

MELSONBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Wednesday 20th May 2015, at 7.00pm
in Melsonby Primary School

Present: Cllrs A Stokoe (Chair), V Elrington, W Nixon, L Pratt, T Sutton, J Welham (clerk), District Cllr J Wilson-Petch

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed and signed.

Cllr A Stokoe gave a summary of the work done by the Parish Council in the last year. This included:

1. **Update of work done:** Progress has been made on the purchase of new play park equipment in Moor Road Play Park with the Basket Swing and picnic tables installed in January and five more pieces of equipment installed in April/May. Additional play equipment funds had been raised through charity car washes and at the Open Day event held on 10th May. An event to clear the beck on West Road and the village green had taken place, volunteers had assisted on the day making it a success. A Christmas Tree had been planted on the village green which had been temporarily illuminated at Christmas and parishioners had enjoyed a carol service on Christmas Eve. It is now hoped to purchase new lights for the tree to make this an annual event. Work continues on the Emergency Planning Document, Cllr A Stokoe is now working on this. Anti-Dog fouling posters had been purchased from Keep Britain Tidy and are now displayed around the village. The Parish Council had made donations towards the repair of the Church clock; Great North Air Ambulance; Citizens Advice Bureau and towards the Primary Engineer training at the School.
2. **Strategic Parish Plan:** Progress on the plan was updated (see updated document).
3. **Playpark and Pavilion Development:** The Play Park sub-committee is now chaired by Lisa Pratt and good progress is being made. The next project is to apply for a grant towards gym equipment for the Moor Road play park. There is a possibility that a village hall could be included in the plans for a proposed new housing development in the area of Lime Garth west of Moor Road. A Village Hall sub-committee will be required to deal with this and an item will be included on the Agenda of the next Parish Council meeting in July to move this forward. (See separate document for full details of progress.)
4. **Any other business:** Cllr. Wilson-Petch has been re-elected as the District Councillor and is going to be on the Local Planning Committee. He asked if the Parish Council would like him to investigate the possibility of removing Primary Village status for. It was agreed that he would investigate the implications of this and if it is possible and report his findings at the next Parish Council meeting in July. Judith Stansfield advised that the church is now going to be open daily during daylight hours and anyone wanting to use the library can now do so without having to telephone in advance. Books are exchanged every three

months and there is a jigsaw exchange in operation. The new opening arrangement is advertised on the website and the Clerk will include it in the next Newsletter.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed thisthis day of May, 2016