



Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Updates

- ❖ **Play Parks:** Installation of new play equipment in St James Close Play Park has now been completed with a grant of £24,759 from Yorventure. Please be aware that the equipment in this play park is only suitable for children aged 10 years and under.
- ❖ **Tree pruning works:** Richmondshire District Council has approved our application to prune the three sycamore trees on the village green overhanging the courtyard of the cottages. Arrangements are in hand to carry out the work.
- ❖ **Burial Ground:** Arrangements are being made for the pile of soil and stones in the new part of the burial ground to be removed.
- ❖ **Thank you:** The Parish Council would like to thank all of the volunteers who regularly give up their time and effort to maintain the village and keep it tidy, your hard work is much appreciated.
- ❖ **Great North Air Ambulance:** The Parish Council has agreed a donation of £50 towards this vital service.
- ❖ **Precept:** The Parish Council precept has been reviewed and an increase for 2017/18 has been requested. It has been maintained at the same level since 2012 however to cover increasing costs for grass cutting and other village maintenance a small increase is required. The total Parish precept will increase to £9000 next year subject to approval by Richmondshire District Council.
- ❖ **Christmas Carols:** There will be Christmas Carols on the village green 5.30 – 6.30pm on Christmas Eve with festive lights, musicians and singers, warming drinks and nibbles. Donations towards St James the Great "Flush Fund". There will also be a lantern competition for children with prizes for the best 3 lanterns. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the festivities.

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Planning

- ❖ The Parish Council has made comments on a number of new planning applications including an outline proposal for 3 new houses to the rear of Spencer House, West Road.
- ❖ Richmondshire District Council have granted planning permission to erect a Telecoms mast at Harelands Farm to replace the existing one at High Merrybent.

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Information

- ❖ **Thank You:** We have been asked to pass on the following message - Thank you to everyone who came to wish Brian Waller a happy 90th Birthday on the 9th October and thank you all for your lovely gifts.

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Parishioners

- ❖ **Parking issues:** Please park with consideration for other road users and pedestrians. We have received complaints of vehicles parking on the pavement at the corner of Church Row causing problems for pedestrians and other road users. People collecting newspapers from the telephone kiosk are also requested not to block access to High Row when collecting their newspapers. Thank you.
- ❖ **Volunteers required: 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 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 has been an increase in the number of incidents reported in Melsonby over recent months including suspicious vehicles; theft of farm equipment and suspicious persons selling door-to-door. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity by dialling 101.
- ❖ 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 wish parishioners a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 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 18th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the School. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of the November meeting can be viewed on the Parish website www.melsonbypc.com