



# Melsonby Parish Council Annual Update

## Parish Council

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## 2014 - 2015

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## 1

## Update of work done

- ❖ New play equipment and picnic tables have been installed in the Moor Road Play Park.
- ❖ Two charity car wash events were organised to raise further funds for play parks – a total of £340.10 was raised.
- ❖ An Open Day of the new Moor Road play park facilities was enjoyed by many and a further £209.41 was raised with sale of coffee/tea and bacon butties, this money will be used towards future play park development.
- ❖ A Licence was agreed with the School for their use of the Playing Field up to 2016.
- ❖ Work is continuing on the Emergency Planning document which is now being handled by Gus Stokoe
- ❖ A new Christmas tree was planted on the Village Green. This was completed in December in time for Christmas when temporary lights were provided. Now need to source lights for next Christmas.
- ❖ Anti-dog fouling posters were purchased from Keep Britain Tidy and are now displayed around the village. We will continue to monitor the dog fouling situation in association with Richmondshire District Council. Residents are encouraged to report incidents of dog fouling either to the Clerk or direct to Richmondshire District Council Street Scene team.
- ❖ A beck tidying event was held along West Road and on the Village Green.
- ❖ The Parish Council made a donation to the School so they could take part in the Primary Engineer activity.
- ❖ The Parish Council donated to Great North Air Ambulance and Citizens Advice Bureau.
- ❖ New grass cutting contracts were negotiated with Mac Plant and Richmondshire District Council.
- ❖ The Parish Council is investigating the possibility of purchasing speed matrix boards. A meeting has been held with a supplier, currently awaiting quotes.
- ❖ Proposed new housing development west of Moor Road. The Parish Council has contacted service and utilities providers and compiled a file of evidence to use in response to the Planning Application when it is submitted – possibly June 2015.
- ❖ The Parish Council is applying for a grant from Awards For All towards the cost of Outdoor Gym Equipment in the Moor Road Play Park.

- ❖ A wobbly electricity pole at the garages on St James Close has been moved and replaced.
- ❖ The Parish Council has been successful in applying for a defibrillator and cabinet from the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group. This will be located on an external wall at Central Villa. Once it is installed a training event will be arranged with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service for interested residents.

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### Information

- ❖ Two new Parish Councillors have been co-opted, they are David Dixon and Elaine Harrison.
- ❖ The Library in the Church is now open every day during daylight hours. There is also a jigsaw exchange. Please support this service to keep it running.
- ❖ A new DVD – Melsonby – A History was launched at this year's Garden Fete. It has proved very popular and money raised from the sales is towards the cost of new toilet and kitchen facilities in the Church. DVD's cost £10 and can be purchased from Stephen Harwood - 01325 718711, Brian Heap - 718121 or from Barton Shop.
- ❖ The Melsonby Village Sports day is to be held on June 27th and the Produce Show is August 22nd, with the Tidy Gardens Competition being judged during the first week of August.
- ❖ There is a charity coffee morning for Marie Curie on 27<sup>th</sup> June in Aldbrough Village Hall from 10am to 2pm.
- ❖ Cautionary Tale! A bedroom in a house in the village was set on fire by a concave mirror next to a window reflecting the evening sun which ignited the curtains. Fortunately, although the owners were out, the bedroom doors were tight shut and the curtains flame-retardant, so the fire did not spread through the whole house. Luckily the fire did not affect the aerosol cosmetics, but all the contents of the room were smoke damaged. Be aware of fire risks.

## 3

### Grants awarded

- ❖ Grant from Richmondshire District Council from the Communities Opportunity Fund towards new play equipment in Moor Road Play Park.
- ❖ Grant from Richmondshire District Council from the Area Partnership Fund towards the picnic benches in Moor Road Play Park.

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### Crime update

- ❖ PC Wilbor and PCSO Danny Loughran attended the meeting and gave an Annual Crime Update. There had been an overall reduction in reported crimes. During the past year there were 22 less reports than the previous year. During May 2015 someone had been arrested and charged after a reported break in at the former Durham Transport Site. Persons had been disturbed at the Barton Interchange site attempting to access plant.
- ❖ Theft of fuel from vehicles is on the increase. Residents are reminded to lock your vehicles and park so that access to the fuel tank is difficult where possible.

**The Parish Council would like to thank parishioners for their attendance at Parish Council Meetings and hope that residents continue to support the work of the Parish Council in 2015.**

**The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm in the School. All are welcome to attend.**