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Micklefield Parish Council

MICKLEFIELDER



SPRING 2023

**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.

ELECTIONS

Parish and Town Council elections will be held on Thursday 4th May 2023 but due to insufficient nominations, the election in Micklefield is uncontested and will not be held. There will also be elections for Leeds City Council on this day.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Parish Council now has a Facebook page, where you can keep up with its news and activities, with links to further information on the Parish Council's website. The website also features news and updates, but also has a large library of documents, including minutes of meetings, agendas, financial information and policies.

The Parish Council gave a grant of £250.00 to Micklefield Regeneration Partnership toward the cost of holding a garden party to celebrate the coronation of HRH King Charles III. The garden party will be held on Sunday 7th May, 2pm to 5pm, at Churchville House, Churchville Drive.

The Parish Council's nomination of the Bland's Arm Public House as an asset of community value was successful and it has now been added to the list kept by Leeds City Council. This means that if the property is put up for sale, the Parish Council will be notified and has six months to put together a bid, during which the owner cannot sell the pub. This six month period gives the Parish Council a chance to organise the purchase of the pub should it wish, but doesn't oblige the owner to sell it to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is seeking funding to extend its Christmas lights display for 2023. There will be more motif lights on lamp posts on main routes through the village but they will need to be fitted with sensors before they can be used.



Micklefield C of E Primary Academy
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TRUST



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

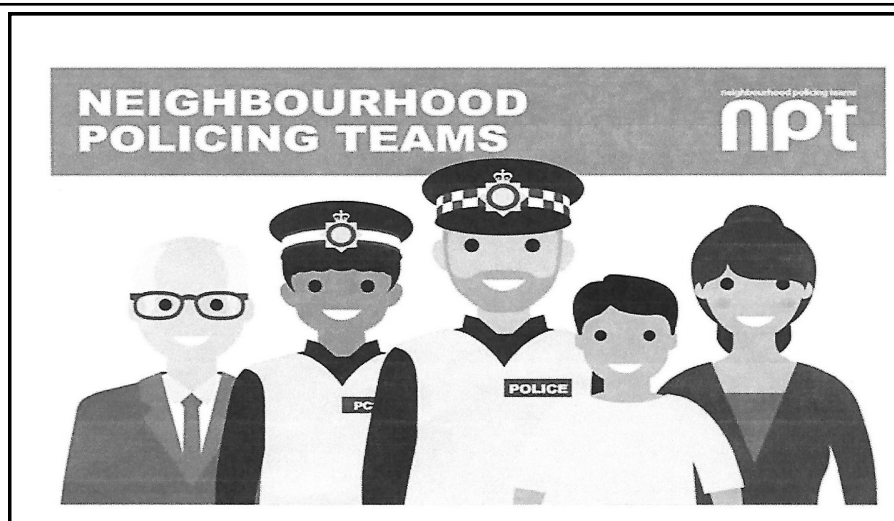
Spring is here and with it brought our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. We are delighted to share with you that the inspector has graded Micklefield Church of England Primary Academy as good. It was a long day, full of rigorous questions to staff, children, governors and parents.

The inspectors commented on our strong offer to families stating, "The nurture of pupils and families is a central feature of the school's practice. Everyone in the school community is treated with love, dignity and respect." and "Adults create a culture that embraces and knows each person as an individual. Pupils state that Micklefield is a 'welcoming school.' This is evident in how individual pupils who join the school quickly settle, make friends and are given the strongest possible start."

Please do take time to read the report in full. We still have some spaces in school. If any families wish to visit school prior to their child starting, we would be only too happy to show you around our lovely village school where, our Christian vision of Faith, Hope and Love, enables all to grow, flourish and achieve their God-given potential.

In Faith, Hope and Love,

**Emma Cook
Head Teacher
Micklefield C of E Primary Academy
Great North Road
Micklefield
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**MICKLEFIELD
NPT CONTACT POINT**

WHERE: Churchville House, Churchville Drive, Micklefield. LS25 4AW

WHEN: The first Saturday of the month at 9am.

Come and speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

www.westyorkshire.police.uk

E-mail: outereast@westyorkshire.police.uk

Direct telephone number: 101

The next PACT meeting is 21st June 19:30—21:00, at St Mary's Church Annex, Station Road, Allerton Bywater, WF10 2DH



The last Liaison meeting was on 21st March with updates from the site, the Environment Agency and LCC planning department. There is still inert tipping to ensure contours are correct before final capping.

