

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 6th April 2006, 8.45 p.m. in Meldreth Primary School

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

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

1. Apologies for absence:

Mr D. McCraith (Councillor, Cambridgeshire County Council [C.C.C.]

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

The Minutes were signed as a true record. Proposed Mrs Jones Barrie, seconded Mr Elbourn.

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

Three members of the public were present.

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

Mr R.A. Searles, Item 6.1.

5. Report from District Councillor

It was noted that a new agent is working for Jephsons Housing Association Group, reference land to the rear of 15 – 17 Whitecroft Road. Dr van de Ven in any correspondence with Jephsons, will continue to reiterate the views of the Parish Council, that it does not support development on this site. **S.v.d.V.**

Bell Close: regular parking of a large lorry. Dr van de Ven to action.

S.v.d.V.

6. Agenda Items

6.1 Meldreth Tennis Club – (financial request)

As a Club member, Mr Searles abstained from the discussion. The Parish Council agreed the sum of £450 to repair perimeter fencing. Proposed Mrs Course, seconded Mr Chamberlain.

In December 2003 the Parish Council offered to purchase a seat and refuse container. It was agreed that as the Club had not taken up the offer it would be necessary for them to apply to the Council for financial assistance.

Clerk

6.2 Flood risk – R.A.S.

South Cambridgeshire Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2005: it appears that the information was based on an earlier flood risk map. Following a conversation with Mr Robin Farbridge, Mr Searles suggests that householders who receive increased home insurance premiums for reasons of increased flood risk should challenge their insurance company and if necessary the Environment Agency.

6.3 Parish Council owned land

The Land Registration Act 2002, came into force on 13th October 2003. The aim is for Total Registration of all land in England and Wales by 2012. Clerk to seek advice from C.A.L.C. **Clerk**

The Clerk confirmed that the under mentioned Records and Deeds of land owned by the Parish Council are deposited with the County Record Office at Shire Hall:

Recreation Ground

Deeds with related correspondence - 1819-1976

Papers relating to purchase of Recreation Ground and erection of Pavilion - 1946 - 1957

Meldreth Tennis Club

Photocopy of loan agreement between the Club and Coutts and Co. - 1986.

Cemetery, Fenny Lane

County Council order approving raising of loan for burial ground, 1920, mortgage to Pride of Melbourn Lodge of Independent Order of Oddfellows, 1921, conveyance of land in Fenny Lane, 1921, regulations and related correspondence -

Trusteeship of land in Chiswick End Field, 1975.

Deeds - Conveyance of old clunch pit and land at Mettle Hill from District to Parish Council 1980 - 1981.

Stocks Green

Commons register entry and map - 1969 with decision on commons registration, 1979.

Memorial Green

Decisions on commons registration 1979.

Flambards Close

Areas recently acquired by the Parish Council in lease to Flambards Residents Association.

6.4 Estimates: Meldreth Village Hall Car Park – Speed Ramps

Reference meeting of 2nd March 2006. The Clerk, when obtaining further quotations, to question the width, either side of the humps. **Clerk**

6.5 Footway Lighting

Clerk to inform the District Council that there are in fact only 37 footway lights. **Clerk**

The Parish Council has agreed to take over responsibility for power and routine maintenance to the 37 footway lights in Meldreth. The District Council has stated that as the Parish and District Councils will act as lighting authorities it would be advisable for the lights to be included within the Public Liability Insurance of Meldreth Parish Council. In responding Allianz Cornhill has asked for further clarification and the Clerk is waiting to hear from the District Council.

Dr van de Ven informed the meeting that a detailed agreement will shortly be sent to Parish Councils, which will cover insurance implications and responsibilities of S.C.D.C., C.C.C. and the Parish Council to street lighting. **Clerk**

6.6 Parish Path Partnership – update

The proposed work schedule for 2006/07 has been prepared and will be discussed at the meeting on 15th May which will include discussion on a possible Walk to School Route from Flambards Bridge, along Footpath Path No. 6 to Melbourn Village College. A reduced budget of £250 from C.C.C. has been applied for.

Mr Graham Ward will lead a Village Walk on Sunday 7th May, 2.30 p.m. starting at the Village Hall.

7. Planning**Request for the following:**

Alterations and Conversion of Barn and Outbuilding to 4 Bedroomed Dwelling with 2 Covered Parking Bays. Demolition of Open Sided Outbuilding 106 High Street K & K Mills Developers <i>Planning Minutes: 16.03.2006</i>	Ref: S/0385/06/LB
Internal and External Alterations Maycroft Residential Care Home Aermid Health Care Ltd. <i>Planning Minutes: 06.04.2006</i>	Ref: S/0499/06/LB
Extensions to Residential Care Home Maycroft Residential Care Home Aermid Health Care Ltd. <i>Planning Minutes: 06.04.2006</i>	Ref: S/0498/06/F
4 New Garages Rear of Communal Room Adj. 23 Elin Way South Cambridgeshire District Council <i>Planning Minutes: 06.04.2006</i>	Ref: S/0450/06/F
Change of Use of Land to Garden and Two Storey Extension 102 High Street Mr & Mrs A. Tobin	Ref: S/0480/06/F

