

Micklefield Parish Council

MICKLEFIELDER



Hornbeam Gardens, Taylor Wimpey Development, Pit lane.

SUMMER 2024

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. 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 has a large library of documents, including minutes of meetings, agendas, financial information and policies.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council held its annual meeting in May. The chairman gave a verbal annual report, which included the following information:

- The Parish Council kept its full complement of 9 members for the full year
- It had formulated a plan for projects to use CIL funds as a result of public consultation.
- It had delivered its first CIL project: a seat with shelter in the recreation ground and had engaged a contractor to install a new football pitch perimeter fence
- A project to deliver a new toddler playground was progressing
- A project with Micklefield Community Green Group to increase biodiversity in the recreation ground was part completed
- A verge biodiversity project was well under way
- The Parish Council had given a grant to the Parochial Church Council for the maintenance of the churchyard
- The Christmas lights display had increased in number of lights and with 3D motifs
- The Parish Council had participated in the Leeds to Micklefield Transport Works Order Inquiry regarding the proposals for Ridge Road bridge and mitigation measures for the closure of Peckfield Level Crossing

- Continued managing the maintenance of Micklefield Recreation Ground
- It had been a successful year for Micklefield in Bloom and the team had a healthy number of volunteers
- The Parish Council was still receiving CIL and had deposited some of the existing CIL funds into two higher interest bonds
- The formation of a Neighbourhood Plan Forum was progressing
- The Parish Council had liaised with residents and contractors to achieve the improvement of the informal path on the old A1

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday 23 May. The Annual Parish Meeting is chaired by the chairman of the Parish Council but isn't a meeting of the Parish Council; it is a meeting for registered electors in Micklefield, who can make recommendations and vote on motions. The Annual Parish Meeting is held every year between 1 March and 1 June.

FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

Internal Audit Yorkshire has undertaken the internal audit of the Parish Council's accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2024 and has issued a detailed report and recommendations. The Parish Council has approved the recommendations and will incorporate them into its existing procedures. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return, comprising the approved Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements, has been sent to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP. Copies of the statements are available to view on the Parish Council's website and noticeboards, along with a Notice of the Exercise of Public Rights, which details the rights of members of the public regarding the accounts of local authorities.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Parish Council held its first Neighbourhood Plan Development Group meeting, for residents interested in forming a steering group to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. The second meeting was attended by planning officers from Leeds City Council, who gave the group more information about the process. Whilst the group has Parish Councillors as members and the Parish Council can support it, it is made up of a variety of different people, with the aim of shaping development in the village. More members are always welcome and you can register your interest with the Parish Council Clerk (contact details on back page).

Cllr J L Auty and Cllr E A Robertson attend local PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings, to raise issues with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and successfully pushed to have a PACT meeting held at Churchville House, Churchville Drive, on Wednesday 22 May.

PACT meetings are open to members of the public to raise issues of concern. The next PACT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th August 2024, at Valley Ridge, Kippax, LS25 7DS.

The Parish Council's 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 D Brown. The Parish Council 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.

AMENITIES

The renovation of Milestone Banking on Great North Road is now complete. The work hit a problem when excavation works revealed the original construction was incompatible with the renovation plan, which was then changed slightly to accommodate this, and the renovation continued with no more problems. The stonework still requires some minor repairs and more plants are needed to fill in the 'letters'. A new metal seat has also been installed in front of the school playing field at the 'crossroads' between the New Path and footpath no. 3

The Parish Council contracts a specialist play inspector to inspect its play areas and equipment every quarter to check how well the equipment works and any repairs or improvements that might be necessary. Recent inspection reports identified improvements in Vandicourt infants' playground and Diamond Jubilee play area. A contractor was duly appointed to undertake repairs and a minor refurb of Vandicourt infants' playground (near Micklefield Quarry SSSI). The work includes jet washing the surface to clean it and remove moss, removing rust, priming and repainting affected equipment, repairing the playground surface around the yellow circles, and repairs to the springy rocker and the climbing net. In Diamond Jubilee play area, in Micklefield Recreation Ground, there will be repairs undertaken to the zip-wire and surfacing around the roundabout.

LIGHTING, ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

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. Leeds City Council does not supply specialist dog waste bins, but dog waste bags can be disposed of in the ordinary Leeds City Council waste bins. 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

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Your Village Needs You!

The Micklefield Neighbourhood Plan group is in its early days of development with a small group of enthusiastic people wishing to help preserve what we love about Micklefield.

If you wish to get involved contact Cllr Dylan Brown on 07710314159 or look for up to date information on Micklefield Parish Council Facebook page.



I am contacting to give you an update on the ongoing capping work at Peckfield Landfill.

The work to install the plastic capping at the top of the site was deemed to be substandard and the site has agreed to replace it. This is necessary as the plastic capping is designed to last for decades, while the waste produces landfill gases as it biodegrades.

