

MELSONBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 20th May 2020, at 7.00pm virtually via Zoom

Present: Cllr Judith Stansfield (Chair), Cllr Vince Elrington (Vice Chairman), Cllr David Dixon, Cllr Stuart Priestley, Cllr G Angus, Jenny Pears (clerk) District Cllr J Wilson-Petch. Residents: Mr and Mrs Bottle and Mr and Mrs Kattou-Smith.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd May 2019:

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed and signed.

2. Annual report from the Parish Council:

JS gave an update of work done by the Parish Council in the past year including:

- Community Speed Watch has been active and new volunteer's co-ordinator have joined the scheme.
- The new speed watch signs have been erected as you enter the village.
- PO service continues to operate in the Church most Friday mornings.
- A donation of £100 was given to the Great North Air Ambulance and £ 100 was given to The Richmondshire Rovers Little White Bus Service.
- A burial ground maintenance inspection has taken place and vigorous review of the burial plots and mapping.
- A successful Christmas event was held in the Church to raise funds for the Church "Flush Fund". Work on updating the Emergency Plan is ongoing.
- The Parish Plan has been updated. The precept for 2020/21 was increased to £10363.50.
- The grass cutting contract for 2020/21 was awarded to GCH Garden Maintenance who will cut the grass and hedges in the 2 play parks as well as the village green, new burial ground and verges.
- Richmondshire District Council continue to conduct weekly inspections of the 2 play parks and an Annual Inspection was carried out by the Play Inspection Company in January, no major issues were identified.
- Glebe Court Play Park is becoming a community garden. A social space for residents.
- A revised information booklet was produced, printed and delivered to all households in Melsonby.
- Defibrillator training has taken place free of charge to residents in and around Melsonby. The defibrillator code is now displayed on the defibrator itself.
- The area surrounding the Well, wall and village signage as you enter the village has been tidied up and now maintained.

- Cllr A Stokoe stood down as councillor. Mr Gordon Angus was unanimously co-opted on to the Parish Council on 21st January 2020.

Community events and support: A Big Picnic had been mooted for VE Day and could not take place as such, but the Sports Day Committee organised a very successful Scarecrow competition with 118 entries. Hopefully this will be an annual event with a trophy provided by the Black Bull. On the day, Tanya and Shaun Henderson sang and broadcast from the green, We'll Meet Again to many suitably distanced villagers. A bi-weekly Newsletter has been posted on Facebook, the website and several lampposts to provide information of support and activities during lockdown. Several bonding activities have been organised: A Bear Hunt, Rainbows for the NHS, a weekly Clapathon for the NHS, (filmed by Callum's drone - one a week) a Painted Egg competition and Grow a Giant Sunflower. A Helpline where the housebound can ask for volunteers to collect prescriptions, shopping etc. Thank you to all involved. Neighbours have been great at shopping, baking and chatting at a suitable distance over the fence.

3. Update of the Strategic Parish Plan:

Progress on the plan was updated, copy attached. Provision of a footpath through the old church yard to the new burial ground has been actioned and passed to Graham Smith. Cllr Wilson-Petch advised that the proposed Moor Road development is still going ahead however with a new developer. TS confirmed the Emergency Plan is on-going. TS is working with residents to develop the Glebe Court Community Garden. TS is maintaining the garden and looking for funding to develop it further.

4. Update on Play Parks:

Glebe Court has now become a community garden.

5. Annual Parish Show:

The Annual Parish show has been postponed until 21st August 2021.

6. Any other business:

The Parish are considering the Tidy Gardens Competition still taking place this year. VE will liaise with all involved and try to make this happen.

7. Questions from residents:

No questions were asked.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm.

Signed by..... this.....day of May, 2020