

**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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- 180/11/15 To receive any apologies for absence:**
Apologies received from Mr S Hawkins
- 181/11/15 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:**
- 182/11/15 Public Participation: [For up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council - 3mins per item]**
- 183/11/15 To sign and approve Minutes of meeting dated 1st October 2015:**
- 184/11/15 Report from District Councillor:**
- 185/11/15 Report from County Councillor:**
- 186/11/15 Proposed changes to Planning Consultations:**
A response from Meldreth Parish Council has been sent to Tony Pierce SCDC
- 187/11/15 Solar Farms:**
SunEdison (Bury Lane) on the one-off Community Benefit payment of £50,000.
Awaiting confirmation before agreement can be signed on projects being put forward.
Update from Lightsource (Substation) A request has been received from Lightsource with a request the Meldreth PC and Melbourn PC consider a donation to Fowlmere RSPB Nature Reserve. A financial assistance form has been forwarded to Mr Radford at Fowlmere.
- 188/11/15 Solar Money Working Group:**
Update from DL – minutes of the meeting of the 19th October 2015 have been circulated.
- 189/11/15 Matters arising: (no actions information only)**
- 190/11/15 Overnight Parking along Station Road at Sudely Grove:**
Costings have been received from Highways at a cost of £325.68, in accordance with item 160/10/15 the clerk as requested the sign.
- 190/11/15 Planning:** Cllrs. Hawkins, Searles, Fallon, Land, Pellatt and Stewart (Full details of planning meetings are available via the Clerk, website or notice board).
Planning meeting held on 15th October 2015
73 High Street, S/2291/15/FL & S/2292/15/LB - Alterations and refurbishment of 'The Homestead', including demolition of previous extension, together with new vehicle access from High Street and restoration and rebuilding of front boundary. Meldreth Parish Council recommend 'Approval' with comments. 'In view of the existing parking problems on the High Street, if SCDC are minded to approve then the contractors parking should be off street, subject to the same conditions as applications for residential homes in this area.

12 Howard Road, S/2233/15/FL - 2 Storey Side Extension to footprint of existing single storey extension. Meldreth Parish Council recommend 'Approval' with no comments.

Northfield Kennels and Cattery, S/0888/15/FL - Application withdrawn

62 North End, S/2290/15/FL - Demolition of five bedroom chalet style house and erection of four bedroom two storey house. Meldreth Parish Council recommend 'Approval' with no comments.

Planning meeting held on 5th November 2015 – verbal report

191/11/15

Eternit:

- Proposed Planning – representatives will be attending the meeting on 5th November
- New signage – the old Eternit sign to be replaced by a sign for the Sports and Social Club – Clerk awaiting a response from the Planning department.
- Registering as a 'Community Asset' – update from CAL

192/11/15

Village Maintenance:

Trees on North End near Stone Lane:

This is presently with the land owner and Highways who are organising a site meeting.

193/11/15

Playground:

1. Monthly Report
2. Clerk seeking quotes to extend the fenced area around the play equipment.
3. Quotes still being sought to trim vegetation on the ditch and remove tree stumps within the ditch along with other various tree works around the recreation ground. Clerk has received one quotation.

194/11/15

Pavilion:

Update on plans

195/11/15

Trigg Trust:

Mr J Chamberlain has resigned from the Trigg Charity Trust which now leaves an opening, this does not need to be a Parish Councillor.

196/11/15

Mettle Hill:

Report from Philippa Hart

197/11/15

Correspondence and Clerk's Report: Other items may be included for information.

- Councillors in St Neots have started a petition to Parliament for Parish and Town Councils to be compensated for delays in calling referendums on Neighbourhood Plans.
- Riparian Owners – CCC are asking parish councils to precept if needed so they can carry out Local Flood Plans in order to identify areas at risk of flooding, explain the issues within those areas and develop a prioritised action plan for dealing with those issues. The National Flood Forum can provide guidance on how to develop a flood plan.
- Community Gritting Scheme – volunteers from the parish to join the volunteer scheme this winter. CCC insurance will continue to cover anyone who undertakes footway gritting as long as they meeting the criteria.
 1. completed the registration form
 2. have gritted within 24 hours of receiving an alert from CCC, asking them to grit
 3. they have made an appropriate record of their grittingService equipment can be provided out the CCC depots.
- Letters have been sent out to residents on Elin Way and the High Street for cutting back overgrown foliage.
- Foxton Neighbourhood Area – Foxton have submitted an application of a Neighbourhood Area with a view to developing a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Neighbourhood Planning Training Session

198/11/15

Highway Items:

Documentation and a cheque for £250.00 has been sent to CCC for the reduction of the speed limit along North End/Meldreth Road. Shepreth will be contributing 50% of the cost.

