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# MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL



## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Delivered at The Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 24th May at 7.30 pm in Meldreth Village Hall.

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Open the floor:

## **THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

### **Who and what is the Parish Council?**

The Parish Council comprises of 9 volunteer councillors who serve for a term of 4 years and represent an electorate of **1488**. Meldreth have just had their first contested election in many years. Along with the Parish Council elections there was also the South Cambridgeshire District elections, Meldreth are now represented by two District Councillors, so we welcome Cllr Jose Hales to our team; Cllr Philippa Hart returns as our District Councillor. The Council meets on the first Thursday of each month except August with additional Planning Committee meetings attended by six councillors being held in between. The agenda is displayed on the Parish notice boards at Bell Close and Elin Way and on the website: [www.meldreth-pc.org.uk](http://www.meldreth-pc.org.uk)

The Parish Council have representatives on other bodies outside the Parish Council and Councillors attend meetings on the Council's behalf. Each member of the Council either serves on a Committee or Working Group or has an area of responsibility.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

All meetings of the Parish Council and its Planning Committee are open to the public and there is a short period on the agenda whereby residents may speak to the Council. During the rest of the meeting however members of the public may listen to but not take part in the discussion of the Council's business. Meetings take place in the Green Room of the Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month (except August) and start at 7.30pm. Planning Committee meetings are held at 6.30pm if not followed by a Parish Council meeting or at 7.00pm prior to the Parish Council meeting; all meetings are advertised on the notice boards and website.

Anyone wishing to raise a matter for consideration by the Council should write to the Clerk. Any letter received by the day before a Parish Council meeting will be reported at that meeting. If information is readily available, the Council may decide on action right away. If not, then the item will be dealt with at the next meeting.

### **What does the Parish Council do?**

The Council has many powers to act and spend money for the benefit of its Parish. Some of these require the support of the District or County to facilitate them - and all are subject to normal procedures of planning and proper use of public funds.

### **What do elected representatives do for me?**

Parish Councillors represent the people living in their local area at the closest level to the community. When issues are being considered, they are there to put your views across.

### **What issues can the Parish Council discuss?**

It may discuss anything that affects all or part of the community, directly or indirectly. As the democratic representative body for the parish, it may influence decisions made by others too.

### **How do I get the Parish Council to do something for me?**

Ask not what your Parish can do for you but what you can do for the good of your Parish. If you are passionate about something which will benefit the local community then the best person to lead that idea to fruition will probably be you. If the Parish Council believe that your idea will benefit a significant number of residents without disadvantaging a significant number of others, then they will support you and help find necessary resources. Like the important work done by many other people in our community, Meldreth Parish Council consists of volunteers who receive no financial reward for their time or effort.

To introduce a problem or idea to the Council you can ask one of the Councillors to put forward your views or come along and talk during the open session held at the start of every Parish Council meeting. You will find that you are more likely to get help or support if you present your ideas constructively. It is then best to proceed by writing a letter to the Parish Clerk summarising your topic of interest, views and any suggestions you may have, and ask that this item be included on the next agenda. The Clerk should then put your topic of interest onto the agenda for the next meeting. By introducing the topic and your ideas at the previous meeting in this way, the Councillors will, hopefully, have time to think about the situation, perhaps visit the site and gather any information they may need to understand the pros and cons of the idea. Because of the legal rules that the Parish Council must abide by, any topic to be discussed must be on the agenda and any motion passed must be agreed to by the majority of Councillors (passed by resolution). If the Councillors believe that more information gathering is needed, then this may delay any decision until another meeting.

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Large expenditures, unless emergencies, must be precepted (budgeted) for. This means that to spend public money on significant projects, expenditure must be agreed by the Parish Council before the end of the preceding financial year. This may mean significant delays for implementation. The money the Parish Council spends comes from Meldreth residents; the precept comes from your Council Tax. For example, when repairs are needed on play equipment etc., due to vandalism, then that money comes out of all the pockets of Meldreth residents who pay Council Tax. Funding and grants for new projects can also be sought from a number of funding bodies.

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**Marc Deas – Cambridgeshire Acre – Speaker on the Housing Survey conducted by Cambridgeshire Acre for Meldreth.**

**Chairman's Report 2018 - Cllr Goddin to report:**

### **Election and Council attendance**

Regarding the Council, we have just had an election – these are four yearly events and only take place if we have more candidates than the nine required to fill the council seats. This year we had ten candidates for nine places.

