

# Melsonby Parish Council

## Parish Council

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

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## Parish Council Update

**Precept 2026/27** – The Precept has been agreed and set for 2026/27. Clerk will apply to North Yorkshire Council for £12980. This will increase a Band D property by 1.69%.

**Community Speed Watch** – The latest stats are available to view on Facebook and available to download on the website. These can be found at [www.melsonbypc.com/useful-links/community-speedwatch/](http://www.melsonbypc.com/useful-links/community-speedwatch/) **Could you volunteer your time to support a Speed Watch session?** The team are always looking for volunteers. Please get in touch if you are interested.

**Baking Competition Donation** - This year's baking competition raised £155.00 for the Food Bank, Richmond. Lynda Watts and Judy Bottle visited the food bank to make the donation. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event.

**NYC Cost of Living Campaign** - Lots of us are still feeling the pressure of the rising cost of living, but you're not alone. North Yorkshire Council can help point you in the right direction if you're struggling, whether that's emergency support with everyday living costs, benefits, energy bills, food or managing debt. There are free adult learning courses too, plus information about local community-based support including Warm Welcome spaces as well as advice on staying safe and well. Find out more at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-and-volunteering/cost-living-support>

**New 30mph Signs** - 7 new 30mph signs have been installed by Highways around the village. This was at the request of the Community Speed Watch Team and the Parish Council.

**Village Planters** – The Parish Council would like to thank the following residents and businesses who volunteered their time to restore and maintain the planters around the village. Andy Reynolds, Will and Ellie Smith, John Rosbotham, Jean Simpson, John Meynell, Adam Claridge, John Fenwick and Graham Smith and Gardenling Thorpe Farm. It is very much appreciated.

### Christmas Eve Festival at St James Church

**Time: 6pm – 7pm**

There will be a festive celebration of Christmas music in the church **on Christmas Eve**, at 6pm.

You can join in singing and there will be contributions from the Melsonby Choir. All are welcome, but as it will be popular, you will need to get there early to get a seat!



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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 [melsonbypcjs@gmail.com](mailto:melsonbypcjs@gmail.com) or 01325 718139. Please send the name, a photo, date of birth and some details about their life.

**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 Association:** 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)

**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 [melsonbyPCjs@gmail.com](mailto:melsonbyPCjs@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 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 next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 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)**