

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Updates

- ❖ **Speeding:** The Community Speed Watch volunteers have been unable to operate recently as they can only work in daylight and volunteers are unavailable due to work commitments. It is hoped to resume in Late Feb/early March but if anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Stuart Priestley by email at stuart.priestley@gmail.com or telephone 07795 373986.
- ❖ **Speed Matrix Boards:** The Parish Council is still keen to obtain speed matrix boards for the village but are currently unable to do so due to North Yorkshire County Council legislation. County Cllr Angus Thompson has taken this up and a working party is investigating the possibility of change. The Parish Council have requested additional support from Police and Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan and have written to MP Rishi Sunak asking for his support in changing the regulations.
- ❖ **Village green tree:** An application is to be submitted to Richmondshire District Council to remove one of the sycamore trees on the village green next to Church Row. The Parish Council will pay for the removal of the tree. If approved it is proposed that the remaining trunk be turned into a sculpture which will be paid for by Judith Stansfield in memory of her late husband Ian. A memorial plaque could also be incorporated for other residents who wish to commemorate their loved ones.
- ❖ **New Parish Councillor:** Judith Stansfield has been co-opted to the Parish Council.
- ❖ **Play Parks:** The annual inspection of the village play parks was completed and a few minor issues were identified which are to be actioned.
- ❖ **Thank you:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Community Christmas Carol event held in the church on Christmas Eve. This was very well attended and a £400 donation was handed over the St James Building Project.
- ❖ **More Thank you's:** The Parish Council would like to thank all volunteers who give up their time to help keep the village looking tidy. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ **Grass cutting:** The contract for grass cutting in 2018 is once again to be given to Mac Plant. The annual cost is estimated at £3720 ex VAT, a payment of £183.43 towards Highways grass cutting is to be provided by North Yorkshire County Council.

- ❖ **Photography Competition:** This year the competition raised £70.25 towards the St James Building project. Thanks to all who participated. It is hoped to run the competition again next year.

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Planning

- ❖ Several planning applications for small works have been considered by the Parish Council and comments sent to Richmondshire District Council planning. There is currently no further information regarding the proposed development at Limegarth.

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Information

- ❖ **Healthy Melsonby:** Mark Airey will be hosting a nutrition talk in St James Church on 21st February 2018 from 7-8pm. For more information or to confirm your place, please email Mark and Kate Airey at balancedyorkshire@gmail.com
- ❖ **Outreach Postal Service:** The postal service will be in the Church every Friday from 10am – 12 noon. Please try to support this service to keep it viable.
- ❖ **Community Messaging Service:** North Yorkshire Community messaging is a free community messaging system for North Yorkshire that allows you to register to receive the latest crime notifications and community news happening in your local neighbourhood. Updates can be received by email, text or mobile app. <https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org>

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Parishioners

- ❖ **Removal of Posters:** The Parish Council is keen to support any local event in the village and posters around the village and in the telephone box to promote such events are welcome. However, please can those who put up posters ensure that they are removed after the event is over, along with the drawing pins/staples.
- ❖ **Litter and dog waste bins:** Dog waste can be disposed of in any litter bin in the village. If a bin is full please take it to another bin or take it home and put it in your own black bin. Please do not leave bags of dog waste on top of bins or hanging in trees and bushes along footpaths.
- ❖ **Wheels-2-Work Scheme:** Wheels 2 Work (a not for profit charity) has a fleet of mopeds for loan. Successful candidates receive a moped, safety equipment, insurance, tax and bike servicing for a small weekly contribution. To be eligible for the scheme you must: Live in North Yorkshire; be 16 or over; have no suitable transport to travel to work, training or education; hold a provisional licence. For more information and to apply online, visit www.hambletoncommunityaction.org or telephone Andy Reddick 01609 780458 Ext 209.

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Crime update

- ❖ There had been only one report of a motorbike from outside a property on Moor Road. Residents are reminded to keep doors and windows locked and report any suspicious behaviour to the police as soon as possible.
- ❖ Residents are encouraged to report any issues to the Police. Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for PC 1908 Mark Wood or PCSO 5073 Helen Sutherland.

Thank you to parishioners for their attendance at Parish Council Meetings and we hope that residents continue to support the work of the Parish Council in 2018.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 7.30pm in the School. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of the January meeting can be viewed on the Parish website www.melsonbypc.com