I would obviously like to welcome our newcomers Nick Garner and Pat Gilmore but also to thank those colleagues who have retired from the Council.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes and we have had the benefit of a committed and motivated group – overall Council attendance this last twelve months has been at 84 per cent, very similar to the previous year. I thank them all for their commitment and hard work on our behalf. I also need to thank volunteers who do not have Council seats but make essential contributions to village life through their various groups. And to add that our County and District Councillors also play a major and valued part in contributing to what is done for the village community.

## Planning Issues

It has been a busy year – to give you some idea, this year we have had to consider 55 planning applications, compared with 40 last year. You will all be aware that there has been an upsurge in speculative applications – largely as a result of the District Council's failure to demonstrate a five-year land supply – but we learned only on Tuesday that this is no longer the case, which is good news. At parish Planning level, we have recommended refusal in three times as many cases as we did last year. A review of planning would not be complete without mentioning Marley Eternit. Last autumn, vigorous opposition from your parish, district and county representatives was rewarded by a unanimous and strongly expressed decision by South Cambs Planning Committee to reject the proposals to build 150 houses there. A battle won but not yet the war, maybe, as the case has now gone to Appeal to a government appointed inspector on 26 June. But we have so far done what we can, we believe, to get the right result for the community and I would like to thank all of those who have made a major effort in this exercise.

## Community Led Plan

You will have seen references in Meldreth Matters to a Community Led Plan. This is the successor to what is loosely referred to as the Parish Plan, last undertaken in 2005 and now in need of overhaul and updating. These plans cannot be led by the Parish Council but we obviously take a close interest in them as we believe they form an important community-led framework for decisions which will come before the Council in due course. We have asked Clare Silver, who chairs our Meldreth Futures Group, to assemble a steering group who can take this new plan forward. We need volunteers for this and we do urge as many as possible to take an interest in this project – Clare is here this evening and can give further information so please make contact with her. This is a real chance to make a really valuable contribution.

## Major Village Projects

I need to say something about major village projects. Last year we reported the imminent conclusion of the tennis courts project and the scheme to renovate the pavilion. These have both now been finished and are in regular use. On the recreation ground we are setting out a five-a-side football pitch and undertaking surveys with regard to the other facilities for children and young people. So a lot is going on in those respects.

## Financial Report

In the papers you have our Clerk's report on the village finances. We may seem to have very generous reserves but there are several major infrastructure projects such as the footway over the railway bridge and repairs to the church wall which are currently under review and might need significant investment.

## Report on Mettle Hill

I'd like to conclude with Mettle Hill – this does remain our largest piece of unfinished business. So, I hope you won't mind my spending a few minutes going over where we are with this.

Some of you will think that this has gone on for far too long without a conclusion being reached and I would certainly join you in regretting that we haven't yet found a solution that is both feasible and would broadly satisfy the greater part of public opinion. However, I have to hasten to say that this was and remains a very complicated issue, partly from the history of the site, secondly from its position in the village and thirdly from the viewpoint of a number of possibly competing objectives.

Let me briefly recall some of the facts. We bought this five acre site for £125,000 when its use as a gypsy/traveller site came to an end. This was to give the community control over its future use.

On top of the £125,000 we need to add interest on the loan at just over 3 per cent. In addition, you will be aware that recently we had the site infrastructure leveled, in order to comply with safety legislation which imposes a duty on landowners to safeguard against harm anyone entering the premises, with or without permission. You may think that it is unreasonable for us to be required to protect trespassers from their own actions but this is the law and has been since 1984. We are fortunate that there have been no incidents, as far as we are aware. But this did cost around £14,000.

So, the overall community investment in the site is now about £150,000 which is about two and half times or so the value of agricultural land and also two and half times the amount we raise from our residents each year through Council Tax.

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These are significant figures but we should not lose sight of the fact that our primary objective – of ensuring our control - has already been met. I think it is fair to say that the community does expect some financial compensation, either now or in the future, for this community investment but as part of a balanced outcome.

