

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Updates

- ❖ **Speeding:** The Community Speed Watch volunteers have been working hard over the past few months. You can see a breakdown of statistics from 19th May - 20th July on the website <https://melsonbyp10.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/csw-analysis-19may-20july-2017-for-pdf.pdf> Thank you to all our volunteers. If anyone else is interested in volunteering please contact Stuart Priestley by email at stuart.priestley@gmail.com or telephone 07795 373986. The Parish Council are also investigating the 20's Plenty For Us Campaign in an attempt to reduce speeding through the village <http://www.20splenty.org/>
- ❖ **West Road wall repairs:** Parish Councillors have had a meeting with Highways officers from North Yorkshire County Council to discuss repairs to the wall on West Road and future maintenance of the beck and ford. They also discussed the recent pavement resurfacing and requested remedial action to dangerous, missed and damaged areas. Remedial work should be completed within the next few weeks.
- ❖ **Burial ground:** The Parish Council would like to remind residents that there are rules regarding memorials and decoration on and around graves in the new burial ground. The rules can be viewed on the website <https://melsonbypc.com/parish-council/parish-burial-ground-rules/> these rules are in place to keep the area tidy and assist in maintenance of the burial ground and the Parish Council is grateful to everyone for respecting the area and for their co-operation in keeping it looking neat and tidy.
- ❖ **Bench Maintenance:** Some of the benches on the village green have been repainted/ varnished and further work is scheduled to be carried out to on the rest in due course.
- ❖ **Village Green:** It has been established that the Green has never been registered with North Yorkshire County Council on its register of Village Greens and Common Land. An application is to be made as this will provide additional protection for resident's future enjoyment of the green.
- ❖ **Grant application:** An application has been made to the Transparency Code Fund to obtain a grant to purchase a laptop computer, software and a scanner/printer for the Clerk who currently uses her own. Money is available to enable Parish Councils to comply with the new Transparency Code which applies to Councils with a turnover of less than £25000. A total of £525.00 has been requested from the fund.

- ❖ **Parish Council Insurance:** The insurance is due for renewal on 3rd September 2017. A new insurance provider has been chosen and the Parish Council have entered into a 3 year agreement with Came and Company to provide cover.
- ❖ **NY Fire and Rescue Service Consultation:** The Parish Council has provided a response to the consultation regarding proposed changes to the future management of the service. The PC believes that the best option is for the Police and Commissioner to become a member of the Fire and Rescue Authority but not to take over control. See the website for more details and to take part <https://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/workingbettertogether/>

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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

- ❖ **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

- ❖ **Litter and dog waste bins:** Dog waste can be disposed of in any litter bin in the village. If a bin is full please take it to another bin or take it home and put it in your own black bin. Please do not leave bags of dog waste on top of bins or hanging in trees and bushes along footpaths.
- ❖ **Wheels-2-Work Scheme:** Wheels 2 Work (a not for profit charity) has a fleet of mopeds for loan. Since its launch in 2001 hundreds of local people have benefitted from the scheme. Successful candidates receive a moped, safety equipment, insurance, tax and bike servicing for a small weekly contribution. To be eligible for the scheme you must: Live in North Yorkshire; be 16 or over; have no suitable transport to travel to work, training or education; hold a provisional licence. For more information and to apply online, visit www.hambletoncommunityaction.org or telephone Andy Reddick 01609 780458 Ext 209.

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Crime update

- ❖ There were no crimes reported in Melsonby in June or July. However, there have been a number of thefts reported in neighbouring villages 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 or PCSO3562 Danny Loughran.

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 is on Wednesday 20th September 2017 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