



Melsonby Parish Council Newsletter

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Update of work done

- ❖ Moor Road Playing Field: new picnic benches and a basket swing have been ordered, they will be installed in February. The equipment is partly funded by grants from Richmondshire District Council.
- ❖ St James Close repairs: a meeting took place with a representative from NYCC Highways and they have agreed to carry out remedial work to some of the kerbs and verges in St James Close damaged two years ago by contractors resurfacing the pavements.
- ❖ Christmas Tree: a new Christmas tree was planted on the Village Green in time for Christmas. Thank you to Everards Nursery for sourcing and planting the tree and to Gordon Angus for providing temporary Christmas lights. A number of people enjoyed Carol singing round the tree on Christmas Eve. More permanent lights are being sourced in time for next Christmas.
- ❖ Dog Fouling: this problem appears to be on the increase once again. New posters have been ordered to display around the village. The Parish Council would like to remind dog owners that not picking up your dog's mess is an offence and you could be fined if you are seen and reported. Dogs are prohibited from all of the Children's play areas and anyone caught exercising their dogs in these areas will be reported. Dog waste should be picked up and bagged and can be placed in any of the litter bins in the village.
- ❖ Primary Engineer: Two teachers from the School have been on a training course and the School will be holding an engineering week in early February.
- ❖ Shop/Post Office: The new owner has advised the Parish Council that they are not intending to re-open the shop.
- ❖ Precept: despite increasing costs of grass cutting due to cut backs by NYCC, the Parish Council have decided to leave the precept the same as last year.

- ❖ Lisa Pratt has been co-opted on to the Parish Council.
- ❖ In the event of a power failure please ring 0800 66 88 77. If a fault has already been reported you will receive a recorded message with details. If at least 5 people do not report the fault it may not be dealt with.
- ❖ Richmondshire Over 50's Forum. Anyone interested in joining please contact John Atkins on 01748 822335 for more information.
- ❖ North Yorkshire Fire Service are advertising their support for the "Register My Appliance" campaign. Register your electrical appliances on the new website www.registermyappliance.org.uk to be kept informed of safety information and recalls.
- ❖ PCSO Danny Loughran is our new police contact covering the Melsonby and Barton areas. He can be contacted by ringing 101, press option 2 and ask for PCSO3562.
- ❖ The Police local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be in the centre of the village at 10.45am on the following dates: 14th February; 13th March; 16th May; 18th July; 19th September; 21st November. Please go along to discuss any issues you may have relating to quality of life or crime prevention.
- ❖ Parish Council elections will be held on 7th May 2015. The number of Parish Councillors has been revised by Richmondshire District Council and will be increasing from six to seven. Details of the forthcoming election will be advertised on the village noticeboard in late March and anyone interested in becoming a Councillor should contact the Clerk for further information.

- ❖ 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 2015.