

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held **Thursday 2nd March 2006** at 7.30 p.m. in Meldreth Village Hall

Present: Mr A. Land (Chairman)
Mr G.V. Borgonon
Mr S.W.J. Chamberlain
Mrs M.P. Course
Mr R. Elbourn
Mrs J. Fallon
Mrs D. Jones-Barrie

Dr S. van de Ven (Councillor, South Cambridgeshire District Council [S.C.D.C.])
Mr D. McCraith (Councillor, Cambridgeshire County Council [C.C.C.]

1. Apologies for absence:

Mr J. Hanson; Mr R.A. Searles

2. To sign and approve Minutes of meeting dated 2nd February 2006.

Ref: Item 5 Report from District Councillor, amendment in bold type to read: 'Whaddon Road: Approval **is being sought** for the development'.

The Minutes were then signed as a true record. Proposed Mrs Course, seconded Mr Borgonon.

3. Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council

Miss Hunter:

(i) Comments on: Whaddon Road development. Thanks were afforded to all persons involved over many years in the pursuit of affordable housing needs in Meldreth, which now appears to have come to fruition.

(ii) Request information on: Melwood seat: this will be in place by the summer of 2006. **M.P.C.**

Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda, which may cause a conflict of interest

Item 6.4, Mr G.V. Borgonon, as Contractor.

Report from District Councillor

Whaddon Road Development

- (a) Funding for affordable housing developments of this size is now extremely difficult to obtain. In addition to all the hard work that has been done over the years we are also very lucky that Flagship had funds diverted from other projects which had not come to fruition, to spend on the project at Meldreth. Timing on this project has been critical and that has included the readiness of S.C.D.C. officers in following up a host of last minute queries and tasks on our behalf.
- (b) The requested consideration by Meldreth Parish Council and S.C.D.C. of a footway along Whaddon Road will not be feasible due to the width of the roadside plus the need to culvert the awarded drainage ditch.
- (c) Jane Lampshire, Sports Development Officer, S.C.D.C. will assess the requirements for the proposed play area.
- (d) The Environment Agency has requested that a flood risk assessment be carried out on the site and this will need to take place before the end of March 2006. Failure to do so may jeopardise the project.
- (e) Easement land: Flagship wish to purchase a 1.9 m. strip of land running along the northern edge of West Way. The Parish Council is in agreement with this. See Planning Minutes, Item 5.4, 02.03.2006.

Other Matters

- (f) Effects of capping: there will no longer be a Community Access Point officer at S.C.D.C.
- (g) Biddall Landscaping: Mr J. Hellingsworth, Trees and Landscape Officer, S.C.D.C. is in negotiations with Mr Biddall.
- (h) CEMEX: Barrington Liaison Group has indefinitely postponed their next meeting as CEMEX wish to review submission of their planning application and environmental statement to C.C.C., pending further research.

6. Agenda Items

6.1 Russells Meats – reference letter dated 11th January 2006

Mr David Lines, Traffic Management Officer, has confirmed that C.C.C. will not support additional village signage.

The Parish Council thanks Russells for their offer of seasonal planting at the War Memorial but consider it would be inappropriate as the Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony is held at the Memorial. Clerk to inform the Proprietor, Russells Meats of these decisions. **Clerk**

6.2 Recycling at Fieldgate Nurseries – update – A.L.

Mr Ward has erected a fence between his property and the Right of Way leading to Bury Lane. The waste paper container will be resited. **A.L.**

6.3 Footway Lighting – response to S.C.D.C.

Councillors present agreed to check all lights. The Clerk will then respond to Mr Paul Quigley, Environment Services Manager by 20th March 2006. **Clerk**

Mr Chamberlain disappointed at the sporadic lighting already in existence in North End.

6.4 Website – update and renewal – G.V.B.

Approval was given to renewal of the Internet service provider and registration of the domain name. Proposed Mrs Course, seconded Mr Elbourn. Mr Borgonon, Webmaster, was thanked for all his time and work involving the website. The Clerk, via Meldreth Matters, to request that organisations and clubs regularly check their website entries and advise the Council of any changes. **Clerk**

6.5 P.P.I.T. – update – G.V.B.

The latest detailed Action Plan is available on the Parish Council website. Nearly all the 35 issues derived from the responses given to the Parish Plan Questionnaire are beginning to be addressed by the 6 person Implementation Team, though some further input is required from specialist quarters. **G.V.B.**

6.6 Parish Paths Partnership – update – J.C.

A successful working party had trimmed overhanging foliage and cleared 20 bags of accumulated rubbish on paths near to Station Road.

The next working party will paint and refurbish lettering on metal signposts.

