

Moresby Matters

and surrounding area

July 2019

Issue 5

Welcome to '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 and County Councillor

Graham Minshaw is the elected councillor for the Moresby Ward on Copeland Borough Council. He can be contacted on 07747 232069.

Martin Barbour is the County Councillor for the Howgate Division on Cumbria County Council. He can be contacted on 01946 691269.

Post Office Outreach Service

The post office mobile shop is at the Square in Moresby Parks each Thursday (Times vary but we shall try to publish information on our Facebook page).

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 2018/2019 can be found on the parish council website www.moresbypc.org.uk

AGE UK Community Connections

Age UK West Cumbria Community Connections Project provides support for lonely/isolated older people (over 50yrs). Age UK work with local communities to identify and reach individuals and introduce them to social activities and can match them with a befriending volunteer to visit them or telephone them on a regular basis. For more information contact our Helpline 08443 843 843.

Mary Jackson Fund

All widows in the parish are entitled to a payment around Christmas from the fund. Lesley Coward is the councillor who represents the parish council on the management board and can be contacted through the parish clerk.

Broadband

The new broadband cabinet on the corner of School Brow and Moresby Parks Road is now in service and covers Moresby Parks along Moresby Parks Road as far as Whinrigg Drive, including Solway Road and Dent Road, and also along School Brow including Churchill and Eden Drives. If you live in this area and your broadband speed remains low, contact your Internet Service Provider who should now be able to speed it up.

Walkmill Community Woodland Update

Cumbria County Council has taken the decision to sell "Land at Walkmill, Moresby Parks" as it is deemed surplus to requirements because it is not required for direct service delivery. This has raised understandable concern for many parishioners who use the area for recreation, and many have signed petitions and attended parish council meetings to express these concerns.

The County Council have acknowledged these concerns, and have taken steps which have included delaying the sale, converting the permissive paths into permanent Public Rights of Way, and strengthening the Public right to roam on the land. However, they insist they want to dispose of the land.

The Parish Council in partnership with the Walkmill Action Group and the West Cumbria Rivers Trust have submitted an expression of interest to the County Council for an asset transfer to take over the land. The partnership is now working on a plan for the future management of this area for the benefit of the people of Moresby. This is an essential step to convince the County Council to transfer the land rather than continue with their sale plans.

Our plans are at an early stage of development, and we will keep you informed as they mature. We would welcome all suggestions and offers of assistance in maintaining and improving the site. Please contact us via the Parish Clerk or visit the Facebook page WAG. Moresby.

Bus Shelter Howgate

Following a request to the parish council and with the agreement of the County Council a new bus shelter has been erected at Howgate which is well used especially by the school children.

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.

Litter Pick

The parish council are organising a litter pick in Moresby Parks on Saturday the 3rd August 2018 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. 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.

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

Moresby Parish Council - www.moresbypc.org.uk

Moresby Matters

and surrounding area

July 2019

Issue 5

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.

Speeding through the Village

The parish council continue to receive complaints about excessive speeding through the villages. The County Council have laid down further speed bumps and it is now hoped that speeding will be reduced. We continue to ask that the safety camera van spend time in Moresby Parks.

What's on:

Moresby School Summer Events

Leavers Presentation 19th July 2019 10.00am at the school. Please look at the school website www.moresby.cumbria.sch.uk for all current information.

St Marks Summer Activities

All at St Marks

Moresby Sparks: Term-time playgroup Tuesdays 10-1130am. £1 for 1st child 50p for further children.

Marks in the Parks: 2nd and 4th Sundays of month. All welcome, activities for children and refreshments. No charge.

Time for Everyone: Lovely community lunch for all ages 1st Thursday in the month. Suggested donation £2 adult £1 child.

Please see 'St Mark's Village Church Moresby Parks' Facebook page has up to date information about events, or contact Paul Kerry, Vicar: 01946 66168.

At Moresby Parish Hall near Rosehill Theatre

Friday Friends: Term-time playgroup. Fridays 10-11:30am 1st child £1 further children 50p.

Friday Friends for Everyone: monthly event where playgroup opens it's doors to welcome all ages. Friday 10-11:30am.

Friday Friends for Everyone

- Community building gathering for all ages. Once a month our regular Friday Friends playgroup opens it's doors to welcome all ages. Research has shown the huge benefits of people of all ages enjoying activities together. Meet up with old friends, make new ones.
- A warm welcome, hot drinks, cakes and biscuits await you all for just a £1 donation each. Second and subsequent children just 50p.
- At Parish of Moresby Church Hall. Just down the hill from Rosehill Theatre. Plenty of free parking.
- Look out for our monthly events. Next two dates are 14th June and 12th July.

For further info contact: Catherine 07907 916 344 or Alison 07500 044 312. Also please like and share our new 'Friday Friends for Everyone' Facebook page.

Rugby Club Summer activities

Each Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening Bingo sessions.

Ward and County Councillor

Graham Minshaw is the elected councillor for the Moresby Ward on Copeland Borough Council. He can be contacted on 07747 232069. Martin Barbour is the County Councillor 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

A polite reminder! Please put all litter in the bins provided or take it home – keep Moresby tidy.

Moresby Parish Council - www.moresbypc.org.uk