SCORTON PARISH COUNCIL

The normal monthly meeting held on Wednesday 28th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Scorton War Memorial Institute.

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

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

1) Apologies of absence. None
2) Declarations of interest. None
3) Approval of minutes dated 30th September. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.
4) Matters raised by the members of the public. Email received from resident referring to July meeting closed session and minutes accuracy from September minutes. Cllr Marsh explains that an apology had been given in September about Cllrs not formally voting to go into a closed session, and as this was a confidential matter we must err on the side of caution and have learnt from this and always aim to be transparent. As agreed YLCA/NALC referred for advice. Re: minutes, Chairman had not formally asked Cllrs about declarations of interest, but as there were no declarations of interests the minutes are accurate. It is the Cllrs responsibility to declare any interests, and they can do this at any time within the meeting and Cllr Marsh further explains that the minutes are not a transcript, but a record of decisions made. Resident has concerns that some declarations of interest have not be raised, and that an investigation is going forward and can't be discussed further. Cllr Marsh thanks the resident for the discussion.
5) Updates from previous meetings. Waiting restrictions outside School, reply from Headteacher who felt that the new restrictions seem to be helping with the congestion around the school. Cllr Terry suggests thanking Highways for their input. Section 106 funding updates and Typhoon Park sign off, reminder letters have been sent to remaining properties within the deregistration project, deadline end of November. Typhoon Park now completed, Cllrs query about the matting, clerk asked supplier and email received stating matting is correctly installed. Park now signed off, insurance advised, asset register updated and Section 106 funding applied for. VAS syndicate warranty, Brough St Giles happy to pay for warranty and invoiced £181.85. They would like the VAS moved to nearer to Poppy Gardens, clerk to send advice about how to further. Clerk to send a reminder to Tunstall in January if not heard anything by then. Disabled access update. Cllrs met as agreed and walked around the green looking at the issues for disabled people, people with pushchairs and walkers. Information received from Disability Action Yorkshire, but also to look at speed limits around the green. Cllr Rafelt suggests talking to Highways to discuss pavement surface quality, he highlights that cars parking on pavements also increases risk to pedestrians. A combination of changes will be required, and some is behavioural, suggestion of an article in S&D Times about not parking on the pavements but equally this isn't necessarily residents and could be the wider community. Clerk to arrange site meeting with Highways.
6) Crime Report. PCSO Diamond attending, and discusses recent crimes, she also spotted some speeding going out of the village. VAS discussed. Police are working with schools to inform about dark nights and visibility. She encourages all to report any suspicious activity. PCSO Diamond leaves.
7) Updates from North Yorkshire Councillor, Tarmac representative, Save Scorton Lakes, Scorton Surgery. North Yorkshire Cllr Les attending and has just received a letter from the Under Secretary of State informing him that the work to the A66 is now approved, the build period has been extended from 5 to 9 years and will include some work at Scotch. He highlights that the council is consulting "Let's Talk Money", he feels the Council tax rise will be 5%. Mayor has taken over buses, and Cllr Les encourages people to write if more services are needed. Fixed speed cameras discussed, the Deputy Mayor may help with accessing these cameras. Furthermore, the Mayor has an Active Travel Fund, and this may be appropriate for the disabled access around the green. Alan Coe attending and gives his update: underpass tidied, replacing fence posts, grass cutting now being carried out by REMS, looking at reducing brambles in places and some willows to be

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removed at Uckerby Lake. Pathways are being improved for disabled access, tree guard removal, some gates to be replaced, and has received a request for more rest points. Problems remain with cars being locked in North Car park. The aftercare report has been submitted to NYC, with 85 species at the site being on the "at risk" register. Cllr Marsh thanks and Alan Coe leaves.

8) Accounts

Balance at 26/10/26 £5495.51 (Internal controls checked by Cllrs attending)

Incoming:

- Cemetery payment £350.00

Outgoing:

- V Raven (Wages October) £860.68
- HMRC (PAYE) £219.56
- Nest (Pension) £65.52
- Mac Plant (Works to parks at Jubilee Green, Typhoon & Spitfire) £2,065.20
- Proludic (Typhoon Park upgrade) £10,469.99
- BT (Broadband) £59.98
- Tesco (Phone) £7.50
- Unity Trust Bank (Service charge September) £7.00

CAB – thank you for the donation. NALC/YLCA subscription increase: 2.6% for 27/28. NYC election estimate for May 2027 £1000. British Legion donation, it was resolved to donate £150. Cllr Les leaves. Project ideas and approximate costing for 27/28. Bolton noticeboard, approximate cost £1000 - £1500, Bolton Pump £500, discussion about Buff tree and surround at Bridge Green. Mollie Cail slide and timber work may need replacement, budget £2000.

