

# Meltham Mercury

Meltham Town Council's Newsletter - Winter 2023

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## INTRODUCTION & REPORT FROM THE TOWN MAYOR - CLLR RICHARD NOON

A warm welcome to your winter edition of the Meltham Mercury. Since the last update, a lot has happened. The local elections saw 4 of the existing Councillors stand down, one existing Councillor failed to secure re-election and 5 new Councillors were elected to Meltham Town Council. The Town Council has also appointed a new Town Clerk who took the reins on the 19th of June, with Tara Ball moving her role from Locum Clerk to Advisor to the Council. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the new people and energy! There is a

brief overview of the Councillors below.

In order to provide some continuity, I was re-elected by the Town Councillors to continue as Town Mayor for an additional year. The rationale behind this is to provide some continuity across the significant projects we are currently pursuing. In the coming months, I will also bring forward pledges from the election, which were to improve transparency and reporting from the Town Council, through the Local Council Award Scheme.

## R.A.M.P Update

The refurbishment of the Robert Ashton Memorial Park is now underway. The £268,000 investment will see a transformation within the play area and tennis courts area of the park. The refurbishment team were on-site from the 23rd October and work is expected to be complete ahead of Christmas. These are exciting times for the park – it is an important asset to the Town, not just as a place for recreation, play and rest, but it is of key strategic importance in drawing visitors to the Town.

The work is being undertaken by Groundwork Inc, who were

appointed in August 2023. This is a project that has taken a while to get to this stage, but it is really good to get here! Thank you to Councillors and Clerks current and old for their persistence, and to Kirklees Council, who we appointed to be the project's Landscape Architects.

Additional stages of development within the park will be reviewed once we have begun progress within the park. You can view updates on the transformation of the park at the Town Council website;

[www.melthamtowncouncil.gov.uk/refurbishment](http://www.melthamtowncouncil.gov.uk/refurbishment)

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