

## **MELSONBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Held on Wednesday 19th May 2021, at 7.00pm St James Church Meeting Room

Present: Cllr Judith Stansfield (Chair), Cllr Vince Elrington (Vice Chairman), Cllr David Dixon, Cllr Stuart Priestley, Cllr W Nixon (WN), Cllr T Sutton (TS), Jenny Pears (clerk). Residents: Mrs L Pratt and Mr R Vart.

### **1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th May 2020:**

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 however the weather and Covid restrictions have meant it is less frequent.
- The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is now active in the village, training has taken place and volunteers are monitoring and turning the sign.
- 'No Cold Calling' signs have been printed and made available to households to prevent cold calling door to door. A no cold calling zone is being pursued.
- Burial Ground annual maintenance inspection has taken place and remedial work is being carried out.
- The damaged dog waste bin at the end of Jagger Lane has been replaced.
- Glebe Court Play Park is becoming a community garden. A grant was awarded to develop a social space for residents.
- Work on updating the Emergency Plan is ongoing.
- The precept for 2021/22 was increased to £10363.50
- The village water and sewage infrastructure are being investigated by Northumbrian Water following a letter from Melsonby Parish Council to Rishi Sunak MP, North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire District Council, Northumbrian Water and Highways.
- Donation of £90 was made to refurbish the Church clock.
- Limegarth Development (new housing development) - planning permission has been delayed. The Parish Council has asked that the current water and infrastructure is resolved before it progresses.
- A revised information booklet is available for all new households who move to the village.
- Ken Hall has stood down from his voluntary work; the Parish Council would like to thank him for his support and hard work.
- The grass cutting contract for 2021/22 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 2021; no major issues were identified, there was one advisory at St James Park.
- An outreach postal service is operating in the Church every Friday morning.
- The area surrounding the Well, wall and village signage as you enter the village has been tidied up and now maintained.
- A bi-monthly Newsletter has been posted on Facebook, the website and several lampposts to provide information of support and activities during lockdown.
- **Community events and support:** Several bonding activities have been organised: A Bear Hunt, Rainbows for the NHS, a weekly Clapathon for the NHS, (filmed by Callum Shorten's drone one week) a Painted Egg competition, scarecrow competition and Grow a Giant Sunflower. A Helpline where the housebound can ask for volunteers to collect prescriptions, shopping etc. was established. 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.

### **4. Update on Play Parks:**

Glebe Court has now become a community garden, funding has been granted and the transformation is underway.

### **5. Annual Parish Show:**

The Annual Parish show is taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

### **6. Any other business:**

The Tidy Gardens Competition is taking place this year. VE will liaise with all involved.

### **7. Questions from residents:**

No questions were asked.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed by..... this.....day of May, 2021