Restoration is ongoing, depending on the weather conditions. Any queries or issues on litter and/or offensive odours, please get in touch with the site on 01132865784 or Environment Agency on 0800807060

Regards

[The next Liaison meeting is planned for 6th June 2023]

In collaboration with Micklefield Green Group, the Parish Council will be helping to fund and run a pilot for a scheme to 're-wild' appropriate grass verges in the village. Suitable verges will be sown with native wildflower seeds to encourage an increase in the number and variety of native species. The scheme will gradually be extended throughout the village.

The Parish Council has representatives to other bodies and committees. Its representatives to the Peckfield Landfill Site Liaison Committee are Cllr J L Auty and Cllr R M Czwarno, 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 Czwarno. The Parish Council also regularly responds to consultations and comments on planning applications submitted to the Local Planning Authority (Leeds City Council), copies of which are available on the Parish Council's website.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The internal audit of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 will be undertaken by Yorkshire Internal Audit Services. PKF Littlejohn LLP has been appointed by the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments to undertake the external audit of the accounts. All notices and required documents will be posted on the Parish Council's noticeboards, website and Facebook page.

LIGHTING, ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

The Parish Council and members of the public have pressed Leeds City Council and the developer of Radford Meadows, to improve the path from St Mary's Walk to the new development. The developer has laid chippings to make the path less muddy and easier and safer to use, and Leeds City Council's planning enforcement officers are working with the developers to ensure that the path is graded, has a suitable surface and is the correct width. The Parish Council has also asked Leeds City Council to consider laying double yellow lines on Church Lane (Jerry Lane) next to the Radford Meadows development and junction, to stop obstructive parking.

The Parish Council is still trying to liaise with Leeds City Council's high-ways officers to improve vehicular access along the accommodation road to the rear of Garden Village and to address the Parish Council's concerns regarding the junction of Church Lane with Ridge Road.

Please be aware that dog warden patrols in the village have begun again and that an individual walking a dog can be fined for not having dog waste bags with them, regardless of whether or not the animal has left any waste. If you want to help prevent dog fouling, details of specific locations and times of fouling and, if known, 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 222 4407. 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 0113 222 4407, 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 222 4407, or via the Leeds City Council website. Dumped rubbish can be reported to Leeds City Council on 0113 222 4406, 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

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

Community Warm Hub/ Coffee Morning. Tuesday 10-30am till 12 noon.

Bingo and raffle – chat with friends -old and new.

This has been extended till June..

N.E.T. VOLUNTERS REQUIRED please contact

Jean or Lyndsey, on 0113 2874784.

Micklefield Tenants and Residents Association: A new Committee with officers will need to be formed. Anybody interested in getting involved with this active group needs to contact Richard, Manager at Retirement Life, (the relevant wing of Leeds City Council) for further information

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

Micklefield Community First Responders

The Micklefield team has been active for 19 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:
Sharron Stoyles, Community Defibrillation Trainer
Community Resilience Team
Yorkshire Ambulance Service
Mobile: 07789271072

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 zip-wire ramp wooden step has been replaced. A range of tree maintenance works are also planned to improve the growth and range of flowers in the wildflower meadow. The Trustee has also agreed to repair the informal car park and entrance road by filling in the potholes.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The Charity has appointed Yorkshire Internal Audit Services to carry out the independent examination of the charity's accounts. The accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

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.

.....AND FINALLY

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)

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (C.I.L.) Consultation Questionnaire

A big thank you to everybody who took the time to fill in and return the Parish Council's C.I.L. consultation questionnaire. We received exactly 300 completed questionnaires, which is a fantastic result — a response rate well in excess of 10% of the entire population of Micklefield!

98 questionnaires were submitted online, and 202 (more than two thirds) were filled in using the printed questionnaires that we had delivered to each household in the village. The Parish Council's Strategic Working Group has met twice in March, and again in mid April, and with that number of returns, the task of tallying up the answers and recording the results took the whole of March to complete.

Analysing the data started in late March, and our Strategic Working Group has made good headway in assessing what residents think to the Parish Council spending our C.I.L. monies on each of the potential schemes/initiatives. Some of the schemes suggested in the questionnaire had overwhelming support, five were clearly not supported, but the vast majority of the suggested schemes had more people agreeing and strongly agreeing with them than disagreeing and strongly disagreeing.

