

Updates from South Milford Parish Council – February 2019

South Milford Park. It was revealed that Cllr Rita Faria Dean will be stepping down from the Park Committee in the near future – she is currently secretary to this committee as well as being the Parish Council representative, and the Parish Council would like to thank her for her service on this committee.

Rita reported that a clean-up had been arranged whereby volunteers had agreed to prune invasive vegetation and tidy-up and clean the park equipment and that arrangements had been made to purchase a rooted Christmas tree. In addition, the Parish Council consented to fund work (carried out by a suitably qualified gardener) to remove the more permanent ivy and brambles that are making damaging incursions into the park and wall at the west end of the playing field.

Highways. It was reported that pot holes have been repaired in various locations within the village but that some now appeared too prominent, creating a trip hazard. It was arranged that this matter be pursued with the county council (NYCC).

Possible new changing rooms for cricket and football clubs. Nothing has so far been finalised but discussions are continuing around a possible joint facility on the cricket club land. This is now with the clubs to progress, noting that potential funding may be available from the Parish Council and a local benefactor.

Trees. In keeping with Parish Council's determination to safeguard the environment, it was agreed that a reputable tree surgeon be appointed to examine all trees growing on Parish Council land to establish whether any maintenance work is required.

Possible dog exercise area. In an effort to make more effective use of council resources the creation of a 'dog exercise area' was discussed. There was a consensus that this would tick various boxes which included: providing an area for residents to exercise their dogs, reducing dog fouling and appropriate use of particular financial resources. The Parish Council will take forward the possible creation of such an area in the coming months.

Potential new footpath. A resident had proposed a footpath from Battersby's roundabout to Old Quarry Lane along York Road (the A162). The Parish Council were supportive of this, however it was agreed that this required county council funding and approval, therefore the appropriate NYCC councillor would be contacted to seek assistance in the matter.

Experimental waiting restrictions (ie yellow lines) on Milford Road. NYCC has requested feedback on the effectiveness of this traffic order. The Parish Council discussed this and it was agreed that its position was unchanged from when it provided initial comments to NYCC in summer 2018.

School library. It was announced that an email from Nadia Lindsay had been received thanking the Parish Council for its £4,500 contribution towards the school library project.

Grit bins. South Milford's reputation for having more grit bins per head of population than any other parish council in the district of Selby* was further enhanced when a new bin was recently installed on Old Quarry Lane in Lumby. On this point, many thanks to the Lumby resident for uncovering the old damaged grit bin (totally covered in ivy!) and highlighting that this needed replacing.

* note that this is an unverified statistic!

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Our next meetings will be on Tuesday 26 March and Tuesday 23 April, 7.30pm at Grove House. All are welcome to attend.

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