between Cllrs & clerk relating to the decision to classify the email as no breach of GDPR and how we logged in Breach log, also requires internal auditor contact details. Re: potential breach, there were no meeting notes or correspondence other than clerk forwarding residents email to Cllrs as pre-meeting reading and Cllr Threlfall read out the texts sent at the last meeting. It wasn't logged in the Breach log as there was no breach. The contact details for the internal auditor are not public information, just the name, but can forward any correspondence. All of the above has been clarified by YLCA, clerk to reply, Cllrs feel this is a reasonable and proportionate reply. Texts to Cllr Threlfall from resident sent this evening, questioning further. MOP – further email about traffic calming for outside the school & Highways response from last meeting. Cllr Threlfall states that we have no jurisdiction regarding changes in the Highways, and highlights some inaccuracies in the email, such as location of national speed limit near the school, however this is the other side of Bolton, also there are school warning signs and slow markings from Bolton direction near the cemetery entrance. Highways email reply also states these points. Hopefully, the school parking provision and potential layby restrictions (the original concept of this layby was for use of the school) will help. Cllr Rafelt adds that children walking to school from the village could help too. School are staggering drop off and pick up times to assist with the flow of traffic and parking. The PC has been working towards helping safety at that location over many years. Cllr Richardson adds that the dangers on Blenheim Close junction remain and in Highways/Police hands, all agree it is unfortunate that there has to be an accident before changes can be made. Cllr Marsh adds that this is a complex situation and we are addressing one issue at a time, and are there other solutions? Cllr Calvert suggests that a notice relating to inconsiderate parking could be placed in the noticeboards, it was resolved to place a notice about inconsiderate parking in the S&D Times. This resident offers to pay for traffic calming at this location, clerk to reply explaining actions the PC has carried out, and that it would be best to contact Highways directly about her offer. Rotary Club Best Kept Village – request for guidance notes, clerk to send similar notes to last year. Harbus meeting 28th May.
- 16) Decide date for annual Walkabout. 23rd & 24th July at 7pm SWMI. Wind vane repairs & sock replacement 13th June 10am Banks Lane, Lych gate treatment, litter bins paint & Mollie Cail slide steps 10am 26th June
- 17) Date of next meeting: 1st July Meeting closed: 21.00