Quite a few schemes/initiatives elicited a significant number of 'No Opinion's, and the Parish Council will need to decide how to interpret that. Many respondents took the time to offer additional suggestions/sites (where these had been invited) and we were especially grateful for the additional comments which people added in to their responses. All of these were interesting, many were useful, and some of the additional comments were acutely informative and will help the Parish Council in deciding how best to spend the C.I.L. monies.

We are supposed to spend one particular block of the C.I.L. monies by April 2024 (about £60,000), so our Strategic Working Group has been looking at 'quick wins' — schemes/initiatives that are strongly supported from the community consultation, and where enough of them are actually capable of being implemented to hit that value within twelve months. These recommended schemes will be considered by the Parish Council at the Annual Council Meeting on Thursday 11th May, and the results from the C.I.L. consultation questionnaires will be published on the PC's website in advance of that meeting.

Cllr Jon A Crossley, Chairman, Micklefield Parish Council

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 9:15am:
Parish Eucharist, except:
- ✦ Third 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

Loving God,
We thank you for this season of optimism and hope. Winter, with its cold, dark days has gone, and we live a resurrection life reflected in the new life around us.

Thank you, Lord,
for the hope and renewal that you bring,
both to this world
and to our hearts and lives.
Amen.



A warm invitation to join us for

ALL AGE WORSHIP

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



A service led by the congregation and especially suited to families with children.
After the service there will be refreshments and children's activities until 12 noon.

ALL WELCOME - JOIN US!

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR CHURCHWARDENS...

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported our application for funding to install an accessible toilet in church. It's lovely to know that the church is valued by the village - we want it to be a resource available to all. We hope to have more to report in the next issue.

As we write the churchyard is springing into life and looking very beautiful. This year we hope to manage the space to help wildlife by careful mowing and leaving some areas of longer grass.

Finally, here's the QR code for our parish giving webpage - all donations, no matter how small, are very much appreciated.

Sharon and Angela



The Assistant Curate writes

It seems strange to write this before Easter knowing that you will all be reading it after our main services! However, our celebrations continue as we remember the times when the disciples were very aware of the presence of the Risen Lord. Once again the children have done a great job building the outdoor Easter Garden - so please come and admire their efforts. During the Activity Morning they also worked very hard on planting up a herb trough on the south side of the church (the sunniest side). This is intended to benefit both the community and the pollinators and once the plants have started to grow we invite everyone to help themselves to herbs to put in casseroles/salads etc. By the Autumn hopefully they will have grown sufficiently for you to take a small cutting so you can, if you wish, grow your own herbs in a pot.

A church should try to support others who need help and try to play an active part in the community. You have been brilliant in donating items for the Selby Food Bank and we always put how much has been collected on the small notice board by the entrance gate. So many of you have also helped by knitting Easter Eggs to try to raise money for a toilet. Thank you. I know the new pathway and entrance has been appreciated by those using wheel/push chairs + the rail to make walking on the path safer in wet weather. In the Spring the churchyard is particularly beautiful so please use the seats to have a few minutes of peace and quiet!

St Mary's is looking forward to taking an active part in the Coronation celebrations. This a chance for everyone in the village to come together and not only celebrate, but also chat to each other so we become an even stronger community. Sometimes folk are unable physically to come to church so it is right that the Church goes to them at home. This is why in the last few months we have started Home Communion so that those who came to Church can still be an active part of our community. For some this is a permanent arrangement, for others it is for a short period of time. If you or someone you know wants to find out more about this, please contact me for a chat.

Although I seem to be always talking about raising funds for St Mary's we must always remember those beyond Micklefield who need support. At Christmas we supported the Children's Society through Christingles, in Lent we collected small change to send to WaterAid to provide fresh/clean water to villages in Africa and on Spring Bank Monday there will be a Children's Activity Morning (with lots of traditional games for all) + Raffle and Cake Sale to raise money for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund at Leeds Children's Hospital. This will be run by a family in our congregation whose little boy has successfully had 2 major heart operations. Please support it!

May God Bless us.

(Rev) Wendy Plant 07803125389

(please contact me about Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals etc. & anything else with which you think I can help.)

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!

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