

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Updates

- ❖ **Donation:** An anonymous donation of £750 has been given to the Parish Council to be used towards work on the proposed Village Hall. The money has been paid in to the Village Hall trust fund. The Parish Council would like to thank the anonymous donor for their generosity which is very much appreciated.
- ❖ **Play Parks:** Work on the upgrade of St James Close Play Park is due to begin week commencing 17th October 2016. The play park will be closed during the period of works which is expected to take between 3-4 weeks. Parents are requested to keep children out of the area during the period of works for their safety.
- ❖ **Moor Road Play Park Problems:** The Parish Council is disappointed by the continuing problems of young people using the Moor Road play park inappropriately. One of the picnic benches was set alight, steps are being taken to repair the damage. The matter has been reported to police they are trying to obtain a community resolution. The problem of empty bottles and litter continues to be an issue. Police have increased patrols of the area and action will be taken against anyone behaving in an anti-social manner.
- ❖ **Burial Ground:** The damaged wall has been repaired and a new barrier has been erected on the ramp.
- ❖ **Tree pruning works:** The Parish Council has applied to Richmondshire District Council for permission to prune 3 sycamore trees on the village green that overhang the parking area of the cottages.

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Planning

- ❖ The Parish Council has made comments on a number of new planning applications including provision of hobbit style holiday homes at Thorndale Trout Farm; revised plans for 4 houses at Nixon's Garage and outline permission for 3 houses to the rear of Spencer House. An application has also been discussed for a Telecoms mast at Harelands Farm.

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Information

- ❖ The library in the church has received a new supply of books.
- ❖ Melsonby 1939 Register of Citizens is available to view on the website www.melsonbypc.com

- ❖ Dave the village postie and his new wife Karlene have asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone who donated towards the collection for their wedding in September. A copy of the letter is on the village noticeboard.
- ❖ Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2017/18 – Richmondshire District Council consultation forms available from the Clerk or complete on-line at <http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/community-and-living/have-your-say/previous-consultations-2/2072-council-tax-reduction-scheme-2017-18-consultation>
- ❖ Richmondshire Community and Voluntary Action are looking for volunteer drivers. More information can be found on the website www.rcva.org.uk
- ❖ The green bin in the burial ground is for compostable material only NOT for general waste.

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Parishioners

- ❖ **Volunteers required:**
- ❖ **Village Hall Committee** - Volunteers are required to start looking at design and funding ideas for interior fixtures and fittings. A number of residents have already come forward but more are required. This is your opportunity to be involved in an exciting development that will benefit your local community for the future;
- ❖ **Community Speed Watch** – speeding is an ongoing concern for the Parish Council and many local residents, we have the opportunity to take part in this Police run initiative for local residents to use speed guns to register speeding vehicles in West Road, training will be given and it is hoped that if this is successful it will be possible to use the equipment in other locations around the village in future.
- ❖ **Emergency Planning** – What would you do in an emergency? If you are interested in being part of a local network of people who could provide valuable care and support to your community by knowing what to do, when to do it and who to do it with, then please get in touch.
- ❖ To get involved in any of these projects register your interest with the clerk by email at melsonbyp8@gmail.com or by telephone on 01325 718666.

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Crime update

- ❖ Police have issued a reminder for residents to be vigilant with security. Police recovered a stash of tools in a black gym bag from a hedgerow in Middleton Tyas including cutting tools of the kind used by burglars. There have been an increased number of burglaries in the Leyburn area.
- ❖ Be aware of rogue tarmac services. An elderly resident of Middleton Tyas was conned into having his drive tarmacked and the provider tried to charge £400 for a very poor job. No money was paid. Please do not agree to any such work and if you are approached report the incident immediately to police on 101.
- ❖ Reports have been received of off-road bikes giving lifts to passengers without helmets. If you see anything please report to police on 101.
- ❖ Residents are encouraged to report any issues to the Police. Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for PC 1908 Mark Wood 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 November 2016 at 7.30pm in the School. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of the July meeting can be viewed on the Parish website www.melsonbypc.com