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Micklefield Parish Council

MICKLEFIELDER



HAPPY
New Year

WINTER 2022

A quarterly newsletter, delivered free to all households in the Parish of Micklefield

MICKLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Micklefield Parish Council usually meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.15pm, at Churchville House, Churchville Drive, LS25 4AW. Every meeting begins with a public forum, at which members of the public can speak (members of the public may not speak during the meeting unless invited to by the Parish Council). The Parish Council also has a Finance and Corporate Management Committee, which meets on the third Monday of February, June and October, in the I.T. suite of Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre (The Old Fire Station), Great North Road, LS25 4AG, at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public and notices of meetings, with an agenda, are posted on the community noticeboards at least three days before a meeting. Notices of meetings and copies of agendas and minutes are also available on the Parish Council's website, www.micklefield-pc.gov.uk.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Parish Council recently filled both its vacancies. The Parish Council welcomes Cllr Peter Meir and Cllr Anne Robertson. Contact details for both can be found on the back page of Micklefielder and on the Parish Council's website, www.micklefield-pc.gov.uk.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Parish Council has continued its 'in bloom' work with its group of volunteers (Micklefield in Bloom), who work hard throughout the year to provide beautiful displays of flowers and shrubs around the village. Micklefield in Bloom will also help the Parish Council with a new community orchard, after the Parish Council agreed to take over the project from Micklefield Regeneration Partnership. Technical issues need to be addressed before the project can start. The Parish Council agreed to give a grant of £160.99 to Micklefield Community Green Group for the purchase of seeds and plant plugs that the group will sow and plant in the wildflower meadow in spring. The Parish Council has representatives to other bodies and committees. Its representatives to the Peckfield Landfill Site Liaison Committee are Cllr J L Auty, Cllr D Backhouse and Cllr R M Czwaro, with Cllr D Brown as deputy. They attend meetings to raise complaints and problems with the operator, Leeds City Council and the Environment Agency. Its representatives to the Hook Moor Wind Farm Liaison Committee are Cllr J A Crossley and Cllr R M Czwaro. The Parish Council also regularly responds to consultations and comments on planning applications submitted to the Local Planning Authority (Leeds City Council).

The views expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the Parish Council or any of its members. The editorial team reserves the right to shorten, modify or not print any letter or article submitted.



Micklefield Community First Responders

The Micklefield team has been active for 18 years responding to medical emergencies in your local community, providing vital support and reassurance before the ambulance arrives. Dedicated volunteers are urgently required to enable this team to continue to support the community, working alongside the ambulance services who provide training in patient care, life support skills and using equipment such as oxygen and Automated External Defibrillators. You will be supported by a designated co-ordinator.

For further information contact our YAS Co-coordinator
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Yorkshire Ambulance Service
Mobile; 07789271072
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VEHICLE BODY WORK



ALL ASPECTS OF WORK UNDERTAKEN

- .FULL RESPRAYS**
- .MINOR DENTS AND SCRATCHES**
- .MACHINE POLISHING**
- .COLOUR MATCHING**
- .INSURANCE REPAIRS**

**ENTERPRISE COURT
MICKLEFIELD
LS25 4BU
TEL: 07740965403**

Micklefield BT Cyberstation at The Youth and Adult Centre

Craft club; Tuesday 1pm - 3pm term time only

Youth Club ; Tuesday 6:30pm - 8.30pm 11-17 year olds.

1st Micklefield Scout Group;

Beavers boys and girls aged 6-8 years [Wednesday 6pm]

Cubs boys and girls 8-10 1/2 years [Wednesday 6pm]

Scouts boys and girls aged 10 1/2-14 years [Monday 7pm]

New members welcome

Please check Facebook page 1st Micklefield Scout Group or email

gsl.micklefieldscouts@gmail.com for further information .

WANTED, We are looking for more adults to help with all groups, so we can run the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers separately , numbers of children attending have increased by 50%,

Churchville House Social Centre

Ward Councillors Surgery; the first Saturday of the month 9am – 9:45am

Micklefield Tenants and Residents Association: all four officers of the association have stepped down and a new Committee with officers will need to be formed. Anybody interested in getting involved with this active group needs to contact Melvyn Prior, Manager, at Retirement Life (the relevant wing of Leeds City Council) for further information.

