



Melsonby Parish Council Newsletter

Parish Council

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Update of work done

- ❖ Play parks: As part of the Parish Council's commitment to upgrading play equipment in the village, Councillors would like to install a zip-wire in the Moor Road playing field, a grant of £2000 has been offered by Richmondshire District Council towards the cost of this. However, the Play Parks sub-committee is seeking further funding from alternative sources for additional play equipment in the village and this could include funding for the zip-wire.
- ❖ Telephone Box: It has been agreed that the telephone box can be used as a collection point for newspapers. Newspapers are available only for people who have pre-ordered and paid for them at Barton shop. Shelving is to be installed and the telephone box will be re-painted.
- ❖ St James Close footpath repairs A site meeting is being arranged with Parish Councillors and NYCC Highways.
- ❖ Speed calming: After a report of speeding outside the school NYCC was contacted to investigate the possibility of speed calming measures. A budget is not available for changes to speed restrictions, however arrangements are in hand for SLOW markings to be painted on the road on the approach to the school.
- ❖ Christmas Tree: The tree appears to be dying. Arrangements are in hand for a replacement tree to be planted, hopefully in time for Christmas.
- ❖ Dog Fouling: Notices are to be put up around the village green to remind dog owners of their responsibility to clean up after their dogs. This area is used by children and irresponsible dog owners are spoiling this picturesque area of our village.
- ❖ Library: The contact number for library opening arrangements is to be displayed on the village noticeboard.

- ❖ Church: The Parish Council completed a community audit questionnaire regarding possible future developments at the Church.
- ❖ Emergency Plan: Cllr Stokoe is continuing to work on the Emergency Plan for the village. He has successfully recruited a number of volunteers for the emergency register.
- ❖ Village Hall: It has been resolved that the proposed development of a Village Hall/pavilion should be registered as a charity. Cllr Stokoe is dealing with this.
- ❖ Parish Council Policy: The Parish Council has adopted a standard complaints procedure. They also voted to adopt a policy in compliance with new regulations regarding the Openness of Local Government. Both of these policies will be advertised on the website www.melsonbypc.com once the necessary documentation is in place. Please contact the clerk if you require further information.
- ❖ Mobile Phone Reception: A scheme to improve mobile phone reception for Vodaphone customers was discussed, however it was decided not to participate at this time due to cost and the problems of siting equipment around the village.
- ❖ Primary Engineer: Cllr Angus provided information about this project to encourage children of primary age to learn about engineering. Sponsorship is being sought and discussions are taking place with the school to assess the possibility of taking part.
- ❖ Yorkshire Water: The clerk has written to Yorkshire Water regarding the leaks experienced during the summer. They are carrying out tests and the clerk is awaiting a detailed response.
- ❖ PC Wilbor sent a report that no serious crimes have been reported in the area.
- ❖ Post Office: The Post Office was sold at auction. The clerk is to contact the new owner to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the future of the shop.

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- ❖ Youth Provision: Richie Bastow from North Yorkshire Youth presented information about support available for voluntary youth organisations. Anyone interested in learning more about support available for starting up a youth project please contact the clerk.
- ❖ Newspapers can be ordered and paid for at Barton Shop. A collection rota is in place to bring the newspapers to the telephone box on High Row. Newspapers are only to be taken by people who have pre-ordered.
- ❖ Cllr Stokoe organised a successful community activity to clear overgrown vegetation in the beck along High Row and on the Village Green. A similar operation is being planned for the beck along Moor Road.
- ❖ On 4th November 3.30 -5.30pm there will be an event in the School to display the proposed plans for the Moor Road Play Park. Please come along and give your support.

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Parishioners

- ❖ Residents are encouraged to report any issues to the Police. Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for PC391 John Wilbor.
- ❖ Broadacres are holding a public meeting in the School on Tuesday 28th October as a consultation on a new housing development in the village. Come and have your say between 2-7pm!

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 2014.