Two or so years ago we undertook a village survey, which produced a wide range of possibilities, all of which needed to be given careful consideration. At the top of our agenda is the need to find a balanced solution, which would satisfy a broad range of criteria. Yes, these would include the financial aspects but only in balance with other community dimensions, including the need to safeguard the site from future unwanted occupancies. You will be aware from other reports of the various things which have been looked into, ranging from a full-scale development of affordable homes to a woodland burial ground, a small industrial estate, an estate of park homes for the over 55s and various projects with softer edges such as community orchards and amenity land. Let me stress, please, that your Council has a duty to look at all proposals with the same level of responsibility and diligence, unlike a private landowner who can if he or she wishes go straight to a particular preference and cut whatever corners they wish to. We cannot do that. So, these processes all take time of course.

You all know where the site is and our choices would be so much easier – and more obvious – if we could move the site just a few hundred meters. As it is, it is poorly situated for many of the possible uses. It's distant from the main centre of the village, outside the village planning envelope, partly agricultural land, not served by public transport. Its isolated position also means that special care is needed to safeguard the site from unauthorized occupants. We have also needed to bear in mind that the site needs to be sustainable from the viewpoint of care and maintenance. Some of the ideas that came forward – for things such as community orchards and soft landscaped amenities – would have imposed an unsustainable care and management burden whilst providing little or no financial return. I hope that those who suggested those projects will understand why we have felt unable to support them.

Our choices for the site have now basically boiled down to three main possibilities – I've already mentioned two of these, affordable housing and park homes housing for the over 55's. In that context, we have had extensive discussions with three major park homes companies and with several developers of affordable housing and in addition have investigated the third possibility, which is a small-scale industrial estate. For the latter it wasn't possible to develop a viable proposal in terms of a financial model and one that importantly ticked the boxes of risk and management. So, we are currently considering the two residential possibilities of affordable housing and a park homes scheme.

I have already mentioned the scheme at Marley Eternit which, as you know, this Council, our wider community and our district and county councillors have fought hard to resist. The end result here could have a bearing on how the planners might view our proposals for Mettle Hill so we have deliberately allowed our proposals for Mettle Hill to await the Marley decision. The proposal was defeated at SC Planning Committee but is being appealed on 26 June, so the final outcome remains uncertain.

Both our main two possibilities would embrace different aspects of the housing issues which all communities face. Park Homes have moved away from the concept of cheap mobile homes and now offer older folk – usually restricted to over 50s or 55s – a way of releasing capital from their homes and moving into a like-minded community, often in places near their children and grandchildren which they might not otherwise be able to afford. Or to offer single storey accommodation as an alternative to conventional bungalows, which we all know to be relatively expensive propositions. We believe that a park homes scheme could meet many of our community objectives and we know that using the site in this way will produce very adequate financial compensation for the investment the village has committed. The use of the site for affordable homes of the conventional kind will also tick many of the same boxes, but for a different and probably younger part of the community.

Our current thinking is to use only the front part of the site for any of these purposes and to leave the rear part for the future, but with access from the highway onto it.

A word of caution is needed however. First, we need to have further discussions with the planners who are not convinced about the location of the site for any residential purpose - and secondly there is not universal support in the community for our general direction of travel. With, for example, regard to park homes there is a need for critics to look more carefully at the way these schemes now operate, the assets and community benefits they provide and not to be too fixated on out-of-date perceptions and prejudices.

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Let me conclude by saying that we may decide to leave the site in mothballs for the future. The passage of time is likely to improve rather than worsen the outlook for possible uses as pressure on housing continues. This is not however an option we would accept other than by default but we do have the comfort of knowing that the primary purpose has already been achieved, the site has been made safe and we do now have secure long-term ownership of the land if we wish to retain it for the future. And hopefully that value will grow as time passes.

However, in the meantime our work continues to be to seek a productive use for this site, which meets as many community objectives as possible. I hope this is a helpful summary of where we have got to with Mettle Hill and I'm happy to address any questions you might have on the present position.

## Notes from the Annual Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Apologies were received from Mr P Ray, Cllr Pellatt and Mrs C Knight.  
There were 26 in attendance.

Cllr Land as the Chairman for the last year, welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded to read out his report, he also welcomed Cllr Goddin who is the now the new Chairman.

The Clerk read out the Financial report which is also included in the pack. This year the precept is for £60,000 with monies also being taken out of reserves. There are a few major projects being looked into such as replacing lights along North End and Chiswick End, the ditch at the recreation ground which is to be cleared and the banks to be reinstated to a better level. There are also projects which have been put aside regarding the Marley/Eternit proposal for 150 dwellings, these include the footway across the station bridge, however this is also part of the discussions going on with Network rail and the possible closing and re routing of the crossing. If none of these come to fruition then the Parish Council will need to look at other funding avenues in order to get this work done.