Email: melvyn.prior@leeds.gov.uk

If any other groups have recommenced using the Centre could you please let us know so we can publish it in the next newsletter.

Editorial Team

Cllrs. Joan Auty (joanauty@hotmail.co.uk), Jon Crossley and Michael Czwarno.

Items/articles you wish to have published in the next issue please give to any member of the team or Parish Councillor.

Articles for next newsletter, closing date 11th March 2022

Thank you, Joan.

AMENITIES

The wetpour surface at Vandicourt playground has been cleaned, the moss and algae was removed and a prohibitor spray applied. The net on the multi-play unit at Vandicourt playground has also been repaired. The play equipment in the recreation ground and Vandicourt playground, the skate park and the MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) have been checked by an inspector qualified to undertake annual play inspections. Play and recreational equipment is also checked weekly by an RPII qualified routine play inspector.

The Parish Council has re-appointed Aire and Calder Ltd. to carry out the grounds maintenance at Micklefield Recreation Ground and Vandicourt (Micklefield Quarry SSSI), and the maintenance of shrub beds at Milestone Bankings and Garden Village bus shelter.

LIGHTING, ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

The Parish Council is examining the possibility of installing new village name signs at each of the village entrances. It also continues to pursue a project with the potential to lead to a cycle path between Micklefield and Garforth. The project is in its very early stages and requires permissions and agreements from various different organisations before it can be realised. If you want to help prevent dog fouling, details of specific locations and times of fouling and persons responsible for leaving dog foul on the footpath would greatly help the Dog Warden Service to reduce the problem, so anyone with information should contact Leeds City Council via the online report form at www.leeds.gov.uk or on [0113 2224407](tel:0113 2224407). Street lighting, roads and footpaths are all the responsibility of Leeds City Council. Problems with highways, including pot-holes, holes in, or damage to, footpaths and obstructions on roads and footpaths, from advertising signs to overgrown hedgerows, shrubbery or grass verges, should be reported to Leeds City Council on [01132224407](tel:01132224407), or via its website www.leeds.gov.uk. If you have any problems with streetlights in your area not working correctly, they can be reported to Leeds City Council on [0113 2224407](tel:0113 2224407), or via the Leeds City Council website. Dumped rubbish can be reported to Leeds City Council on [0113 2224406](tel:0113 2224406), or via the Leeds City Council website. Leeds City Council has 'Do it online' report forms on its website for all the above problems.

PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND POWERS

Whenever it makes a decision to do something, the Parish Council must be sure that there is a law that supports this. If there isn't, then the Parish Council hasn't acted legally. If the Parish Council is not undertaking work that you think it should be, it might be because it does not have the legal power to do so.


.....AND FINALLY

Notices of all Parish Council meetings (ordinary and extraordinary), Committee meetings and meetings of the Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity are posted in each village notice board and on the Parish Council website, at least three clear days before the meeting, as required by law. Though not a legal requirement, the Parish Council also posts an agenda of the business to be transacted at the meeting. Any other business of the Council, including legally required documents such as vacancy notices and audit notices, is posted in the Council's notice boards and on its website, so checking regularly can help you keep up with Parish Council activities.

Joanne Hebden
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Micklefield Parish Council
(Sole Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity)

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Community Infrastructure Levy
See following explanatory article page 6 & 7



Caird Peckfield, (operators of the landfill site), at the last liaison meeting on the 16th November 2021 reported that there were no health and safety issues. Tipping operations were continuing in cell 11B and the restoration programme continues, weather permitting.

If you have any concerns about odours, litter or general concerns about the site, as always you can contact the Peckfield Landfill office on 0113 2865784 with any questions or issues, or contact the Environment Agency on 0800807060.
The next liaison meeting is Tuesday 18th January.