9) Planning items.

NYC – Changes to Planning system and potential impact. From 1st October all planning applications notifications will be by site notice only, no emails or letters to either the PC or residents, and we will need to actively seek information. Clerk has set up notifications and carries out checks weekly. Additionally, Parish Councils will no longer receive decision notices. Planning portal is currently working on two systems, one for applications from before 1/10/26 and one for after this date, this will be merged 20th – 24th November. Cllr Threlfall highlights that this has been discussed at the YLCA Branch meeting (see item 12). Clerk to contact Parish Liaison for their support. Cllr Threlfall notes the newly planted hedging at the Station Road (West) development and feels this may be detrimental to the visibility splay when egressing the development, also that we had requested an open aspect. Clerk to write to Planning and Highways to ask them to assess. Email received from Orchard Homes about naming the roads (development behind The Lodge), Cllrs suggest something orchard related and Cllrs will feedback to clerk.

10) Safety review. Wheel broken on goal post on green, contacted supplier price for new 8 wheels £259 +VAT, and £75 for fitting. Cllr Threlfall has checked and may be able to get same wheels for a lower price and fit ourselves.

11) Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk.

i) YLCA Branch meeting 8th October. Cllr Threlfall & clerk attended. Problems with staffing at YLCA, and no Officer available, clerk took minutes, well attended meeting. Speakers were from Catterick Integrated Care Centre, this project was initiated in 2015 and should be open by the year end. Recent roadshow "Uniquely Us" which was to address myths and misconceptions. May hold site visit for next YLCA Branch meeting in February. Bus services to the new CICC discussed, and transport reps looking at this. Planning changes discussed, it was highlighted that these decisions were not made at a full council meeting, concerns raised that these changes do not abide with the Parish Charter, a motion was carried for NYC to halt the proposed changes to the Planning engagement process with PC's and local residents until it has gone forward to Full Council for debate along with full consultation with Parish Councils as per Parish Charter, and another for PCs to be statutory consultees. Other discussions included vexatious and persistent contacts with Parish Councils, this is causing councils difficulties in

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carrying out their work. Also discussed was speeding within villages, with some frustrations and some successes.

ii. NYC Local Plan workshop 27th October. Planning Policy Scoping consultations, this is for the new Local Plan 2029 – 2045. Looking at how growth is distributed and checking to see if any specific issues are missing. Over 4000 new homes needed/year in NY. Call for sites ongoing and still working on the previous plan, alongside the National Planning Policy Framework.

12) Report relating to minor parish issues since last meeting. Reported small water leak on Hospital Road, still flowing, clerk to remind Yorkshire Water. Resident reported VAS not working, needed battery change, and is also asking for sign to be placed opposite Glebe Terrace. Both VAS are currently out of the village at the other syndicate groups villages. Clerk to reply. Resident asks about overgrown beck, councillors discussed and to be reviewed next year. Resident had emailed Cllr Les (with PC cc'ed) about storm damage to tree on Bolton Road. NYC tree team will assess.

13) Correspondence. NYC – Home to School transport consultation. Cllr Rafelt declares an interest. There is no return to the catchment area, and eligibility remains nearest school. The mapping is proposed to be improved with greater clarity about how distances are assessed, however impossible to assess these changes for Scorton until in place. Some routes are unsuitable and the appeals process strengthened. Cllrs remain concerned about double taxation, and requests for return to catchment areas is falling on deaf ears, Cllr Terry asks about public transport provision, but the timings aren't suitable for children attending Richmond Schools. Cllr Marsh & clerk will complete questionnaire with Cllrs concerns.
NYC - Local Plan Scoping consultation. Next workshop on 3rd November, clerk to bring back to November meeting. Residents – Road markings, concerns about road markings near to garage and request for one way system. PC has previously asked for a one-way system but Highways unable to carry this out. Cllr Threlfall suggests a different solution with more white lines to define which side of the road vehicles should be. Clerk to arrange site meeting with Highways and reply to resident. YLCA Joint Annual Meeting 7th November at 1.30pm. Christmas tree discussed and will further for November meeting.

14) Co-option of new Parish Councillor. No applications received.

15) Date of next meeting: 25th November

Meeting closed: 21.50

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