

Melsonby Parish Council

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Parish Council Update

Community Speed Watch – The latest stats are available to download on the parish website. These can be found at www.melsonbypc.com/useful-links/community-speedwatch/

Request For traffic calming measures – Parish Councillors attended a Road Safety Advice Surgery with Deputy Mayor, Jo Coles last July and shared the data on the number of vehicles travelling through the village and the speed of the vehicles. Deputy Mayor, Jo Coles recognised Melsonby as a village that would benefit from traffic calming measures. The Parish Council have raised this with Highways and requested that it is reviewed as a matter of urgency. The letter included:

Currently Melsonby has no traffic calming measures other than three Vehicle Activated Signs that regularly record over 50,000 vehicles entering the village each month with 15% of these exceeding the 30mph speed limit. With speeds up to 75mph recorded in 30mph zones (December 2025 data was attached), it is surely only a matter of time before a serious incident happens in our village.

On behalf of parishioners, the Parish Council request that North Yorkshire Council implement road engineering schemes designed to slow down the speed of vehicles on the four roads into the village, introduce a 20mph zone local to the Primary School and provide additional lighting and signage on the section of East Road to Church Row that has no pavement but is regularly used by pedestrians to get to St James Church that is an important community hub for our village.

Melsonby appears somewhat unique in that they have no existing traffic calming schemes similar to many other villages in our area so look forward to receiving confirmation from North Yorkshire Council that traffic calming measures will be implemented as a matter of urgency.

A copy of the letter is available to view on the Parish Council website. Highways have 20 working days to respond.

Willow Tree on the Corner of St James Close/Moor Road – The Parish Council raised the concern to NYC, after a number of emails back and forth NYC have confirmed that the tree has been inspected and no further action is required. If this does affect you, the Parish Council would ask that you contact NYC directly.

Additional street lighting – An onsite meeting took place with the NYC lighting team to look at areas identified for additional street lighting. The bridge down from the Church (rectory) on East Rd, Aldbrough St/John Road (west side) and opposite Swire way entrance. The light could not be installed near the church because no power access is available, there is a good light outside the church. Funding was the issue in regards to the other two suggested areas.

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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

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. 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 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).

TVCSA Richmondshire Community Transport operate a car scheme in the area - The scheme offers help to people who cannot conveniently use public transport due to age, infirmity, etc. For further information please telephone 01748 327037. Our administrators are available 9.30-2.00 Mon-Fri or leave a message. Or visit the website: tvcsa.jimdofree.com

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 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. 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 25th March 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