



Melsonby Parish Council Newsletter

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Update of work done

- ❖ Moor Road Playing Field: new picnic benches and a basket swing have been installed. A grant has been agreed from Richmondshire District Council towards the cost of additional play equipment. This is due to be installed by the end of April and an Open day is to be arranged once the work is completed.
- ❖ Dog Fouling: Richmondshire District Council are currently running a dog fouling campaign and the Clerk has reported dog fouling hotspots around the village so that extra dog patrols can be carried out to catch those irresponsible dog owners who fail to pick up after their pets. The Parish Council has also purchased a number of posters which are now displayed around the village to encourage dog owners to pick up after their dogs. Unfortunately someone has defaced the poster which was put up outside the School and the Police have been conducting enquiries to identify the culprit. These posters were purchased in an attempt to improve the village environment and anyone seen damaging the posters or allowing their dog to foul without picking up will be reported. The Parish Council is keen for all residents to be involved in deciding what can be done to improve the village and all parishioners are encouraged to attend Parish Council meetings to voice their concerns and get involved in what happens in the village.
- ❖ Grass Cutting: The grass cutting contract has been agreed and Mac Plant will continue to cut the village green, new burial ground, and verges around the village. The remaining grass will be cut by Richmondshire District Council (RDC) as before. The Clerk is to ask RDC to cut the grass more frequently this year.

- ❖ Speed Calming: enquiries have been made about purchasing speed matrix boards to be placed at the entrances to the village. A meeting is to be arranged with a supplier to get quotes.

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Information

- ❖ Richmondshire District Council is holding a public event in the School on 10th June from 3.30pm – 7.30pm to gain residents views on future development in the village. This is part of the production of the Local Plan for future development in the village and is not related to the potential proposed development on Moor Road. Everyone is invited to attend and give their views on the proposals.
- ❖ A charity car wash took place on 11th April to raise funds for the Play Parks development. £153.20 was raised. Well done to all concerned.
- ❖ Elections: the polling station is to be in St James the Great Church this year. Elections take place on 7th May.
- ❖ Parish Council Vacancies: Would you like to be a Parish Councillor and help to make the parish of Melsonby a better place to live? There are currently vacancies on Melsonby Parish Council due to insufficient nominations at the recent election. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please write to the Parish Council and include a few details of why you would like to become a Councillor. If you need any information about qualification for being a Councillor or just want more information about the role, please contact Jill Welham, Clerk to the Council on 01325 718666. Deadline for written applications is Monday 18th May 2015. The co-option will take place at the Parish Council AGM on Wednesday 20th May 2015, to be held at Melsonby School at 7.30pm, after the annual village meeting at 7pm.
- ❖ Melsonby Village Parish Show: This year's show will be held on 22nd August 2015 in the School. Entries are welcome from adults and children who live in the village, who rent a village allotment or attend Melsonby Methodist Primary School. There are classes in vegetable and flower growing; floral art; baking and preserves; arts and crafts and photography. Details of classes, hints and tips can be found on the website www.melsonbypc.com.

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Parishioners

- ❖ Residents are encouraged to report any issues to the Police. Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for PC391 John Wilbor or PCSO3562 Danny Loughran.

The Parish Council would like to thank the parishioners who regularly attend the Parish Council Meetings we hope that residents will continue to support the work of the Parish Council in 2015 and encourage everyone to attend the meetings and find out what is happening in the village.