



Melsonby Parish Council Annual Update

Parish Council

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Update of work done

- ❖ The legal process of handing over the play parks and sports field to the Parish Council from RDC continues & some of the agreed works have been completed by RDC (the fence at Glebe Court park has been mended and the swings at the playing fields have been replaced).
- ❖ Work on the flooding & drainage issues around the area of the old canteen are being investigated by RDC.
- ❖ The new/improved seating on the village green has still to be completed because of the inclement weather.
- ❖ The hedge at the entrance to St James Close has been removed and replaced by a fence, to enhance visibility at the junction.
- ❖ The Parish Council met in April to begin the process of writing a Strategic Village Plan that will include the Emergency Planning document to deal with flooding, power cuts or snow.
- ❖ The Parish Council has kept the Parish Precept the same amount as last year and so residents should have seen no increase in charges on their Council Tax bill for 2013/14.
- ❖ The old notice board is still to refurbish, and the sign "West Road" was replaced.
- ❖ The over hanging vegetation and fencing around the substation on the village green, was dealt with by the Electricity Company.
- ❖ The Parish Council are making enquiries about the future of the red phone box and wish to keep it as part of the heritage of the village.
- ❖ New Melsonby signs were purchased and installed on the roads into the village.
- ❖ A site visit around the village by councillors and Highways and Council Councillor Michael Heseltine successfully listed jobs to be undertaken during 2012-2013. Work continues on this.
- ❖ A grate is to be placed across the tunnel of the beck on the village green for safety reasons.

Information

- ❖ Jan Archer retired after 25 years as Chair of the Parish Council and a bench was placed on the village green as a reminder of her contribution to the village.
- ❖ Winter flooding resulted in sewerage spillages and the areas were cleaned by Northumbria Water on a number of occasions. The wall at St James's did its job in the floods.
- ❖ Flooding on Jagger Lane was fixed with Austin Richardson's help.
- ❖ The village green wall was repaired by John Proudlock, paid for through Parish Funds.
- ❖ The Parish Council agreed a new 10 year lease for the Allotments & allotments are available to rent.
- ❖ The new village signs and planters continue to be well looked after by Eddie Shedden, Tom Phillips and Ken Hall, thanks to all Parishioners who contributed plants, compost etc.
- ❖ Mr Watson (new Head Teacher) has worked hard to monitor parking by parents during dropping off and picking up times outside Melsonby School. Road safety & the police have also helped monitor the situation.
- ❖ Dog fouling continues to be a problem & the PC provided all residents with information.
- ❖ The completion of the work by the Water Board is again delayed due to the weather. Their estimate for completion of works is now the end of May.
- ❖ A resident is interested in setting up an Oil Co-operative .
- ❖ The Melsonby Methodist Primary School Annual Duck Race was on Sunday May 12th and the beck was probably the driest it has been all year. However, over £1000 was raised, a great effort.
- ❖ The Melsonby Village Sports day is to be held on June 29th and the Produce show on August 17th, with the Tidy Gardens Competition being judged during the first week of August.

Grants awarded

- ❖ The new Parish Council notice board was installed, thanks to funding from the North Richmondshire Community Partnership Grant.
- ❖ An application to North Richmondshire Community Partnership for funds for new/improved seating on the village green was also successful and the existing benches are being replaced, in the next few weeks.
- ❖ The PC has been awarded a Winter Weather grant to fund an additional grit bin and shovels, specifically to deal with gritting around the old people's bungalows.
- ❖ The recently formed Parish Council play park sub committee has already been awarded a £2000 grant to kick start the playing fields improvement project.

Crime update

- ❖ The village is suffering from anti-social behaviour and vandalism by a group of individuals. The group are using the bus shelter as a focal point and playing with a ball against walls and damage to property has occurred. Residents are suffering stress due to noise and when the group are broached they are confrontational and abusive.
- ❖ Residents are encouraged to report any issues to the Police. Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for PC391 John Wilbor.
- ❖ Other crime has involved sheds being broken into, domestic fuel being targeted and catalytic convertors taken.

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 2013.