Micklefield Hedgehog Rescue on Hall Farm Park

What is this? This small rescue has been open informally for over a decade, and formally for about 5 years. Originally it was just for local hedgehogs in need, then expanded to take in hoggies from across Leeds. That became too much, so now we are only helping East Leeds towns and villages. However, even if we are closed, we will still accept hogs from Micklefield village.

We have a lot of experience and work very closely with Westwood vets. We also train and mentor new rescues; three so far, and we have an educational project ongoing with Askham Bryan College.

Who is involved? At the moment, our main people are Jayne Hartley, Jim Cottrell and Deb Tetley. We also have Christine Smith (from The Animal Team) from Garforth who helps out once a week, and a few fosterers, over-winterers and other helpers such as drivers.



How can I help? If you would like to support our work, we always need puppy pads, Pedigree or other dog brand Loaf, Iams or Tesco kitten biscuits and newspaper (please take staples and glossy inserts out). We also need more fosterers, over-winterers and cleaners. Over 18s only.

Why don't you apply to Banks or Tesco for funding? We already did and were refused: both funds are for the benefit of people only.

I have found a hedgehog. What should I do? If you find a hedgehog out in the day, bring it indoors, put it in a high sided box and keep it really warm. Offer it water and get it to me asap. If I am out, please try these associated rescues: Garforth Hedgehogs, The Hedgehog Shed in Lofthouse, Hedgehog Meadows in Cridling Stubbs. All are on Facebook but the Shed is also on Twitter. There is also Castleford Hedgehogs and Prickly Edge. The only website you need to find a rescue is this one: www.yorkshirehedgehogs.co.uk

I haven't seen a hedgehog in Micklefield yet except dead ones on the road.

How can I get one in my garden? We aren't doing hedgehog releasing in Micklefield now because of all the building work. Instead we have released around 12 in Aberford and 20 in selected locations in Garforth. When (if) it is all finished I hope to start up a Village hedgehog supporters group, and will release in the village again once we have a core group of supporters. There is a small but fairly sickly population here and it could easily be boosted with the right support.

Why do we care about hedgehogs anyway? Hedgehog numbers have gone down from 30 million to around 1 million. They are officially classed as 'vulnerable to extinction' in the UK (July 2020).

Hogs are all just trying to eke out a living by eating bugs – mainly beetles and caterpillars. 'No bugs' doesn't make a safe, tidy space; it means the entire environment is sterile, which is not good for us either.

Why don't they come into my garden – I have millions of slugs and snails?

Hedgehogs don't like eating slugs or snails any more than you do. They catch two really bad parasites from them. If there is nothing else to eat then they will eat slimy things. But basically, crunchy=good, slimy=bad.

Thanks, Jayne.



Hello and a very Happy New Year to you all.

My name is Emma Cook and I am the Interim Headteacher here at Micklefield C of E Primary School. I started in September and have loved every minute. Staff, children, parents and members of the community have made me feel so welcome, it feels longer than one term.

I hope you all received our Christmas card and leaflet that were posted through doors just before Christmas. The quotes on the leaflet are from our Ofsted monitoring visit in November. I know that the school has had its challenges in the past, but there have been rapid changes in school, resulting in improved outcomes for children. This was recognised in the report and you can read the document on the Ofsted website.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

In October, we held our Harvest festival in St Mary's Church. It was so lovely to see the children back in church and as always, the donations from families and the community were in abundance.

We had hoped to finish the year by performing our Nativity in church, however due to the increase in Omicron cases across the country, we had to switch to an online performance instead. The children rose to the challenge and it was a great success. We rounded off the term with a virtual panto, Christmas film night, Christmas crafts, Breakfast with Santa and a Christmas present for every child. These fantastic events were arranged by the brilliant Friends of Micklefield parent group. Thank you!

If you want to see the amazing learning that is happening at school, please take a look at our new Twitter account, @micklefieldcep
It's a great reflection of daily life in school.

I wish you a happy and prosperous 2022 filled with Faith, Hope and Love.

