

## 2018/19 MAYOR'S REPORT

Since the last Town Meeting in May 2018 the Town Council and its committees have been very active.

Congratulations to the volunteers involved with the library which, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 celebrated the success of its second year as a volunteer run Community Library. This service is invaluable to the community and I'm sure everyone is very appreciative that it has been retained through the hard work and dedication of the team involved. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer at the library so please do not hesitate to go along and ask any of the volunteers for information.

I am delighted to confirm that the Mayor's Charity Ball raised £913.25 for the community library and the relocation of the Town Council office to the library in April 2017 means that the Town Council is able to support the library further by contributing to the utilities and payment of a licence fee for occupation of the premises.

The Town Council also awarded a grant of £2000 to the Kirkbymoorside Community Library to cover the annual cost of cleaning the building.

Other grants awarded in 2018/19 include:

£2500 to All Saints Parish Church to contribute towards the cost of grass cutting and maintenance of the churchyard was agreed.

£250 to the Kirkbymoorside Environment Group to contribute towards the cost of printing the local shopping guide

£400 to the Moorsbus Community Interest Company to contribute towards the cost of associated contracts

£600 to the Kirkbymoorside History Group to contribute towards the cost of the 'Kirkbymoorside Heritage Day 2018' event

£1560 to Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre to contribute towards the cost of the annual rent

### **Financial Matters:**

The Audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018 was concluded with no matters raised (Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234))

**Precept** At the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council in October recommendations were received from the Finance Committee regarding the budget for 2019/20 and it was unanimously agreed to once again retain the precept at £73,500 for the 6<sup>th</sup> year whilst not compromising on service provision.

### **Funding available to Kirkbymoorside**

There remains £4,787 of S106 monies available to Kirkbymoorside community based organisations or groups for projects that provide or improve Public Open Space and Recreation facilities in line with the relevant S106 Agreements.

The Town Council will be submitting a grant application in the amount of £3317.71 for additional features to improve the half basketball court at Old Road play area which will include a free standing curved gallery boundary wall onto which a number of different accessibility and educational panels will be added including lower hoops for younger children, educational graphics boards and hoop games. The Town Council has asked the children at the Community Primary School to be involved in

the project by sharing their views on the proposal which will be submitted as part of the grant application.

Applications will be considered by Ryedale District Council Members at three meetings in 2019/20. Closing dates for applications are 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 for a decision on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> August for a decision on 14<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 for a decision on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

All details are available online via the Ryedale District Council website where there are guidance notes for each type of grant.

[www.ryedale.gov.uk/living-here/community-living/community-grants](http://www.ryedale.gov.uk/living-here/community-living/community-grants)

### **Old Road play area**

Unfortunately the Big Lottery Fund grant application for new multi-play equipment was not successful. But the Town Council has had installed a new piece of inclusive play equipment, the 'Oyster' roundabout, which is hoped will be very popular.

The Town Council recently carried out an initial consultation with the residents immediately neighbouring Old Road play area to determine their support of a proposal to install lighting in the play area and skatepark. On the basis of their response being strongly in opposition to the proposal the Town Council will not be pursuing the matter further.

### **Parking and Traffic Concerns**

NYCC Highways & Transport have confirmed that double yellow lines will be marked between Shaw Drive and West Fields on Tinley Garth and on Dale End in proximity to the roundabout, however there is no indication of when these works will be undertaken.

In response to the traffic concerns on West End and pursuant to the traffic survey reports carried out on West End and Westfields in proximity to the Community Primary School, North Yorkshire Highway Authority will pursue the creation of Traffic Regulation Orders to implement the 20mph speed limits through the necessary consultation process, firstly with the statutory consultees, then if there are no insurmountable objections, a wider public consultation will be undertaken.

Please be reminded that there is 1 hour free parking available in the Town Farm car park between 12 midday to 2pm. The Town Council is still in negotiations with RDC to offer the 1 hour free parking at any time during the day and to re-programme the ticket machine so that the free time is issued automatically as an extension of the paid time. So far the discussions have been met with reluctance.

Please be aware that the Town Farm car park is owned and regulated by Ryedale District Council. On-street parking is regulated by NYCC. The Town Council has no authority on parking or any matters pertaining to the highways and can only make representation on behalf of the residents to the relevant Authority.

If you witness and illegal activity please report this to 101.

### **Street Lighting**

All upgrades to the Town Council owned lighting columns have successfully been completed before the 2020 deadline.

