

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL
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AGENDA

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To members of the Council:

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Meldreth Parish Council on Thursday 5th December 2013 at 7.30 p.m in the Green Room of the Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business.

To members of the Public:

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Motion to exclude Public and Press: *It is hereby resolved in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the Public and Press be temporarily excluded from this meeting due to the confidential nature of the business - (item 200/12/13).*

176/12/13 To receive any apologies for absence:

177/13/13 Councillors to disclose any Pecuniary Interests (disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) include interests held by a member's spouse, civil partner or similar)) listed on the Agenda:

178/12/13 Public Participation: [For up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council - 3mins per item]

179/12/13 To sign and approve Minutes of meeting dated 7th November 2013:

180/12/13 Matters arising: (no actions information only)

Recycling bin: The Village Hall has given permission for the bin to be placed near the green bins. Mr P Ray has kindly donated the paving slabs.

Tree has been ordered and will be delivered mid January.

Tree guard should be ready at the end of December. Installation equipment is available to borrow from Wimpole Hall, if needed.

Information concerning the mirrors along North End are now with the Highways Officer at CCC.

Street lights along Station Road have been reported.

Pot holes outside the One Stop Shop have been reported. Highways do have this on their schedule of works.

181/13/13 Planning: Cllrs. Hawkins, Searles, Burlton, Chamberlain, Fallon, Land and Stewart (Full details of planning meetings are available via the Clerk, website or notice board.

Planning Meeting held on 21st November: - Mr Andrew Hodgson and Mr Nick Barber from Savills gave a presentation regarding the proposed Solar Photovoltaic Farm across the railway from Bury Lane Fruit Farm. The plan is for 94,000 panels covering 112 acres with a 25 year agreement with the landowner, EW Pepper Ltd. They explained that existing landscaping would be retained and new planting proposed so the site would be well screened. They proposed that the area would be grazed by sheep and a wild flower meadow mix would be used. Access during the 18 week construction period would be via Bury Lane Farm and then via Icknield Way. It anticipated that a planning application would be made before Christmas and that construction would commence, if approved, in the summer 2014. The power would feed into the National Grid and provide power for approx 4,500 homes. The site would be made secure by a 2.5 metre fence with security cameras. A public consultation will take place tomorrow 22nd November from 2pm to 9.30pm at the Community Rooms on Elin Way. Concern was expressed that no leaflet drop had been undertaken by Savills to all houses in Meldreth and Melbourn, as they had promised, and that the notification in The Royston Crow was not sufficient in allowing residents in Meldreth much notice of this proposal. Confusion is caused as Savills have advertised the site being "Bury Lane Farm, Melbourn" (based on the postal address) and had ignored the Meldreth Parish Council request to make it clear that the proposed site sits wholly within the parish of Meldreth.

Verbal report for Planning Meeting held on 5th December:

SCDC Decisions:

Malton Farm, S/1867/13/LB has been granted permission for internal alterations to drawing room.

Sheene Manor House, 58 Station Road S/1540/13/LB has been granted permission for demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with new conservatory.

Sheene Manor House, 58 Station Road S/1541/13/FL has been granted permission for demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with new conservatory.

82 High Street S/1589/13/FL has been granted permission for a single storey side and rear extension to dwelling with alterations to the car parking layout including access.

Sheen Cottage, 63 Station Road S/1933/13/LB has been granted permission for replacement of cement render with lime render to front and side elevations.

182/13/13 Report from District Councillor:

183/12/13 Report from County Councillor:

184/12/13 Village Maintenance:
Benches and bus shelters update.

185/12/13 Playground:
1. Monthly Report
2. Discussion on erecting railings along the play area
3. Electric heater in pavilion
4. Swing seat has been received, D Chappel to install.

186/12/13 Solar Panel Park at Bury Lane:

187/12/13 Highways Minor Improvement Scheme:

188/12/13 Mettlehill:
Gates:
Clearance schedule:

189/12/13 Correspondence and Clerk's Report:
Howard Road: Update on the turning area on the cul-de-sac on Howard Road. Jenny Clark (SCDC) has made enquiries concerning the area outside No 29. There are two parking bays but this is in fact one parking bay for the house (No 29) and one turning area. 'This bay should be specifically for the use of no 29 if the occupant is disabled, and the other bay communal or for turning. All the other properties in this part of Howard Road are private, have a right of access of the unadopted roadway and have their own off-street parking. Their Deeds show however, that out of nos 31, 33,35, 37 and 39, only no 35 has a right of access over the parking/turning area as well as the roadway. This in itself indicates that the area does not 'belong' to No. 29.
Melbourn & Meldreth Self Help – letter of thanks for donation.

190/12/13 Interactive Sign along Whitcroft Road:

191/12/13 Recreation Ground:
1. Ditch – Pat Matthews believed that the cost would be in the region of £30,000. A pond would also need to be installed to compensate for the loss of habitat. An ecology survey may also be needed. With this costing it seems unattainable to culvert the ditch. Residents whose properties border the ditch to be notified to see how they feel about having the foliage cut away from the back of their properties.
Quotes have been sought for clearing the ditch of debris and for clearing the foliage. The only action taken so far is to have the sides of the ditch strimmed.

192/12/13 Village Hall Carpark:
APB has sought further advice concerning the specification given to contractors.

193/12/13 Parish Paths Partnership:
Report from JC

- 194/12/13 Proposal for Reduced Speed Limits:**
Article has been posted in Meldreth Matters.
Speedwatch update from GVB
- 195/12/13 Councillors' Reports:**
- 196/12/13 Dog Fouling:**
Awaiting report from Heidi Duffett (SCDC)
- 197/12/13 To receive details of cheques to be drawn on the Parish Council's account as detailed or amended by late payments. To approve payments:**
LGA Local Government Act; LGFA Local Government Finance Act; TCA Telecommunications Act; OSA Open Space Act; WMA War Memorial Act
1. Cheques for approval and signature including any additional payments:
Payments already made
Staff salaries unknown November salaries LGA 1972 s112
Inland Revenue unknown November PAYE/NI LGA 1972 s112
Payments for approval
D P Gardens £514.16 Sept grass cutting OSA 1906 s9/10
Talk Talk £ 15.31 Broadband TCA
BT £206.21 Telephone TCA
Wicksteed £ 57.00 swing seat OSA 1906 s9/10
Wilson Sport Surfaces £3,314.40 tennis courts OSA 1906 s9/10
CPALC £ 49.99 Local Council book LGA 1972 s113
D. Chappel £ 150.63 war memorial repairs WMA 1923 s1
Deposits:
S106 £65,215.69 15-17 Whitecroft Road S/1911/11/F
Tennis Club £ 2,762.00 contribution towards resurfacing
OPC £ 90.00 office rent
Cecil Newlings £ 35.00 headstone
- Precept: (LGFA 1992 s41) – first meeting has taken place – update from Finance Group.**
- 198/12/13 Burial Ground: .**
JF and Clerk have begun cleaning and clearing the graves. Clerk awaiting quote for repairing the shed.
- 199/12/13 Agenda items for the next meeting:**
- January meeting
- 200/12/13 Clerk:**
Appraisal and salary
- 201/12/13 Action Points: if not already covered:**
Article to go into Meldreth Matters concerning the Parish Council elections due in May 2014.

Judy Damant - Clerk 29th November 2013