Emma Cook
Interim Headteacher
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MICKLEFIELD RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

Micklefield Recreation Ground is a registered Charity (registered with The Charity Commission) that is managed by Micklefield Parish Council as the Sole Trustee of the Charity. The Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity meets on the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7.30pm, in the I.T suite of Micklefield Youth and Adult Centre, The Old Fire Station, Great North Road, LS25 4AG. Meetings are open to the public and notices and agendas of meetings are posted on the community notice boards at least three days before a meeting. Notices of meetings and copies of agendas and draft minutes are also available on the Parish Council's website,

www.micklefield-pc.gov.uk.

FACILITIES

The Parish Council has agreed to repair the road that leads to the original, informal car park near the MUGA. It is also arranging the repair of the football pitch perimeter fence, the wooden seat in the wildflower meadow and the zip-wire ramp. Micklefield Community Green Group has offered to sow new seeds on the wildflower meadow in spring to increase the number and variety of flowers.

DOG WALKING

Dog walking is a recreational activity and is therefore not banned from the Recreation Ground. However, dog fouling is not permitted, due to the health risk caused by animal faeces and the Parish Council would urge all dog walkers to clear up after their dogs and thanks those who are already doing so. Please keep dogs out of the play areas, including the skate park and the football pitch; they are used extensively by children, who are at particular risk from the slightest amount of dog waste that will be left behind even if you do clear up after your dog. Dogs can also damage the surface of the football pitch, which causes a risk of injuries to players and increases maintenance costs.

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The Recreation Ground is for the benefit of the public and for the improvement of life through recreation, so please enjoy it.

Joanne Hebden
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Micklefield Parish Council
(Sole Trustee of Micklefield Recreation Ground Charity)

A MORE-‘CIL’ OF EXTRA MONEY FOR MICKY

The Community Infrastructure Levy (commonly called ‘CIL’) is a charge paid to Leeds City Council by developers who are creating new buildings in the Leeds district. As Micklefield is a parished area in Leeds, the Parish Council receives up to 15% of any CIL paid to the City Council from developments in Micklefield. If and when Micklefield has a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council’s proportion of the CIL will be 25%.

CIL is charged on any relevant developments in Leeds where planning permission was granted after 6th April 2015, and for residential developments in Micklefield, developers are charged £45 per m² of net additional floorspace. There are four housing developments currently being built out in Micklefield: the Barratt Homes and Persimmon Homes site around Manor Farm and Garden Village; the Strata Homes site around Grange Farm Court; the Avant Homes site off Church Lane; and the Taylor Wimpey site between Pit Lane and The Crescent.

Micklefield Parish Council has received a considerable amount of CIL from just the first two of those developments - about £245,000 - plus a small payment from the CC Homes site at Church Close. To date, the Parish Council has received £246,471, and there will be even more CIL to come from the Avant Homes and Taylor Wimpey sites and, later on, from the Duchy Homes site at the North End of Old Micklefield.

The Parish Council’s CIL “must be used to support the development of the local area by funding (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.” This includes physical, social, green and blue infrastructure and a broad range of projects such as transport initiatives, highways, play areas, parks and green spaces, footpaths, cycleways, sports facilities and community halls, flood risk alleviation, ultra-fast broadband or the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

What the CIL monies cannot be used for is to pay for the Parish Council’s everyday expenditure and running costs. In other words, please don’t go down the route of thinking that the CIL can be used as a means of reducing the Parish Council Precept – that’s not what it’s for.

Cllr Jon A Crossley (Chairman), Micklefield Parish Council



THE ASSISTANT CURATE WRITES...

How many times have you heard 'What a year it's been!' and sadly we were saying exactly the same thing at the end of 2020. It has been hard and yet there has been so much to be proud of too. Like so many communities Micklefield has really tried to support others and this is wonderfully illustrated by the way folk have supported Selby Food Bank (SFB) by bringing food and toiletries to place in the box at the back of the church. Our collection in mid-December totalled our highest yet 76Kg and prior to that the school donated all their Harvest gifts. SFB is part of the Trussell Trust and this means areas where there is good support can easily share with those areas where donations are not so plentiful. So when SFB has plenty they fill a van and share with food banks in South Yorkshire. Thank you for all that you are doing to help those who just do not have enough.

