

Updates from South Milford Parish Council

The latest South Milford Parish Council meeting took place on Tuesday 7th January 2020 in Grove House.

Planning applications

Residents attended to raise various concerns relating to the planning application recently made to install a building next to the GP surgery on High Street. After reviewing all concerns, the Parish Council confirmed it will raise an objection to the application on the grounds of the potential increased flood risk and the loss of residential amenity due to the close proximity to a resident's home.

Concerns were also raised about how the work at the GP surgery is being undertaken, in terms of working hours and possible safety issues. The Parish Council has no influence or authority in these matters and any such issues should be addressed to Selby District Council Enforcement team.

The Parish Council will also be re-submitting its previous objection to the application for the site at 16 Low Street, after a revised application was submitted with no material changes relative to the original application.

Other planning applications were reviewed and no objections made.

Football club

An update was provided from a South Milford Football Club representative on plans to install changing rooms at the football ground. All plans are subject to funding and planning approval and so not yet confirmed, but the plans are supported by the Parish Council and many residents alike.

Precept for 2020/21

Preliminary discussions relating to next year's budgets were held. In respect of this, it was agreed that precept requested from residents (paid as part of council tax bills) would be left broadly unchanged relative to last year. Overall this translates to Parish Council income for 2020/21 similar to prior years of approximately £25k.

Potential future spending

In addition to recurring costs such as maintenance, insurance and the clerk wages, the Parish Council propose to provide significant funding to:

- SMAF (South Milford Against Flooding) to install flood defences near Steeton Hall – The SMAF group has worked hard to research the available solutions and select one that will be effective. Its funding avenues are limited and the Parish Council believes this to be a worthy cause to support, which will help to prevent flooding on High Street and surrounding areas and thus benefit the village as a whole.
- South Milford Football Club to support the changing rooms project – The proposed improvements at the football ground have been researched for some time; these changes will enable the football club to attract new people and provide the required facilities for teams of all ages – no more trudging home in muddy boots!
- Potential maintenance and/or replacement of play equipment at South Milford park – The finer details of what is required in the park grounds are not yet fully known and will be addressed later in the year.

The Parish Council will next convene at Grove House on Tuesday 18th February at 19:30 – all are welcome.

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