

Melsonby Parish Council Newsletter

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Update of work done

- ❖ Defibrillator: The defibrillator is now installed on the wall of Central Villas next to the Post Box. If you suspect that someone is having a heart attack dial 999 and you will be given the code to open the cabinet and directions on how to use the equipment. There will be a familiarisation session in the School on 2nd March 2016 from 7-9pm. Yorkshire Ambulance Service will be giving a demonstration and chance to try the equipment. Everyone is welcome to attend but if possible please advise the Clerk so we have an idea of numbers.
- ❖ Play park: The outdoor gym equipment has been installed in the Moor Road play park  with the help of a grant from the Lottery Fund "Awards for All". It is suitable for use by anyone aged 14 or over.
- ❖ Grass cutting: Quotes were obtained from several companies for the grass cutting contract. Mac Plant have once again been given the contract for 2016 to cut the village green, new burial ground and verges. Richmondshire District council will continue to cut the grass in the playing fields and old churchyard.
- ❖ Precept: The Parish Council have once again decided to leave the precept the same as last year. However in previous years Richmondshire District Council has given a grant to "top-up" the precept. This grant is no longer available so parishioners may notice a small increase in the amount of Parish Council precept in their Council Tax in 2016.
- ❖ Dog fouling: The problem of dog fouling on pavements, verges and the village green continues. Richmondshire District Council are assisting in trying to tackle the problem and they have advised the Parish Council that Melsonby is the worst place in the District for the amount of dog fouling. Residents need to be vigilant - if you see dog owners failing to pick up the mess report it to the Clerk or Richmondshire District Council Streetscene. Offenders can be prosecuted and fined up to £1000 but this is only possible with good evidence and the help of residents.

Planning

- ❖ There is no further update on the planning application for Limegarth. The application has not yet been considered by Richmondshire District Council Planning Committee.

Information

- ❖ Thank you: Dave and Carol Treweek (Debbie Simpson's mum and dad) would like to thank all who contributed towards the bench recently erected at the Moor Road playing field in memory of their daughter Debbie, and especially the Sports Day Committee who organised the collection, purchase and erection of the bench. We are delighted at this gesture from the village that she loved so much, and are sure that Debbie would also have been 'over the moon'.
- ❖ Village Hall Committee: The Parish Council are keen to re-instate a Village Hall committee to get involved in fund raising and developing a plan for progressing the provision of a hall. Volunteers are asked to contact the clerk to register their interest. Thank you to those who have already registered your interest but we do still need more volunteers.
- ❖ St James Close play park: Melsonby play park committee invite you to come and see the plans for updating St. James play park. We would like your opinions, and signatures to help us with grant funding. Monday 22nd February 3.30-5.30pm in the school.
- ❖ Highways Issues: North Yorkshire County Council are promoting the on-line service for reporting problems in the highway such as potholes. Faults can be reported on-line at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/28237/Report-it-online>. To find out about planned roadworks nationally visit the website <https://roadworks.org>

Parishioners

- ❖ Neighbourhood Watch and Ringmaster Schemes: In co-operation with the Police these Schemes are currently operating in Melsonby. The Police send out emails advising of current crime related issues to a co-ordinator who forwards them to residents registered to receive them. A co-ordinator is responsible for approx. 12 houses in their vicinity. Are you interested in joining these schemes or becoming a co-ordinator? If so contact the Clerk for further information and Registration Forms.

Crime update

- ❖ PC Wilbor and PCSO Danny Loughran were unable to attend the Parish Council meeting but provided a crime report for November. There had been no reports of crime in the village since the last meeting
- ❖ 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 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 23rd March 2016 at 7.30pm in the School. All are welcome to attend.

The full minutes of the January meeting can be viewed on the Parish website www.melsonbypc.com