The shortest day has gone and we are starting to move towards lighter days and the signs of new life of Spring. The festivals reflect this hopefulness. At Candlemas at the beginning of

February we light candles to show how light always penetrates darkness - goodness always wins through even though that, at times, seems unlikely - and we remember how Mary and Joseph celebrated the first 40 days of Jesus' life (that didn't seem likely when the only place Mary had to give birth was a stable). In March we celebrate Mothering Sunday as a time to say 'thank you' to those who care about us and to share that good fortune with those who may feel lonely. Why not join us at St Mary's when we distribute small plants either to put in our own garden to make people smile when they visit us or to give to someone else and bring them joy? This is very different from the commercial Mothers' Day and brings us full circle to the ways in which we can support others in our community.

Finally I would like to say 'welcome' to all those who have already or who are about to move into the village. The church is open for all Wednesday - Sunday 10am-4pm. Please do use your parish church!

Next time I will be able to bring you up-to-date with our plans for Easter!

God Bless and take care.

(Rev) Wendy Plant 07803125389 (please contact me about Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals etc and anything else with which you think I can help.)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



A very warm welcome awaits you at your local church, which aims to serve the whole community of Micklefield. We are a small and friendly congregation, meeting every week for worship.
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US.

SERVICES



- ✦ Sunday at 9:30am: Parish Eucharist, except:
- ✦ Second Sunday in the month: All Age Worship at 10:30am
- ✦ Wednesday at 9:30am: Eucharist

YOUR CHURCH IS OPEN!

Please come in to look around, find some quiet, rest a while, or say a prayer.
Wednesday to Sunday, from 10am to 4pm.

a prayer for our community

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,, be the centre, the focus of our lives.



Amen.

A warm invitation to join us for

ALL AGE WORSHIP

on the second Sunday
of the month
at 10:30am.



A service led by the congregation and especially suited to families with children.

Refreshments and children's activities until 12 noon.

ALL WELCOME - JOIN US!

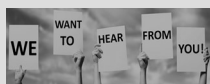
a few words from your churchwardens

OUR HOPE.... is for the church building to become a 'village hub' - a resource that can be used every day by the community of Micklefield. Essential repairs are now almost complete, thanks to very generous funding from Caird Peckfield Ltd through the Landfill Communities Fund. Our aim now is to raise funds to provide a toilet and kitchen so that the building can be used by community groups. We don't receive any financial support from the Diocese, so we shall be looking for funding wherever we can find it! If anyone has any suggestions about funding sources, or would like to make a donation towards the development fund, we would be very grateful.

Angela and Sharon

CONTACT US

**How can our church best serve our community?
Please tell us your views!**



Email us at stmarys_micklefield@outlook.com... or contact us via our Facebook page...or call in and see us!

Your churchwardens are
Sharon Beanland: 07980 485043 and Angela Brook: 07793 123887

HOW DO YOU THINK THE MICKLEFIELD CIL MONIES SHOULD BE SPENT?

ON WHAT PROJECTS? WHICH INITIATIVES? WHEREABOUTS IN THE PARISH?

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS, THEN COME AND JOIN US AT ONE, EITHER OR EVEN BOTH OF THE

CIL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DROP-IN EVENTS

Thursday 10th March 2022

**The Old Fire Station Youth & Adult Centre
4.00pm to 8.00pm**

AND

Monday 14th March 2022

**Churchville House Social Centre
4.00pm to 8.00pm**

The Parish Council's Strategy Group includes key representatives from Micklefield Regeneration Partnership for the purposes of the CIL community consultation, and we have already identified a number of 'infrastructure' projects that *could* be funded or part-funded by the CIL monies, but we can't operate in our own little bubble. There may be a host of other projects and initiatives that we haven't even thought of, and we need your input at this vital early stage. This is about generating positive ideas for using the CIL monies though; finding out which projects residents do *not* like and don't want the CIL monies to be spent on will come later in the community consultation process.

Budget printed separately