

Updates from South Milford Parish Council – January 2019

- **New Parish Councillor:** We're pleased to announce that the Parish Council has a new councillor, Simon Brooksbank, resident in South Milford.
- **Christmas lights:** As in previous years, the Parish Council organised the Switch On event and funded the Christmas Lights along Low Street. The council has agreed that funding new lights each year would be too expensive going forward, and not needed due to the lights we now own. However, it was agreed that we should still have a Switch On event in future and could potentially seek sponsorship to fund new lights.
- **Grove House Christmas Party:** The Parish Council provided a donation to help fund the 2018 Grove House Christmas Party.
- **School library:** The Parish Council has agreed to provide significant funding to help the school complete its impressive library refurbishment and update project.
- **School art visits:** The council have also agreed to fund an artist's visit to the school later in 2019, where the children will create 3D cardboard models, which will remain as art works in the school.
- **Planes flying over the parish:** In September last year one of the main circuit routes used by planes from Sherburn Aeroclub was changed, to try and reduce the impact of planes flying over the parish. The revised route turns straight after take-off before the A162 bypass (between South Milford and Sherburn). This turn soon after take-off has proved unsafe/impossible for certain planes/pilots and in certain conditions, therefore we are now experiencing a mix of this new route and the old circuit route (running west along the northern edge of the village and turning back eastwards to run between South Milford and Lumby). We are aware of residents being effected by both of these circuits, particularly where pilots are straying slightly off course. The council will continue to monitor this situation and liaise with the Aeroclub to try and minimise the impact their flying has on residents in the parish.
- **Grit bins:** Following recent new purchases, the parish now has a total of 23 grit bins, and all these bins are full of grit (funded by the council) ready for residents to use in gritting pavements. We'd like to remind residents that neither North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), Selby District Council, nor the Parish Council are responsible for gritting roads and pavements in the Parish. However, certain main roads should be gritted by NYCC when required.
- **Parking and traffic on Low Street near Cumin Lounge:** Some of you have reported that Low Street is getting very congested and dangerous due to a combination of significant roadside parking (particularly on evenings) and impatient drivers. We've taken the issue to NYCC Highways department who have pointed out that physical barriers (such as bollards) to stop cars mounting the pavement would not be possible given the need to allow space for wheelchair users. Also a significant stretch of yellow lines is also not a realistic option due to the parking needs of residents and visitors. Therefore, with no obvious solutions, we would ask road users to drive and park sensibly and carefully along that stretch of Low Street, and on all roads throughout our parish, to help keep drivers and pedestrians safe.
- **Speeding:** Some residents have raised concerns about speeding traffic in the parish. We are looking at the possibility of buying illuminated signs to warn drivers who exceed speed limits. The signs are not cheap so we need to consider this carefully, including the logistics involved, noting that one option would be signs that can be moved to different locations from time-to-time.

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