

MELSONBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 24th May 2017, at 7.00pm in Melsonby Primary School

Present: Cllrs A Stokoe (Chair), W Nixon, T Sutton, D Dixon, E Harrison, S Priestley, J Welham (clerk), District Cllr J Wilson-Petch, County Cllr A Thompson

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th May 2016:

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed and signed.

2. Annual report from the Parish Council:

Cllr Stokoe gave an update of work done by the Parish Council in the past year including the successful application for a Yorventure grant towards the St James play park improvement project, new items of equipment have been installed. The damaged wall in the burial ground had been repaired and a new bench had been built in the bus shelter. A donation of £105 had been given towards last year's Sports Day fund. Trees on the village green had been pruned and donations totalling £100 had been made to the Great North Air Ambulance. A very successful event had been held at Christmas in the Church to raise funds towards the Church "Flush Fund" and it is hoped that another will be held this year. The Community Speed Watch Scheme is being introduced and a number of volunteers had come forward to participate. The Emergency Planning Committee had made good progress with a number of volunteers joining and a meeting had been held in January, the project is ongoing. A grasscrete surface has been installed at the old canteen site for car parking, RDC had arranged this with a contribution from the Parish Council towards the cost. The precept for 2017/18 had been increased for the first time in a number of years. Weekly inspections of the play parks have been undertaken by RDC and an annual inspection had been carried out in December by the Play Inspection Company, no major issues had been identified. A generous donation of £750 had been received from an anonymous donor towards a village hall, the money has been paid into the village hall account held in trust by the Parish Council. No further news has been received regarding the revised planning application for the Limegarth development but the developer Mulberry Homes had offered to build a village hall as part of the development.

3. Update of the Strategic Parish Plan:

Progress on the plan was updated, copy attached. Available grants were discussed and it was agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to deal with possible grant applications relating to future projects for provision of a MUGA pitch in Moor Road Play Park and the possible village hall development. The formation of a sub-committee is to be added to the next parish council agenda in July. DD had got some provisional quotes for a MUGA pitch which is likely to cost approx. £150-£190k. WN is still dealing with new signs for the top of the telephone box, suggested wording for signs "Melsonby Info Centre" to go in the 3 spaces to replace TELEPHONE and he will get prices. Provision of a footpath through the old church yard to the new

burial ground is being investigated with a grasscrete surface being considered. Cllr Wilson-Petch advised that he understood that the revised planning application for the proposed Limegarth development was due to be submitted imminently. TS gave an update on the Emergency Plan, there are now 14 people on the committee and he is writing up the document. He had attended an NRCP meeting and Emergency Planning had been discussed. Further info to be given in main Parish Council meeting.

4. Update on Play Parks:

Lisa Pratt chair of the play parks sub-committee gave an overview of the past 12 months. The new equipment in St James Close Play Park is being well used. There had been some complaints about bird mess on the swing seats and it was suggested that cable ties could be put on the crossbar with the stems pointing up to stop birds from landing on them. There had also been a complaint of dogs being in St James Play Park. The goal posts in the Moor Road Play area are to be repainted and someone is lined up to do the job which will cost £50 per hour. Nets are still required and LP is getting prices. The picnic benches need to be sanded and treated with wood preserver. AS reported that the damaged picnic bench had been repaired.

5. Any other business:

No other business was raised.

6. Questions from residents:

No questions were asked.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed by..... this.....day of May, 2018