

# Melsonby Parish Council

## Parish Council

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## Update of work done

- ❖ A grant was secured from Yorventure towards new equipment in St James Close Play Park which has now been completed.
- ❖ The damaged wall in the new burial ground was repaired and a new barrier was erected at the ramp into the area.
- ❖ A bench was provided in the bus shelter.
- ❖ The damaged wall near the ford on West Road was finally repaired by NYCC after several years of waiting.
- ❖ Trees near the cottages on the village green were pruned.
- ❖ A successful Christmas Carol event was held in the Church to raise funds for the Church "Flush Fund"
- ❖ A number of volunteers came forward to participate in the Community Speed Watch scheme which is now operational and working well.
- ❖ A grasscrete surface has been provided by Richmondshire District Council for residents to park at the old canteen site. The Parish Council is providing £2000 towards the cost of installation. Residents are encouraged to use the parking area to reduce the number of vehicles parked on Moor Road.
- ❖ Richmondshire District Council are now conducting weekly inspections of the 3 play parks and an Annual Inspection was carried out by the Play Inspection Company in December, no major issues were identified.
- ❖ The Emergency Planning Committee has made good progress with a meeting in January involving a number of volunteers. Work on the plan is progressing.
- ❖ The precept for 2017/18 was increased to £9000 this is the first time it has been increased for a number of years.
- ❖ The grass cutting contract for 2017/18 was awarded to Mac Plant who will now also cut the grass and hedges in the 3 play parks as well as the village green, new burial ground and verges. The heap of soil and stones has been removed from the new burial ground and work is in hand to tidy up the area.
- ❖ The picnic bench in Moor Road Play Park has been repaired.

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## Planning

- ❖ The Parish Council has made comments on a number of new planning applications for proposed small works within the Parish. There is currently no further information regarding the proposed development at Limegarth.

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## Information

- ❖ **County Councillor:** Your new County Councillor is Angus Thompson
- ❖ **Little White Bus:** The bus service now picks up in Melsonby on Monday and Friday. Timetables are available in the Telephone Box.
- ❖ **Melsonby Garden Fete:** In aid of St James the Great Church will be held at Spencer House, West Road on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 2pm. All welcome - WI Teas, raffle, tombola and stalls plus music by Aycliffe Brass Band.
- ❖ **Melsonby Sports Day 2017:** The Sports Day will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> June and this year there will be a 70's style sports day theme to celebrate 40 years of Melsonby Sports Day. As well as all the usual fun and games and afternoon tea, there will be a display of 'old photos' from Sports Days of the past. In the evening, there will be a band and BBQ. Both the day and evening do are for everyone in the village, so please come along and enjoy your village event
- ❖ **Melsonby Parish Village Show 2017:** This year's show is on the 19th August 2017. A special category for this year is to design a card to send to the Queen for her sapphire jubilee. The top three in each group i.e. adult, children 8 and under, children 9 to 16 are going to be sent to the Queen with details of the show. See the website for details of all the other categories [www.melsonbypc.com](http://www.melsonbypc.com)
- ❖ **Community Messaging Service:** North Yorkshire Community messaging is a free community messaging system for North Yorkshire that allows you to register to receive the latest crime notifications and community news happening in your local neighbourhood. Updates can be received by email, text or mobile app. <https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org>

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## Parishioners

- ❖ **Village Green:** The Parish Council has adopted a policy that no private parties can be held on the village green. The green is for the use of the local inhabitants for lawful sports and pastimes and private parties would prevent this lawful use.

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## Crime update

- ❖ In May a bike was stolen from a garage in Melsonby. Scrap thefts have been reported in the area and Parishioners are reminded to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.
- ❖ The Border Watch scheme is currently looking for volunteers to take part in patrols around our rural area. Please contact PC Mark Wood for further information and to volunteer.
- ❖ Residents are encouraged to report any issues to the Police. Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for PC 1908 Mark Wood.

**Thank you to parishioners for their attendance at Parish Council Meetings and we hope that residents continue to support the work of the Parish Council in 2017. The next parish Council meeting will be held in the School at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of the May meeting can be viewed on the Parish website [www.melsonbypc.com](http://www.melsonbypc.com)**