Phase 2 and 3 of the street lighting upgrades, being the replacement of the last remaining concrete column with a steel tubular column, and replacement of all the obsolete mercury MBFU lanterns, SOX and Fluor lanterns with Orangetek Arialed LED lanterns, was completed in 2018.

**Christmas Lights** – The new lighting display on the A170 roundabout was very generously gifted to the town by Lesley Temple, a fitting way to commemorate her years of work in Kirkbymoorside.

There were also new Christmas lights throughout the town centre as the old lights were in much need of retirement! As usual small bracket mounted trees made a wonderful display and thanks goes to everyone involved in the scheme, in particular the organisers and the volunteers who put the trees up each year.

Unfortunately there was a delay in getting all the lights connected last year because of complications with the installation of the new roundabout lighting display. However, rest assured that plans are already in hand for this year's Christmas lighting. Should you wish to be involved with the town's Christmas decorations please either contact Karen Hartas at the Lemon Tree or the Town Clerk.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Best Dressed Christmas Window as decided by Angela and Malcolm Richardson as follows:

1st Place 'Love my Hair', West End

2nd Place 'Jems Hair Design', Market Place

3rd Place 'Holme Lea Country Interiors', Crown Square

### **Remembrance Day**

Last year the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band's performance at the Remembrance Day Parade was a fitting tribute.

There is a new commemorative bench at Pump Hill and the Town Council is looking at additional features to mark this significant occasion.

### **Manor Vale**

All works identified in the Tree Assessment carried out by JK Arboriculture at Manor Vale Woodland, Ryedale View and Old Road play areas in accordance with insurance requirements have been completed. Details of the survey are available on the town council website as supporting document to the Manor Vale Management committee meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Thanks to the Manor Vale Management Committee which includes several non-councillor members. Kirkbymoorside is very fortunate to have benefited from some NYCC budget allocation which is largely due to the diligence of Andrew Hall, NYCC Countryside Officer who is a member of the Manor Vale Management committee.

**Old Highways Depot** - The latest Planning application at the Old Highways Depot, Manor Vale Lane, Kirkbymoorside YO62 6EG (19/00252/FUL) is for change of use to a mixed use of B1, B2 and B8, (storage, and garage workshop units) together with removal of 8 no. temporary buildings as listed, the re-positioning of 2 no. portable buildings and formation of additional parking spaces. The outcome is awaiting determination by the Planning Authority, Ryedale District Council

**Wains Field** - There is a current Planning Application (18/01313/MFUL Erection ) for the Land to North of Wains Field, Kirkbymoorside, YO62 6JG for 32no. dwellings comprising 2no. two bedroom dwellings, 12no. 3 bedroom dwellings and 18no. four bedroom dwellings with associated garaging, parking and access. The outcome is awaiting determination by the Planning Authority, Ryedale District Council.

**Gladman Developments** - There has been no indication of any progress in respect of status of the Planning Application for development on West Fields.

**Co-op** - There is a planning application (19/00206/FUL) for the demolition of the existing KIA car showroom at the junction of Piercy End and the A170 and erection of Co-op retail store with associated car parking and access. The Town Council is liaising with the representatives of the Co-op and hopes to set up a dialogue with the town to encourage community engagement.

**Moorside Room** continues to be the venue for:

- Kirkbymoorside Environment Group's 'Repair Cafes'
- Musical Memories sessions held by Neil and Ruth Hannah on the first Tuesday of each month
- Local Surgeries for MP Kevin Hollinrake
- Fund Raising events by Marie Curie, St Catherine's Hospice, Age UK
- Meetings held by NYCC, Moore Stephens, Thirsk & Malton Constituency Labour Party
- 1st Kirkbymoorside Scout Group – Cubs and Beavers
- Art exhibitions
- Forthcoming events include :

**Open Studios @ The Moorside Room, 9 Church Street 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

This years North Yorkshire Open Studios will be taking place over the first two weekends in June. It provides an opportunity for selected artists and makers to open their studios, meet, promote and sell their work directly to the public.

We are lucky to have four local artists exhibiting this year in the Moorside Room, showing a range of work.

Elisabeth Bailey - Ceramics

Sally Parkin-Fitton - Painting and printmaking

Lyn Bailey - Printmaking

Clare Belbin - Painting

There will be something for everyone to see, and some lovely gifts and art to purchase.

Angus Ashworth

Kirkbymoorside Town Mayor

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