



Melsonby Parish Council Newsletter

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 is under way; agreed works are to be completed by RDC before the hand over is finalised.
- ❖ The Parish Council wants to apply for grants to improve the play park and sports field facilities and is setting up a sub-committee. Any interested residents or parents from Melsonby school with some time available and ideas, please contact the clerk.
- ❖ The application to North Richmondshire Community Partnership for funds for new/improved seating on the village green has been awarded and the existing benches are to be replaced.
- ❖ The old notice board is still to refurbish, and the sign "West Road" has been replaced.
- ❖ The over hanging vegetation and fencing around the substation on the village green, have been dealt with by the Electricity Company. The fence is still to be painted.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The Parish Council intend to write an Emergency Planning document to deal with flooding, power cuts or snow in the village. Also the PC hope to access a Winter weather grant.
- ❖ The Parish Council will be keeping the Parish Precept the same amount as last year and so residents will see no increase in charges on their Council Tax bill for 2013/14.

Information

- ❖ There have been complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking by parents during dropping off and picking up times outside Melsonby School. Mr Watson (new Head Teacher) has reminded parents and informed delivery men to avoid using driveways for parking and turning and also to avoid double parking outside school. PC Allan will be monitoring the situation. Please park sensibly and with care at these times.
- ❖ Dog fouling is becoming a major health hazard in Melsonby and the Street Cleaning team from RDC have been called out a number of times. Please see the additional information on Dog Fouling sent out with this newsletter. Thank you.
- ❖ There will be traffic lights at Melsonby cross roads associated with the Water Board laying new pipes. Work began on 4th December and will continue for 10 weeks. There will be some disruption to supply.
- ❖ There are some planning applications in for wind turbines in the immediate area. The PC will keep you informed when it receives further information.
- ❖ There have been recent incidents of oil thefts. Please be vigilant.
- ❖ Please report any issues to the Police on 101.

PREVENT DOG FOULING :One of the main causes of irritation to everyone – including many dog owners – is fouling. Always clear up after your dog if he fouls on footpaths, in parks or public places and dispose of the waste appropriately. Please remember it is an offence if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up his faeces. It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions, the law, or not to have a device available to remove the faeces. This could result in a prosecution and fine up to £1,000. Always remember to carry a poop-scoop or plastic bag so that you can clean up after your dog.

Parish Plan

- ❖ A copy of the Melsonby Parish Plan can be found on the notice board or from the clerk.
- ❖ The clerk continually updates the Melsonby Parish Plan and Melsonby Job list.
- ❖ The Parish Council will continually work towards completing as many of these jobs as possible (see update of work done).

Parishioners

- ❖ Parishioners are always welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings.
- ❖ The next meeting will be held in Melsonby Methodist Primary School on Wednesday 20th March 2013 at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council would like to thank parishioners for their help during 2012 and hope that residents continue to support the work of the Parish Council in 2013.