

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
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AGENDA

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To members of the Council:

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To members of the Public:

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- 218/10/14 To receive any apologies for absence:**
Apologies received from Mr R Searles.
- 219/10/14 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:**
- 220/10/14 Public Participation: [For up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council - 3mins per item]**
- 221/10/14 To sign and approve Minutes of meeting dated 4th September 2014:**
- 222/10/14 Report from District Councillor:**
Cambridgeshire Future Transpost (Area M – includes Meldreth)
- 223/10/14 Report from County Councillor:**
- 224/10/14 Co option of a new councillor:**
Mrs Duncan has resigned from the council. Notice to be posted from SCDC.
- 225/10/14 Matters arising: (no actions information only)**
Notice concerning cutting back of hedges will appear in October's edition of Meldreth Matters.
Minor Highways Improvement Scheme (MHI) application has been submitted for village gates and road markings.
Riparian Owners and flooding issues from CCC – information is now on the website.
Telephone box on Elin Way will now be removed. This was originally agreed when it was damaged a few years ago. However, BT then replaced all the glass.
Parish & Cabinet Liaison Meeting 6.30 at Cambourne – RAS to attend
Street name suggestions to the new development at Station Yard have been submitted. 'Memorial Close, Railway Close and Cooper's Close'.
Neighbourhood Panel Meeting scheduled for 14th October. DS to attend.
- 226/10/14 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 18th September 2014
Land North West of A10, Meldreth, S/1928/14/FL - Electrical Substation
Meldreth Parish Council recommend 'Refusal' with comments. 'Meldreth Parish Council are not opposed to the building of the substation which they believe can be successfully assimilated into the landscape. However, they do object to the timing of this application, which is running ahead of the two solar farms that it will serve. It is understood that each of these two applications and S/1427/14/FL, which has only just been received by the Parish Council, should be judged on their merits and it is believed that if all are approved that this will give an unacceptable concentration of solar farms in the immediate area and that this will markedly change the landscape character around us'.
SCDC Decisions: 8 Howard Road, S/0263/14/FL – permission has been granted for the demolition of a single storey flat roof side projection and conservatory at rear, and replacement of two storey side and single storey rear extension to form three bedroom

terraced dwelling.

Other Items: **S/1130/13/FL(APP/W0530/A/14/2224034)** – Scrapyard at Chiswick End. Erection of a storage building and change of use of the land to commercial storage for a landscape and general ground and factory maintenance business. Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of SCDC, which was to refuse. The Parish Council have previously recommend approval and they have no further comments to make at this time.

Station Yard - Station Yard - the non-working hours originally stated were between 2.00am and 5.00am. These are now replaced with the three shift patterns (days, afters & nights), which run consecutively one after another. This effectively creates 24 hour operations in-between the start and finish hours that occur over several days. (Recommendation of refusal already given to the planning officer at SCDC)

Planning Meeting 2nd October 2014 – Verbal Report

S106 Payment for 8 Howard Road (S/0263/14/FL) £3,104.38 and £513.04. RAS and SH to sign. RAS to sign on his return.

227/10/14

Playground:

1. Monthly Report
2. Lock for double gate has been ordered.
3. Self closing mechanism for small gate has been passed onto Mr Chappel for fitting.
4. Update from JF/CAL on hedging around the play equipment.

228/10/14

Pavilion:

229/10/14

Recreation Ground:

Ditch Area at the back of the football pitch: The foliage at the back of the ditch of the Recreation Ground has been cleared. Ditch still to be cleared, however if it is dug deeper the water will then be below the pipe which runs to the other ditch leading behind the bungalows towards Bell Close.

Ditch Area leading to Bell Close: Resident has been contacted regarding the fence which is leaning over the ditch, Cllr Hart is also aware that the ditch area which belongs to SCDC needs clearing and thus allowing the resident access to repair/replace their fence.

230/10/14

Mettle Hill:

231/10/14

Village Maintenance:

Ditches and trees along College Bend, North End - Update

Ownership of trees along Fenny Lane

Footways along North End

Footpath 9 – Meads path at Melbourn End

Footpath 8 – nettles need clearing from around the garages and footpath.

Owners of the trees along Fenny Lane which are pushing the fence over have been contacted.

Residents along the High Street with encroaching hedges have been written to.

Highways have been notified concerning cars parked along Allerton Terrace and to have another sign erected.

PCSO have been notified concerning cars parking too near the chicane along the High Street.

232/10/14

Correspondence and Clerk's Report:

- South Cambs Parish Council funding fair on 28th October at Cambourne Village College

- Parish Liaison Meeting at Cambourn 8th October – RAS and AK to attend.

- MHI representatives for the meeting on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th October 2014 from 9:30am at Whittlesford Highways Depot.

- Bus Questionnaire – Meldreth Matters, website, noticeboards and shop. Have requested 30 questionnaires and 1 poster.

233/10/14

Village Hall Car park:

Works has begun, there are some issues regarding the surface which will be addressed when the lines are to be painted along with one disabled space. Company has been out to inspect and are waiting for the surface to settle. There was also concern raised that a drain had been tarmacked over.

234/10/04 Speedwatch and Signage:
- bollards for Fenny Lane/Whitecroft Road.
- clearing of ivy from trees.
- cut back of the hedge at the corner of Fenny Lane and Whitecroft Road

235/10/14 Councillors' Reports:
RAS – Flood Working Party
DS - MAYD

236/10/14 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; TCA Telecommunications Act; OSA Open Spaces Act; PHA Public Health Act; PCA Parish Council Act

1. Cheques for approval and signature including any additional payments:

Payments already made

Staff	£not known	September salaries	LGA 1972 s112
D P Gardens	£514.16	Grass cutting (Aug)	OSA 1906 s9/10
Talk Talk	£ 15.31	Broadband	TCA 1984

Payments for approval

Inland Revenue	£not known	Sept PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
UK Safety	£142.79	PAT testing for office	LGA 1972 s113
PKFLittleJohn	£480.00	External Audit	LGA 1972
MAYD	£450.00	Youth club (replacement chq)	LGA 1972
Arcos	£ 33.86	High Vis Jacket	LGA 1972 s113

Deposits:

Burial plots	£ 240.00	purchase of 3 plots
OPC	£ 90.00	Aug/Sept Rent
Ivett & Reed	£ 125.00	Funeral fees
Burial Plots	£ 160.00	purchase of 2 plots
Precept	£26,587.50	2 nd Instalment

Audit: Meldreth has passed its audit. There were a couple of questions raised by the external auditors, but these are concerned with inconsistencies in the Disclosure boxes – which should have all been ticked NO and confusion with the precept and grant received by the Council and where it should be recorded. The grant (which is received as part of the precept) should actually be recorded as 'other receipts'. The overall figures are all correct.

Clerk has opened an account with Arcos and ordered a High Visibility Jacket.

237/10/14 Appointment of Treasurer:

238/10/14 Burial Ground:
Soil was removed the next day by MD Landscapes.
Quote to rotavate and lay grass seed on cleared area to stop weeds until a decision as to when to put in a wild garden and a rose garden.
Shed can now be painted and cleared. Clerk will contact residents who have previously offered help.

239/10/14 Agenda items for the next meeting:

240/10/14 Action Points: if not already covered:

Judy Damant - Clerk
26th September 2014