

# Melsonby Parish Council

## Parish Council

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**Defibrillator Code:**  
**C147X**

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## Parish Council Update

**Councillor Vacancy** - A vacancy exists on the Parish Council, due to a recent resignation. The term of office will run until May 2025. If you would like to serve as a Councillor please apply, in writing or by email, to the Clerk. Providing brief background details and stating why you would like to join the Council by Wednesday 6th November 2024. To qualify, a person must be a British subject, aged over 18 years old and an elector, must have resided over a year in the Melsonby Parish boundary or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

**Community Speed Watch** – Andrew the Speed Watch co-ordinator has been busy cleaning signs and repairing some of the reflective bollards. The Parish Council would like to thank him and Brian for their time and support.

**Missing footpath sign at Jagger Lane** – Paths at Highways are aware of this and will replace the sign in the winter months as part of their programme. It is suspected to be replaced in January 2025.

**Northumbrian Water and the Parish Council** met in July as the water and sewage infrastructure is still not fit for purpose. Northumbrian Water have confirmed that the remedial work is in the 2025- 2030 plan but no date within this timeframe has been given. Clerk has correspondence and photographs from residents from incidents in the last few weeks. Once again the Parish Council are going to use these to ensure North Yorkshire Council, Northumbrian Water, Rishi Sunak MP, Environment Agency are aware of the severity of the issue.

**Replacing the Litter bins** – two of the litter bins in the village have been replaced by NYC. These are at the bus stop and the other is by the memorial tree on the village green.

**Tidy Garden Competition 2024 results** – Awarded by Jimmy Wilson-Petch at Melsonby Parish Village Show held on 17 August 2024: 1st prize = 16 St James Close, 2nd prize = 60 Moor Road, 3rd prize = 29 West Road. Jimmy Wilson-Petch kindly donated £20 and this year we awarded it to those houses with little or no front garden but have floral displays etc. They were awarded to: 12 High Row, 14 High Row, 20 High Row, 6 Shire Way.

**Parish Village Show 2024 results** – The results from the show can be found on the Parish Council website.

**Northern PowerGrid Priority Service** - A Priority Services Membership (PSM) is offered to customers with unique needs, this includes elderly, sick or disabled residents. To register please call 0800 169 2996 or you can complete an application online at Northern PowerGrid.

**The Limegarth development on Moor Road** – The developer has confirmed that the trees will be cut back, the Leylandii removed and once completed the bungalow will be demolished.

**The Parish Council would ask that residents report ALL sewage and water overflow incidents** to Northumbrian Water as a POLLUTION EVENT. Email - [care@nw.co.uk](mailto:care@nw.co.uk) for the attention of Sewer Flooding Team. The more residents that report these problems as a POLLUTION EVENT will help keep a record and build a bigger picture of how this impacts the village. If you do have photo or video evidence of the incident, please include to NW. Please email this to the Clerk [melsonbyp8@gmail.com](mailto:melsonbyp8@gmail.com) as the Parish Council will continue to log and keep a record of every incident.

**Friends of Melsonby Christmas Fair – A Festive Day for the all!**

Join them on Sunday 24th November at Melsonby School at 10.30am-1.30pm for festive shopping, games, cakes, sweets, tombola, raffle, bacon butties and festive treats! Also don't miss Santa's Grotto. Help them spread festive cheer and support our school. They can't wait to see you there.

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## Planning

All planning applications, supporting documentation and correspondence can be viewed on the North Yorkshire Council Public Access Planning Portal at: [North Yorkshire Council Planning Portal](#)

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## What's on in and around Melsonby

**The Blue Book:** It's an information booklet which **provides a summary of activities and support for older people and people living with dementia**. It's called The Blue Book and is free to anyone. Further information is available to view on [www.melsonbypc.com](http://www.melsonbypc.com)

**Memorial Tree:** The carved tree is situated on the village green. Anyone who lives or has lived in Melsonby may place a plaque on the tree, in memory of a relative or friend who has had connections with the village. The application and full criteria are available to view and download on the Melsonby Parish Council Website [www.melsonbypc.com](http://www.melsonbypc.com). Please contact the Clerk before ordering your plaque. If you wish to contribute a page about your loved one in the Memorial Book, which is kept in the church, please contact Judith Stansfield [melsonbyPCjcs@gmail.com](mailto:melsonbyPCjcs@gmail.com) or 01325 718139. Please send the name, a photo, dates of birth and death and some details about their life.

**The Stepping Up Programme:** Being run by North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Sport and referrals can be made direct to the scheme. Stepping up is an early intervention and prevention programme for young people beginning to show signs of engaging in risky behaviour. This may be appearing at School, Home or within the local community.

**No Cold Calling Signs:** The Parish Council have no cold calling stickers that residents can display in their homes. The stickers are available to pick up from the information Centre (old phone box).

**Stokesley and District Community Care Assoc:** Operate a Community Car Scheme in our area. The scheme offers to help people who are unable to access public transport due to disability, age or where they live. For further information please contact Tel: 01642 710190 or visit Website: [www.stokesleycca.org.uk](http://www.stokesleycca.org.uk)

**LWB Service:** The Richmondshire Rovers bus service offers local journeys in and around Hawes, Wensleydale and North Yorkshire - Making life mobile for everyone. This service is available for everyone to use. For further information and to view the timetable please visit [www.littlewhitebus.co.uk](http://www.littlewhitebus.co.uk) A timetable is displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board.

**Welcome packs:** The Parish Council has a welcome pack for newcomers to the village. It is available to view and download on the Melsonby Parish Website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Judith Stansfield [melsonbyPCjcs@gmail.com](mailto:melsonbyPCjcs@gmail.com) or 01325 718139.

**Village Lending Library:** This service offers a book and jigsaw sharing service library, independent of the county library service. The service is available to access in the St James' Church, Melsonby.

**Outreach Postal Service and Coffee Mornings:** The postal service will be in the Church most Fridays from 10am – 12 noon. Coffee, tea, biscuits and sometimes cake and a chat are now available on Fridays from 10-12 noon.

**Dog Owners: Dog owners are reminded that the children's play areas are out of bounds to dogs unless they are service dogs.**

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## Crime update

**The latest crime bulletin:** To view the latest crime report, please visit [www.melsonbypc.com](http://www.melsonbypc.com). PCSO Elliot Brown is covering Melsonby and surrounding areas.

**County Lines** is a police campaign which aims to raise awareness of a **criminal activity**. This is when criminals from major cities expand their drug networks to small market towns. This is a foremost priority for North Yorkshire Police and information from members of the public is invaluable in helping them safeguard vulnerable people. For further information please visit the North Yorkshire Police website <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/tackling-crime/county-lines-drug-dealing/>

**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. The annual meeting of the Parish Council is on 20<sup>th</sup> November at the new time of 6.30pm in the St James Church meeting room. All are welcome to attend. The full minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on the Parish website [www.melsonbypc.com](http://www.melsonbypc.com)**