

Moresby Matters

and surrounding area

July 2018

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Welcome to the third 'Moresby Matters' issued by your Parish Council.

The parish council meets on the first Monday of each month at the Rugby club. There is a public participation item on each agenda which allows any resident to have their say. There is no meeting in August.

Ward Boundaries

A review of the ward boundaries in the Copeland borough has been undertaken and the boundary commission has proposed that the whole of the Moresby parish should be in a ward called Frizington/Moresby. The ward will elect two councillors to Copeland Borough Council. There will be no change to the arrangements for the election of a county councillor to Cumbria County Council.

A595 Moresby Embankment

Highways England has provided more information about the A595 south of the Howgate roundabout. They say that the design of the temporary diversion route is to commence this year and will take two years to complete. Whilst the design is being undertaken a site specific contingency plan has been produced by the emergency planning manager. The plan provides guidance to operational managers in the event of any significant land movement that could compromise the safe operations of the road. The embankment will be monitored continually throughout the period for signs of any movement.

Whitehaven Major Transport Scheme

In May 2017 Cumbria County Council commissioned a study to identify and assess options for potential major transport improvement schemes in the vicinity of Whitehaven. Through this process a Whitehaven Eastern Relief road has been identified as the preferred intervention. Whilst no specific route alignment has been decided it is almost certain to link with the dual carriageway at the Howgate roundabout. The scheme is now being considered for inclusion in a road investment strategy for the north of England which is likely to be announced shortly.

Post Office Outreach Service

The post office mobile shop is at the Square in Moresby Parks each Thursday between 12.30pm and 3.00pm.

Defibrillator

The problems with the power supply to the telephone kiosk on Moresby Parks Road which housed the defibrillator unit continued throughout the winter. The parish council were grateful for the assistance provided by Jason and Kerry at the shop who held the unit whilst the power supply was deficient. The problem has now been rectified and the ambulance service has been advised accordingly.

Parish Council Annual Report

The parish council as a public body is required to produce an annual report setting out the work undertaken in the year and the way in which the council complies with the transparency regulations that apply to all small local councils. The annual report for 2017/2018 can be found on the parish council website www.moresbypc.org.uk

Mary Jackson Fund

All widows in the parish are entitled to a payment around Christmas from the fund. Hazel McGuirk and Lesley Coward are the two councillors who represent the parish council on the management board and can be contacted through the parish clerk.

Winter Warmth Fund

Each year the Cumbria Community Foundation offers financial assistance to vulnerable older people who struggle to heat their homes so that they can stay warm and healthy during winter. The parish council make a donation to the fund each year. If you know an older person who lives in the parish who you believe may benefit from a grant please contact either the Foundation direct or through the parish clerk.

A polite reminder! Dog walkers – please always bag and bin – keep Moresby tidy.

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Litter Pick

The parish council are organising a litter pick in Moresby Parks on Saturday the 4th August 2018 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Please volunteer for this activity and meet at the shop in Moresby Parks. Copeland borough council will supply the equipment and bags and will arrange to remove the litter that we collect.

Speeding through the Village

The parish council continue to receive complaints about excessive speeding through the villages. Councillors have been trained to use a speed gun and we continue to ask that the safety camera van spend time in Moresby Parks.

Dog Fouling and Seagulls

Complaints about owners failing to clean up after their pets are raised at most parish council meetings and bins have been purchased over the years to help

with the disposal of waste. We are now receiving complaints about seagulls in and around the villages. Please do not throw out your scraps or feed them.

Parish Website and Facebook Page

The website contains information which the parish is by law required to publish on a free to use website. These are mainly financial matters such as the annual accounts and a record of all payments made. We are also required to publish details of councillor's entries in the register of member's interests. The minutes of meetings and the agenda for the next meeting are posted on the site together with any information that the council believe is of interest to parishioners. The Facebook page is used to advise parishioners of social events and the Facebook manager will share matters of interest. The website is www.moresbypc.org.uk and contains a link to the Facebook page.

What's on:

Moresby School Summer Events

End of Year Concert Civic Hall Whitehaven 13th July 2018.
Leavers Presentation 20th July 2018 10.00am at the school
Please look at the school website for all current information:
<http://www.moresby.cumbria.sch.uk>

Rugby Club Summer activities

Each Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening Bingo sessions.
July 7th 2018. Exhibition darts. Colin Lloyd is the attraction.
Tickets including Pie & Peas, available from the club £20.00.

St Marks Summer Activities

Every Tuesday Moresby Sparks 10.00am to 11.30am. Thursday lunch noon to 1.30pm.
Please look at the St Bridgets website for further information: <http://stbridgetschurchmoresby.btck.co.uk>

Ward and County Councillor

Martin Barbour is the elected councillor for the Moresby Ward on Copeland Borough Council and for the Howgate Division on Cumbria County Council. He can be contacted on 01946 691269.

Getting in touch with your Parish Council

Tel: The Clerk Mr. C Shaw 01946 695701
Go to the Moresby PC website: www.moresbypc.com and facebook page
Here you will be able to access council details and minutes and be able to comment via facebook
or email to: jcshaw@talk21.com

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