199/11/15

Footway at Biddal's Blvd:

Update from Cllr van de Ven

- 200/11/15 Co-option:**
Notice has now gone out to co opt a new councillor, and a notice will be in the next Meldreth Matters.
- 201/11/15 Precept 2016/17:**
Estimated Tax base for Meldreth is 756.5.
- 202/11/15 Councillors' Reports:**
RAS
Footpath 2 – gate obstructing the footpath. The residents are starting building work and have erected a fence which will be extended after building work is completed and thus will restore the path to its original line. When the shrubbery was cut back it revealed a gate which had been hidden. It was agreed that a tree stump will be removed to the right of the gate to allow push chair access and it was suggested that PPP consider an application to CCC to restore the gate perhaps with a field gate and a disabled access pedestrian gate.
DS
MAYD report which has been circulated.
- 203/11/15 Financial Assistance:**
Melbourn Library
Request received from Melbourn Parish Council for a contribution from Meldreth Parish Council to go towards the running of Melbourn Community Hub.
- 204/11/15 Laptop:**
Clerk would like to request a laptop.
- 205/11/15 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
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| Staff | £ | | October salaries | LGA 1972 s112 |
| D P Gardens | £ | 514.16 | Grass cutting (October) | OSA 1906 s9/10 |
| Talk Talk | £ | 20.31 | Broadband | TCA 1984 |
| PWLB | £ | 3,728.25 | Loan for Mettle Hill | LGA 1972 s111 |
| CCC | £ | 250.00 | Payment for speed restriction | LGA 1972 |
| Payments for approval | | | | |
| Inland Revenue | £ | 221.65 | September PAYE/NI | LGA 1972 s112 |
| DP Gardens | £ | | Verge cutting | OSA 1906 s9/10 |
| Arco | £ | 65.93 | Boots for litter picker | LGA 1972 s111 |
| ColourCourt Sport | £ | 360.00 | Tennis lines | OSA 1906 s9/10 |
| Eon | £ | 50.12 | Electricity for Pavilion | |
| Richard Burns Electrical | £ | 53.00 | Water heater repairs in Pavilion | |
| Sovereign | £ | 17,793.05 | Play equipment | OSA 1906 s9/10 |
| Wicksteed | £ | 59.40 | Swing seat | OSA 1906 s9/10 |
| Deposits: | | | | |
| OPC | £ | 90.00 | Office rent | |
| CCC | £ | 652.37 | Grass gutting grant | |
| Hibbitt & Sons | £ | 85.00 | Funeral fees | |
- 206/11/15 East Anglian Air Ambulance Training and Defib Machine (eaaa)**
Clerk has contacted both the primary school and the Air Ambulance to enquire about the cost and need for CPR training. 'The anticipated cost of our CPR training sessions in schools for key stage 2 pupils is £440 per session which could reach up to 100 pupils dependent on the size of the school. The reason I say anticipated cost is because some of the costing relates to mileage and we would only recompense the individuals delivering the training for actual mileage undertaken' from Hannah Roots (eaaa). Still waiting to hear from the school which has been closed for half term.
The clerk has also contacted Jon Needle to see if he can come out and talk about what is needed to install a defibrillator machine within the village.

- 206/11/15** **Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2013/17: Deadline 2nd November**
SH has submitted the paperwork
- 207/11/15** **Remembrance Sunday Wreath:**
Volunteer to lay the wreath at the memorial service.
- 208/11/15** **Agenda items for the next meeting:**
- 209/11/15** **Clerk:**

Judy Damant - Clerk
30th October 2015