Q. Will Network Rail have a responsibility to find an alternative route?

A. Cllr van de Ven responded that the re routing is not acceptable as it puts a greater risk on users. Network Rail are applying to the Secretary of State at the moment.

CCC Report:

Cllr van de Ven read out her report.

Q. The footways are continuing to deteriorate, why is CCC spending money on cycle paths and not the footways?

A. This has been raised many times at CCC, the money being used for cycle paths does not come from CCC it comes direct from central government, so is a totally separate funding department.

Q. Where does our council tax go?

A. Mostly on adult social care.

Q. Is the Mayor able to support the council?

A. No the council supports the Mayor. The Mayor provides a single point of decision making for the government rather than the system in place at the moment whereby the government has to deal with various local authorities. The Mayor will have new powers one being bus franchising which may be of benefit.

SCDC Report

Cllr Hart read out her report.

There was an update concerning the proposed development at Marley which will now be going to planning at SCDC in July, this has already been postponed a couple of times. The main obstacle is the objection from Highways which concerns the proposed access which they want rerouted.

The only money coming into communities at the moment is coming from developments.

The planning application at the British Queen is awaiting a bat survey. However, processing applications are once again falling behind.

Mr Simon Holmes – Melbourn Village College

Read out his report and wished to express his thanks to everyone in Meldreth who support both the schools (primary and college). Both schools are excelling especially in the area of mathematics and the also thanked the Parish Council for their support in regards to funding for transport for students to attend after school activities.

Meldreth Futures Working Group

Cllr Young addressed the meeting and asked for suggestions for ideas on what the monies could be spent on to be forwarded to the group or the Clerk. All suggestions will be looked into. There is a report attached to the pack but this year funding has been given to MADS, Guides, WI, Melbourn Village College, Melbourn Tea Party, Christmas Tree Event and Meldreth Preschool.

Q. Is the equipment for MADS there's?

A. No the Parish Council purchased it so that MADS can have main use of it, but it is available for anyone using the Village Hall when not in use for MADS productions.

Question from floor:

Q. A petition was done regarding '20's Plenty' of which many residents signed. Is the Parish Council doing anything about this as the speeding within Meldreth is getting worse?

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A. The Parish Council have been looking into this and the result is that the '20's Plenty' signs are not allowed by Highways. It is not advisable to have signage of a different speed limit to what is the legal speed limit as it causes confusion. The result regarding the 20's Plenty has only recently been given to the Parish Council from the relevant Highways department. Cllr Young responded that the scheme has been looked into and the question of legally reducing the speed limit will now be looked into. There is now to be a meeting with Highways to investigate this matter further as to, can it be done, and if so where.

There are also no repeater signs along North End, however this is to do with the spacing of lights. The Parish Council have tried to get repeater signs installed but it does not conform to Highways regulations.

Speedwatch is a good deterrent but more volunteers and needed to run the scheme. Speed watch now had the latest equipment which is shares with other villages. Mr Borgonon responded that though more volunteers are always needed the main reason that the scheme has not been running recently is that it needs another volunteer to come forward to help run the back office. Speedwatch has been running for eleven years.

The speed limit along North End was reduced this year but the Parish Council had to apply through the correct channels and have Highways and the police on board with the proposal.

Q. Can flashing signs help?

A. This is no longer a part of Highways programme. The Parish Council would need to investigate and apply through the correct channels again though the cost would be covered by the Parish Council you need clearance from Highways.

Cllr van de Ven also reported that as she is now the County Councillor for Bassingbourn she has become aware of traffic behaviour from some of the surrounding villages which is having an impact on Meldreth, normally for the use of the station. With her help a scheme has been set up with RDCT to run a bus service from Bassingbourn and it is hoped that by doing this that car use will be reduced.

The question of legally reducing the speed limit would need to go to a public consultation regardless of the petition, however the petition would be of supportive use.

Q. Have other villages introduced a 20mph limit?

A. There is an organisation who are trying to install 20mph in urban areas.

Haslingfield has also accomplished something which has reduced the rat running through the village.