To liaise with C.C.C. on the possibility of a project to improve Path 6, railway to A10 Bypass and link with work carried out by Melbourn Parish Council facilitating a Walk to School Route from Flambards to Melbourn Village College. **J.C.**

6.7 Recreation Ground: litter receptacle by skateboard

Vandalism: Clerk to purchase a replacement dome for existing bin. **Clerk**

7. Planning

Request for the following:

24 Affordable Dwellings
Land Off Whaddon Road (Adj. West Way)
Flagship Housing Group
Planning Minutes: 02.03.2006 Ref: S/2365/05/F

Conversion of Barn into Dwelling and Erection of 3 Dwellings
Adj. 106 High Street
K & K Developers
Planning Minutes: 02.03.2006 Ref: S/0281/06/F

Erection of Dwelling to replace Existing Dwelling
and Outbuildings to be Demolished on Completion
'Corner View', 1 Stone Lane
Mr & Mrs R. Searles
Planning Minutes: 02.03.2006 Ref: S/0282/06/F

Sale of land and easement at West Way
Letter dated 22nd February 2006 from Mrs Jenny Clark, Lands Officer, South Cambridgeshire District Council
Planning Minutes: 02.03.2006

Retrospective Application

Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Car Parking
Bury Lane Fruit Farm
E.W. Pepper Ltd.
Planning Minutes: 02.03.2006

Ref: S/0687/05/F

Tree Work

128 High Street
Mr & Mrs Hiscott
Planning Minutes: 16.02.2006

Ref: C/11/17/71/02

31 Whitecroft Road
Mr J. Elbourn
Planning Minutes: 02.03.2006

Ref: C/11/17/71/02

Appeal to the Secretary of State

Change of use of land from Agricultural to Storage and
Display of External Paving Materials and Erection of 2
Buildings for use as Showroom and Studio
E.W. Pepper Ltd.
Planning Minutes: 02.03.2006

Ref: S/0689/05/F

8. Correspondence

Cambridgeshire ACRE (January 2006) ✓ (C)
Land Registry (Registration of landholdings, owned by M.P.C.) ✓ (C)
Cams. Soc. for the Blind and Partially Sighted (acknowledgement of donation of £50 in memory of Pat Elbourn) ✓ (C)
Melbourn District Villages Association (acknowledgement of cheque for £300 for Melbourn Library) ✓ (C)
S.C.D.C. (Race Equality Scheme) ✓ (C)
Mr R. Diamond (correspondence x 3) ✓ (C)
C.C.C. (grass cutting: receipt of grant: £1,917.84) ✓ (C)
Allianz Cornhill (insurance clarification) ✓ (C)
Great and Little Chishill (information: Parish Plan) ✓ (C)
Mrs Fox (Flambards Close) ✓ (C)
C.A.L.C. (lights and other information) ✓ (C)
S.C.D.C. (Whaddon Road development: street naming) ✓ (C)
The Bulletin (February 2006) ✓ (C)
S.C.D.C. (Trustee Training Event – 07.03.2006) ✓ (C)
C.C.C. (Streetscape Consultation 20th February – 24th March 2006) ✓ (C)
C.C.C. (Cambridgeshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan) ✓ (C)
CEMEX Development (update on proposal) ✓ (C)
S.C.D.C. (Standards Committee) ✓ (C)
MAGPAS (Newsletter, February 2006) ✓ (C)
Cecil Newling (Received £80.00 Cemetery fees: Gladys Jacklin) ✓ (C)
Association of Burial Authorities Bulletin (Spring 2006) + Burial Conference 2006 details ✓ (C)
S.C.D.C. (Legal Advice) ✓ (C)
S.C.D.C. (Parish Council Election – 04.05.2006) ✓ (C)

9. Bills and Payments

Payable	Cheque No.	Net £	V.A.T. £	Total £	Details	Power
Revd. I. Smart	001369			30.00	Officiant: Funeral Rose Dungey	Section 2 E.F.M. 1962
Meldreth Mobile Warden Scheme	001370			1,000.00	Annual Donation	S 137*
Press Start Ltd.	001371	11.25	1.97	13.22	Parish Office: IT Support	LGA 1972 s. 112
Powergen	001372	40.43	2.02	42.45	Pavilion	Misc. Provisions Act 1976 s.19
Mr G.B. Goodwin	001373			446.67	Grass Cutting	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss. 9/10
Revd. M. Price	001378			30.00	Officiant: Funeral Gladys Jacklin	Section 2 E.F.M. 1962

The above payments were agreed. Proposed Mrs Jones Barrie, seconded Mrs Fallon.

9a. Section 137 Payments

*Meldreth Mobile Warden Scheme – Annual Donation: £1,000

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 6th April 2006 at 7.00 p.m. in The Green Room, Meldreth Village Hall.

Councillors' and Clerk's comments with agenda items for the next meeting of the Parish Council, (following the Annual Parish Meeting) on 6th April which will commence at approximately 8.00 p.m.

Pavilion: Mrs Fallon, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr Course and Mr Harper for fitting a new door.

Mr Foggo, Litter Collector, to be asked to include Bell Close and Gables Close and Car Park in his work schedule.

Mr McCraith: C.C.C. has agreed a budget increase of 5% resulting in £10.5 million worth of cuts throughout the County.

Village Hall Car Park: to raise height either side of the speed humps. Clerk to obtain a quotation from Cobbs. **Clerk**

Clerk to write to the Village Hall Committee to request that a light be installed on a daylight sensor for the Elin Way side of the Hall. **Clerk**

Cemetery: reference Item 6.6, Minutes of 3rd November 2005: Mr Skuse has submitted a price for removal of excess soil, which was supported by Mr Chamberlain, seconded Mrs Fallon.

Future Agenda items to date:

Land Registry (Land Registration Act 2002) – list of Parish Council land
Parish Paths Partnership – update

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.