

Updates from South Milford Parish Council

- **Planning** – Whitecote Lane housing development with doctors surgery – this was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 21 November 2017 and the Council submitted objections to Selby District Council – currently awaiting decision.
- **Bus services** – Arriva run the only public buses serving South Milford – 402/403 Leeds to Selby and 493 Sherburn to Pontefract. Search for these route numbers through Arriva's website (www.arrivabus.co.uk) for routes and timetables. Currently these buses only stop along Low Street, however we understand from NYCC that the 493 service will start serving Sand Lane, Wain Gap and High Street in the near future.
- **Train station** – The Council have objected to Northern Rail regarding the introduction of parking charges and the poor quality of facilities at the station. These objections have been backed up by District and County Councillors and Nigel Adams MP, however it appears the parking charges are here to stay. As expected this has resulted in some cars parking on Milford Road (which has no parking restrictions) NYCC have said they will monitor this situation carefully. We have been promised improved station facilities (lighting, CCTV and ticket machines) but no firm timescales have been provided.
- **Highways** – Double yellow lines are to be painted on Sand Lane next to the junction with Low Street (opposite BP garage) to make this junction safe and improve the flow of traffic.
- **Footpath access** – The footpath / track which runs North from Ingsthorne Lane towards the Railway Cottages has recently been closed off by the landowner(s). Certain residents were unhappy about this and it was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 9 January 2018. Whilst this has been regularly used by residents for many years, it is not a Public Right of Way (PROW) and the landowner(s) are therefore entitled to close the access way. Please see the minutes of our 9 January meeting for further information.
- **Sherburn Aero Club** – The Parish Council continue to liaise with the Aero Club (including attendance at their formal liaison meetings) to raise concerns regarding planes regularly overflying South Milford and Lumby (which they should not do if following their agreed flight paths). A full update on this is available on our website and Facebook page. Residents are encouraged to complain to the Aero Club if the overflying planes are causing concern:
www.sherburnaeroclub.com / flightdesk@sherburnaeroclub.com / 01977 682 674
- **Christmas lights** – The Parish Council has once again organised the village Christmas lights, including new lights designed by children at the primary school and the well attended switch on event on at the British Legion.
- **South Milford Against Flooding (SMAF)** – Volunteers from SMAF continue to work hard to try and reduce the risk of major flooding events affecting the village. The main current project is to build a 'bund' to slow the flow of water into the village, to the side of Whitecote Lane beyond Steeton Hall. The design of this 'bund' was funded by the Parish Council and hopefully it will be built during 2018.
- **Grit bins** – Following requests for additional grit bins and noting the challenges around finding volunteers to be responsible for filling the bins, and ideally gritting the pavements when necessary, the Parish Council is going to fully review this situation in advance of the 2018/19 winter. A full update on this is available on our website and Facebook page.
- **Financial support** – In recent months the Parish Council have provided financial support to various local events: South Milford bonfire, Grove Crescent residents Christmas party, Santa dash charity run and the Christmas lights switch on event.

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