Q. What is happening with the primary school and the proposed extension?

Neither Cllr Hart or Cllr van de Ven were able to attend the recent opening event to look at the plans. The school is due to be expanded and a consultation has taken place. The expansion is in anticipation of the Marley development. Cllr Hart also stated that she cannot say that the expansion will definitely happen if the Marley development does not go ahead. The preschool will also be included in this expansion. Neighbours of the school responded that they had been informed that this was a definite regardless of what happens at Marley.

Q. Who is responsible for clearing the gutters.

A. Cllr van de Ven stated that this was a matter of CCC. Cllr van de Ven also explained about the Flood Avoidance group who work with her and Highways to inspect drains. A village walk, which occurs annually is due soon to inspect all drainage issues within the village.

Q. Can the footways be inspected at the same time?

A. Yes, this is done regularly, both Cllr van de Ven and members of the Parish Council walk the footways and put in areas of need, but it is up to the Highway Department as to what works will be carried out.

The meeting closed at 20.45pm

## **VILLAGE REPORTS**

### **MELDRETH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT**

We would like to thank the Parish Council for the upgrade of the pavilion and we have has some good comments from the away teams and referees.

We have had a good season at the moment in division 2 of the Sunday League and we are in first place with 5 games to play (on writing this) we could win the league, if we do we then have a play-off with the leader of division 3 for a cup.

We have been in 'three cups' which we reached the last 8 again.

We are hoping to get new portable goals for next season and a new line marker.

The Saturday club have also had a good season as well by winning the 3A league they are still in one cup and in a cup final (19<sup>th</sup> April) which they lost 3-4 on penalty.

### **GOOD COMPANIONS (OVER 60'S) REPORT**

Awaiting

### **MELDRETH PARISH CHARITIES REPORT**

Robert Halfhead(1658) Lettice Martin(1562) and James Addlestone(1723)

These ancient bequests were set up to provide an annual income which was originally disbursed at the discretion of the Trustees. Over time, this purpose was modified by the introduction of the Welfare State and Social Benefits and subsequently the Trustees have been able to use the annual income to provide assistance to residents who have a particular need that cannot be met by normal sources of income or support.

#### **We are here to help:**

There is money available from these historic bequests to help Meldreth residents or village organisations with a particular need that cannot be met through normal sources of income or support.

*Examples:*

- Special payment to relieve sudden distress, illness or infirmity
- Costs involved in hospital visits
- Provision of books or equipment for students
- Medical aids
- Medical prescriptions

Applications are invited and can be made to any of the Trustees or the Clerk. Applications are, of course, treated as confidential.

### **MELDRETH LUNCH CLUB**

The lunch club was set up for residents of Meldreth. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the club has not been running but it is hoped that it will restart in a few months. It is hoped that more people would like to attend, if anyone is interest please contact Eileen Allen on 07712411976.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT** *(Verbal/Attached)*

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT** *(Verbal)*

**FINANCIAL FIGURES, AUDITS FOR 2016/17 AND 2017/2018 and BANK RECONCILIATION** *(Attached)*

**MELBOURN MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME** *(Attached)*

**MELDRETH PRIMARY SCHOOL** *(Attached)*

**MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE** *(Attached)*

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**MELDRETH HISTORY GROUP REPORT** *(Attached)*

**PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP** *(Attached)*

**MELBOURN AREA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (MAYD)** *(Attached)*

**TREE WARDEN REPORT – OUR VILLAGE TREES** *(Attached)*

**VILLAGE HALL REPORT** *(Attached)*

**TENNIS CLUB REPORT** *(Attached)*

**MELDRETH BOWLS REPORT** *(Attached)*

**CHRISTMAS TREE REPORT** *(Attached)*

**GALLERY WRITERS REPORT – Waterlight film project** *(Attached)*

**MELBOURN AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY REPORT** *(Attached)*

**MELWOOD REPORT** *(Attached)*

**SPEEDWATCH REPORT** *(Attached)*

**Organisations who received monies from the Community Benefit Fund**

*Amounts given are within the financial report.*

- *Tennis club*
- *Pavilion*  
*Money given was for kitchen equipment (fridge, microwave and crockery)*
- *Purchasing of two defibrillators*
- *Gallery writers*
- *Melwood*
- *Christmas Tree Festival*
- *MADS*

## Mary Course Trust Accounts

<b>Community Access</b>			
Date	Item	Amount	Balance
			80.38
6.6.13	Cheque	60.00	20.38
31.12.13	Interest pd	0.02	20.40
31.12.13	Tax pd	0.00	20.40
31/12/14	Interest pd	0.01	20.41
31/12/15	Tax pd	0	20.41
31/12/15	Interest pd	0.01	20.42
31/12/16	Interest pd	0.01	20.43
31/12/17	Interest pd	0.01	<b>20.44</b>

