

MELSONBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 23rd May 2018, at 7.00pm in Melsonby Primary School

Present: Cllr Angus Stokoe (Chair), Cllr Vince Elrington (Vice Chairman), Cllr Judith Stansfield, Cllr David Dixon, Cllr Stuart Priestley, Cllr William Nixon, Jill Welham (clerk), Jenny Pears (clerk) District Cllr J Wilson-Petch

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 24th May 2017:

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed and signed.

2. Annual report from the Parish Council:

AS gave an update of work done by the Parish Council in the past year including an application has been made to NYCC to register the Village Green to protect its status. Community Speed Watch has been active and a number of new volunteers have joined the scheme. A grant of £525 was received from the Transparency Code Fund and a new laptop and scanner/printer was purchased for use by the Clerk. An application to remove one of the sycamore trees on the village green has been approved. The tree will be removed and a sculpture carved from the remaining trunk. Clearance work has been carried out at the well on East Road. An outreach postal service has begun operating in the Church every Friday morning. A donation of £172 was given to the Sports Day fund. Two donations of £50 each were given to the Great North Air Ambulance. A successful Christmas Carol event was held in the Church to raise funds for the Church "Flush Fund", it is hoped to arrange another event for Christmas 2018. AS would like to thank everyone involved in raising the funds and making it a successful event. JS has updated the Parish Plan. Work on updating the Emergency Plan is ongoing. The precept for 2018/19 was increased to £9400. The grass cutting contract for 2018/19 was once again awarded to Mac Plant who will cut the grass and hedges in the 3 play parks as well as the village green, new burial ground and verges. Richmondshire District Council are now conducting weekly inspections of the 3 play parks and an Annual Inspection was carried out by the Play Inspection Company in December, no major issues were identified.

3. Update of the Strategic Parish Plan:

Progress on the plan was updated, copy attached. DD agreed to look into the provision of a MUGA pitch and would know more from June. WN is still dealing with new signs for the top of the telephone box. Provision of a footpath through the old church yard to the new burial ground is being investigated and actioned by VE working with DD. Agreed Clerk will contact RDC in the first instance for guidance. Cllr Wilson-Petch advised that the proposed Moor Road development had gone quiet and will feedback following an end of May meeting. TS was not present so no update on Emergency Plan.

4. Update on Play Parks:

The Moor road play park football posts and nets need replacing. The cost is £750. The sports day committee offered to donate £300 which is on the

agenda for discussion in the Annual meeting of the Parish Council. DD agreed to look at funding criteria for Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund – Football Foundation. This could be a possibility for a MUGA football pitch on Moor Road.

5. Annual Parish Show:

The Annual Parish show is being held on 18th August 2018. There is a slight revision in the classes this year.

6. Any other business:

JS asked if we could look into the collection of old electrical appliances being collected and disposed of. Some residents in the village have difficulty accessing the service as appliances need to be taken to the roadside. RDC do offer a service however this service isn't always accessible for everyone. JP to contact RDC and look into an alternative service for the elderly and disabled.

7. Questions from residents:

No questions were asked.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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