Unfortunately, starting today, this does mean that there will be some short-term waste odours during operational hours. We have told the operator that steps are to be taken to minimise odour, including installing and compacting a soil layer in the areas where the plastic capping is removed, at the end of each working day.

Once there is a sufficient area with soils on, the liners will then work to install new plastic capping in this area, before completing the final part of the capping on site.

There is an independent Construction Quality Assurance Inspector on site, who is supervising the work, to ensure it is installed in line with the agreed plan. The EA will also be attending regularly to assess this.

As per discussion at the liaison meeting, this work is weather dependent but is also reliant on the site receiving sufficient amounts of soil. At present, these aspects aren't causing a delay.

We are working on an update to our Citizen Space page and a tweet to inform the local community.

If you would like to speak to me about this, please send me a reply with your contact telephone number and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Kelly

Kelly Hudson, Regulatory Specialist - Landfill, Yorkshire Area

Environment Incident Hotline (24/7) | 0800 80 70 60

Floodline (24/7) | 0345 988 1188

General Enquiries(8-6 Monday-Friday) | 03708 506 506



CHILDREN'S
HEART SURGERY
FUND

I'm fundraising for

Children's Heart Surgery Fund

What? Teddy bear's picnic & Teddy Tombola

Where? St Mary's Church, Micklefield ...

When? 18th August 11.30am (after the
All Age Worship service)

To help raise money for



CHILDREN'S
HEART SURGERY
FUND

supporting the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit
at Leeds Children's Hospital

Share your photos!



Find out more about Children's Heart Surgery Fund
and how you can get involved...

chsf.org.uk 0113 831 4810



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.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The Trustee has approved its accounts, which are kept on a receipts and payments basis and engaged a local accountant, with experience in inspecting charity accountants, to undertake the necessary financial checks.

FACILITIES

The bespoke fence for the perimeter of the football pitch has been fabricated and will soon be installed. The wildflower meadow is in full bloom and the new fruit trees have become well established, with some blossoming. The trustee has implemented anti-climb measures on its storage buildings near the wildflower meadow/MUGA. Prikka type strips have been re-installed on the roofs and non-drying anti-climb paint applied.

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)



PODIATRY

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 ROYAL COLLEGE
of PODIATRY

- Callus
- Corns
- Verrucas
- Ingrowing toenails
- Thick nails
- Diabetic footcare
- Nail cutting

SG Podiatry is a specialist-led service, which provides patients with access to on-site diagnosis of foot problems and a treatment plan which will be tailored to the individual and their condition.



The Old Gatehouse Byram Park
Rd, Byram, Knottingley, WF11
9EA

hcpc health & care
professions
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%).

Micklefield Regeneration Partnership; Coffee shop and toilets open Sunday 10am—12noon

Churchville House Social Centre

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

Warm Space Drop In (Organised by NET Garforth); Tuesday 9:30am to 12.30pm Free Drinks, Toast, Cakes.

Please call in and meet the N.E.T. (Neighbourhood Elders Team)

N.E.T. VOLUNTERS REQUIRED please contact Jean, on 0113 2874784.

Knit and natter group; Thursday 10am –1.00pm

Saturday Night Social; 7.30pm-11pm raffle and bingo. Bring your own refreshments

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 Wilkes, Team Leader (Tel 07712217003), or Joann Thornton, Housing Manager, at Retirement Life, (07891278807).

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 a Parish Councillor.

Articles for next newsletter, closing date **Friday 20th September 2024**

Would you like to volunteer to deliver the newsletter within your local neighbourhood? Contact Joan Auty on the above email or telephone (number on back page) for further details.

Micklefield Community First Responders

The Micklefield team has been active for 20 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
E-mail: sharron.stoyles@yas.nhs.uk

Community Access Defibrillator Box

Micklefield Regeneration Partnership is now waiting for LCC to install this at the Youth and Adult Centre on Friday 12th July.



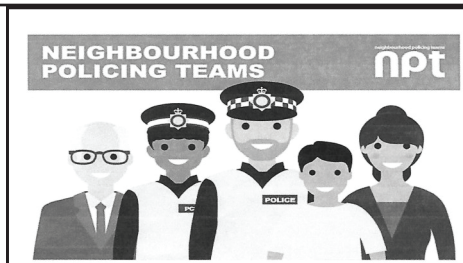
MICKLEFIELD NPT CONTACT POINT

**WHERE: Churchville House Social
Centre, 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 Wednesday 14th August 18.00-19.00 at
Valley Ridge, Kippax, Leeds, LS25 7DS**

**Garforth Police Station Community Contact Point
Sunday 4th August 10.00-12.00
Garforth Police Station, Lidgett Lane, Garforth. Leeds LS25 1LJ**



Officers and Members of the Parish Council 2024/2025

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