

Updates from South Milford Parish Council

South Milford Park

Cllr Faria Dean's has stepped down as the Parish Council's representative on the Park committee and will be replaced by Cllr Grogan. The Parish Council (PC) would like to thank Cllr Faria Dean for her work whilst a member of the Park committee. The Park committee has recently held its AGM and appointed members to the main positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Andrew Robinson has kindly offered to supply a Christmas tree to become a permanent feature in the Park. Work has been carried out, funded by the PC, to remove the intrusive ivy and brambles from the T-Post end of the park. The broken piece of play equipment will be replaced or repaired as soon as possible.

Highways

Issues were raised by residents regarding the quality of the pothole repairs and these have been shared with NYCC to address. It was noted that the yellow lines have not yet been painted at the junction of Sand Lane and Low Street and it was agreed to pursue this with NYCC. The PC are aware of the possibility of a new footpath from the A162/A63 roundabout to Old Quarry Lane. Cllr Hobson from NYCC is involved and any progress will be reported in due course, noting that this will be dependent on funding being available from NYCC.

Sherburn Aero Club

There have been reports of recent flights after 8pm (the usual closing time). Cllr Gigg raised this with the club who have taken steps to ensure this will not happen again.

Christmas Lights

Leeds Lights have held their prices this year in terms of the storage and fitment. Cllr Houston has written an article, which has been published in the Milford Messenger and included on the Parish Council's web page, seeking sponsorship for new lights in the future. If no sponsors come forward, there will be no new lights this year, but the PC do have enough lights to fill the lamp posts along Low Street (as in previous years) and the Switch On event should go ahead as normal.

Dog walking area

The PC is considering pursuing Section 106 monies (funds for use to improve open spaces, available following previous housing developments in the village) to fund the creation of a dog exercise area and is currently exploring the parameters of a boundary and the necessary fencing requirements. The site would be the Old Quarry, to the right of Westfield Lane on the way out of the village.

Weed control

The PC is contacting SDC / NYCC to check on plans for weed spraying footpaths and kerbs around the Parish and may consider funding additional treatments if deemed necessary.

Fly-tipping

Rubbish, which included rubble and broken glass, had been tipped on land under the trees adjacent to Westfield Lane. This was reported to SDC although it was unknown as to whether the rubbish had been fully cleared. It was agreed that the site be checked.

Ingthorne Lane footpath

This item was the subject of a resident article in last month's Messenger, and it was discussed by the PC at its 23 April meeting. As background, a track between Meadow Lane and Ingthorne Lane (between South Milford and Monk Fryston) has been the subject of controversy since access was blocked around 18 months ago. This issue was initially discussed at the PC's January 2018 meeting, where it was confirmed that the track was not

a Public Right of Way (PROW) and therefore a landowner would be entitled to prevent public access.

A number of residents have contacted the PC asking us to consider this issue further, hence the discussion at the PC 23 April meeting. This matter is still ongoing, and further updates will follow, however the PC has established:

1. The land forming part of the footpath appears to be unregistered.
2. A resident has now made formal application to register the land.
3. NYCC are currently undertaking a process to establish whether the footpath is a PROW, in which case it will form part of the NYCC public register of PROWs. However, this procedure can take anything from 12 months to 24 months to complete.

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Our next meetings will be on Tuesday 28 May and Tuesday 25 June, 7.30pm at Grove House. All are welcome to attend.