<b>Fixed Rate Bond</b>			
Date	Item	Amount	Balance
			1428.13
31.12.13	Interest pd	47.84	1475.97
31.12.13	Tax	9.57	1466.40
28/05/14	Interest pd	19.78	1486.18
28/05/14	Tax	3.96	1482.22
31/12/14	Interest pd	17.71	1499.93
31/12/14	Tax	3.54	1496.39
31/12/15	Interest pd	29.92	1526.31
31/12/15	Tax	5.98	1520.33
31/12/16	Interest pd	29.15	1549.48
27/5/17	Interest pd	10.92	1560.40
28/5/17	Product switch	0	1560.40
31/12/17	Interest pd	2.67	<b>1563.07</b>

Funds for the primary school have been given by the parish council due to the bond terms. This has been done over the past two years and will finish with the payment in 2016 (3 years). £180.00 will then be transferred from the Mary Course Fund back to the Parish Council fund to offset these charges.

This fund has been reinstated and funds will be returned to the parish council.

## Loan Repayments (yearly payments of £7456.52) will be paid off in 2030

Balance outstanding	Principal Due	Interest Due	Total Due	Interest Rate %
122500	1535.5	654.19	2189.69	3.58
120964.5	1562.99	2165.26	3728.25	3.58
119401.51	1590.96	2137.29	3728.25	3.58
117810.55	1619.44	2108.81	3728.25	3.58
116192.11	1648.43	2079.52	3728.25	3.58
114543.68	1678.94	2049.31	3728.25	3.58
112864.74	1707.97	2020.28	3728.25	3.58

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111156.77	1738.54	1989.71	3728.25	3.58
109418.23	1769.66	1958.59	3728.25	3.58
107648.57	1801.34	1926.91	3728.25	3.58

Balance £107,648.57

Amount due £3,728.25 (this financial year 2018/19)

Amount remaining £105,847.23

### Clerk's Financial Report:

Precept request 2017/18 £60,000.00

Precept request 2018/19 £60,000.00

These figures are presently being inspected by the Internal Auditor so may be amended. Once they have been approved they will be submitted to the External Auditor. The final figures will be signed off by the Parish Council and then they will be submitted to the External Auditor for final inspection in June 2018.

The accounts for 2016/17 have been audited satisfactorily and have passed the External inspection. Questions were raised with regards to the amount of reserves being held, this was explained that there are projects that the Parish Council may have to fund if S106 does not come through such as the footway across the railway bridge and the improvements to the SCDC footway lights along with having reserves to run the parish which is normally at least 50% of the annual precept allocation. The draft accounts for 2017/18 are attached and available for inspection, showing a breakdown of expenditure and income. These have not yet been inspected by the internal auditor so are still in draft form and changes may be made to the final submission.

S106 monies have been received this year in the amount of £3,617.42.

Solar monies have been received this year in the amount of £13,071.84

Donations have been given via the Community Benefit fund (£12,744.42) or the precept (£1876.00).

Mobile Warden Scheme has received £1,225.00

There was more expenditure this year due to payments being made towards the refurbishment of the pavilion, safety work at Mettle Hill, Community Benefit donations, Traffic regulations, fencing around the village hall carpark and increase in VAT – this is reclaimable and pension contributions for staff.

### Reserves:

The Parish Council have a reserve as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 of £187,377.17.

This is including the following:

Community Benefit	£ 64,884.08
S106	£13,557.41
Marley Eternit legal fees	£ 5000.00
Street light upgrade	£ 15,000.00
Verges and ditches	£ 6,000.00
Provision for infrastructure projects (estimate)	£ 50,000.00
Sub total	£154,441.49
General reserves 3-12 months	£ 32,935.68 (6.59mths)
Total cash and reserves	£187,377.17

At the present time some of these items are reliant on S106 being received from developments. The Parish Council are expecting a S106 payment of £89,000 which is for recreational ground use (adult gym equipment, hard play area and a payment for the village hall). The Parish Council have been trying to get the footway across the bridge improved and have been hoping that some funding would be received from a S106 development, however if this does not happen then the Parish Council may need to fund the project themselves.