

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Updates

- ❖ **Bus shelter:** A bench has been built in the bus shelter for the benefit of residents.
- ❖ **Burial ground:** Work to repair the damaged wall in the new burial ground is due to begin soon and the existing fence at the ramp is to be replaced with a combination of stone pillars and galvanised steel poles.
- ❖ **Donation:** A donation of £105 has been given by the Parish Council to the Sports Day Committee as the port-a-loos were provided free of charge by the supplier.
- ❖ **Play Parks:** The Parish Council has successfully applied for a grant from Yorventure towards replacement play equipment in the St James Close play park. A grant of £24750 is to be made towards the project, work is due to begin in a couple of months.
- ❖ **Moor Road Play Park Problems:** Sadly a number of youths have been misusing the picnic benches in the play park as a meeting point during the evenings to drink alcohol and cause damage to the picnic benches. Litter is being left including broken bottles which could cause a serious injury to younger children using the play equipment. The latest incident involved setting fire to a picnic bench. This behaviour is totally unacceptable and has been reported to the Police. Parents, please be aware of what your children are doing. No-one objects to youngsters meeting in the play park but people need to take responsibility for their actions and consider other people who use the facilities and those that live nearby. The Parish Council is trying very hard to improve facilities for everyone in the village and is happy to work with anyone who has suggestions about what facilities they would like but if irresponsible people continue trash the efforts of others you are not only wasting our money but you are spoiling the enjoyment of everyone else.

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Planning

- ❖ Mulberry Homes has provided revised plans for a larger village hall to be built as part of the proposed new development at Limegarth. Plans can be seen on the website www.melsonbypc.com/parish-council/new-housing-proposals/

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Information

- ❖ The following funding opportunities are available to residents of the Parish:

- ❖ **Sports Funding:** Any child living in Melsonby involved in a sport can apply once a year for a donation from Melsonby Sports Day funds, for costs towards their activity/equipment. All you need to do is write a letter saying what you want and why you want it and how much it will cost, then either email to Debbie Gibson at debbiegibson@live.co.uk or post to 33 Moor Road. The deadline is 1st October 2016.
- ❖ **William Cokin Trust:** Anyone under the age of 25 who (or whose parents) live in Melsonby can apply for funding towards many sorts of educational or training projects, including sporting, musical, academic and even recreational activities. For more information contact Christine Selby or check online at www.guidestar.org.uk
- ❖ **Melsonby Parish Village Show** –Saturday 20th August 2016 at Melsonby Methodist School. Doors open at 4pm. Display of exhibits, presentation of trophies, raffle, auction of produce. Many varied classes available, entry forms can be downloaded from the website www.melsonbypc.com/melsonby-village-show-2016/ or collect a hard copy from Greenways, 20 Scots Dyke Close.
- ❖ **Centenary Fields:** Does anyone have relatives from Melsonby who were involved in the Battle of the Somme? Would you be interested in having one of the play parks renamed as a memorial? Contact the Clerk for more information.

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Parishioners

- ❖ **Volunteers required:** The Parish Council is keen to get local residents involved in a number of projects:
- ❖ **Village Hall Committee** - Volunteers are required to start looking at design and funding ideas for interior fixtures and fittings. A number of residents have already come forward but more are required. This is your opportunity to be involved in an exciting development that will benefit your local community for the future;
- ❖ **Community Speed Watch** – speeding is an ongoing concern for the Parish Council and many local residents, we have the opportunity to take part in this Police run initiative for local residents to use speed guns to register speeding vehicles in West Road, training will be given and it is hoped that if this is successful it will be possible to use the equipment in other locations around the village in future.
- ❖ **Emergency Planning** – What would you do in an emergency? If you are interested in being part of a local network of people who could provide valuable care and support to your community by knowing what to do, when to do it and who to do it with, then please get in touch.
- ❖ To get involved in any of these projects register your interest with the clerk by email at melsonbyp8@gmail.com or by telephone on 01325 718666.

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Crime update

- ❖ There were reports that 2 strimmers had been stolen from an open boot whilst workmen were cutting the grass. Enquiries are ongoing.
- ❖ Residents are encouraged to report any issues to the Police. Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for PC 1908 Mark Wood or PCSO3562 Danny Loughran.

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 2016. The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 7.30pm in the School. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of the July meeting can be viewed on the Parish website www.melsonbypc.com