Change of Condition 2 of Planning Permission S/1933/02/F Ref: S/0455/06/F
Allow Replacement of 2 Caravans by 2 Mobile Homes and
Erection of Day Room
Hawthorn Park, Kneesworth Road
W. Price
Planning Minutes: 06.04.2006

Amendment:

Extension Ref: S/0149/06/F
81 High Street
P.A. Harmer
Planning Minutes: 06.04.2006

Barn conversion Ref: S/1958/03/LB
Land off Chiswick End

The following have been approved by S.C.D.C.:

Garage/Garden Machinery Store Ref: S/2421/05/F
107 North End
(for Sir David and Lady Wright)
Planning Minutes: 16.03.2006

Dwelling and Garage Ref: S/0112/06/F
101 North End
(for David Reed Homes Ltd.)
Planning Minutes: 06.04.2006

8. Correspondence

- Mr Paul Ray (P.P.I.T.) ✓ (C)
- C.C.C. (Cambs. and Peter'b Minerals and Waste Dev. Plan (Ext. to Consultation Period) ✓ (C)
- Meldreth Mobile Warden Scheme (donation: letter of thanks) ✓ (C)
- S.C.D.C. (public consultation on proposals to change the local elections system) ✓ (C)
- Cambridgeshire ACRE (Spring 2006) ✓ (C)
- C.C.C. (Public Path Order Applications under the Highways Act 1980) ✓ (C)
- C.C.C. (Rural Speeding) ✓ (C)
- S.C.D.C. (South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework – 'Objection Sites' Public Consultation) ✓ (C)
- S.C.D.C. (S.C.D.C. Biodiversity Strategy – consultation draft) ✓ (C)
- Clerks & Councils Direct (March 2006) ✓ (C)
- CEMEX UK Materials Ltd. (Barrington Cement Plant – Feasibility Study) ✓ (C)
- C.C.C. (copy of letter sent to Mr Diamond re Flambards land) ✓ (C)
- Andrew Lansley, MP (CEMEX UK: copy of press statement) ✓ (C)
- CALC (various) ✓ (C)
- Royston & District Community Transport (request for financial assistance) ✓ (C)
- C.C.C. (Community Involvement) ✓ (C) – **consultation period 21.03.2006 – 12.05.2006**
- S.C.D.C. (community groups – free finance training) ✓ (C) + **Meldreth Matters**
- Defra (Parish Council guide to environmental enforcement) ✓ (C)
- Local Works (campaign for the sustainable communities) ✓ (C)
- C.C.C. (Quality Parish Councils and Scrutiny) ✓ (C)
- Allianz Cornhill (insurance – footway lighting) ✓ (C)
- Election literature for noticeboard
- C.C.C. (village maintenance 2006-07 – Clerk has submitted account to C.C.C. for grass cutting)

9. Bills and Payments

Payable	Cheque No.	Net £	V.A.T. £	Total £	Details	Power
R.J. Course & Son	001379	185.00	32.37	217.37	Pavilion: provide and fit door	Local Govt. (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 s 19
Wicksteed Leisure	001380	12.30	2.16	14.46	Rec. Grnd. play equipment. Key for Bounce-About	Local Govt. (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 s 19
Glasdon UK Ltd.	001381	80.99	14.15	95.03	Rec. Grnd. litter bin replacement	Litter Act 1983 ss 5, 6
Cambridgeshire ACRE	001382			25.00	Membership 2006/2007	Local Govt. Act 1972 s 143
Meldreth V/H Trust	001383			48.00	Room hire: P.C., P.P.P., P.P.I.T.	LGA 1972 s. 134
Chubb Fire Ltd.	001384	55.90	9.78	65.68	Pavilion: Fire Extinguisher + fixings	Local Govt. Act 1972 s 133
Chubb Fire Ltd.	001385	82.26	14.40	96.66	Pavilion: Fire Extinguisher Insurance	Local Govt. Act 1972 s 133
Cambridge Water Co.	001386			24.00	Cemetery: Water Rates	Misc. Provisions Act 1976 s.19
Cambridge Water Co.	001387			212.77	Pavilion: Water Rates	Misc. Provisions Act 1976 s.19
S.C.D.C.	001388			190.56	Rec. Grnd. Council Tax	Misc. Provisions Act 1976 s.19
S.C.D.C.	001389			25.02	Cemetery: Council Tax	Misc. Provisions Act 1976 s.19
Royston & District Community Transport	001390			350.00	Donation	Section 137*
Comberton Village College	001391			214.50	Youth Club Assistant: P.C. donation	Local Government Act 1972 s 112
Mr G.B. Goodwin	001392			446.67	Grass Cutting	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss. 9/10
Mr V.T. Skuce	001393	240.00	42.00	282.00	Cemetery maintenance	Local Government Act 1972 s 214 (6)
Mr C.A. Land	001394			187.98	Chairman's allowance 2005/2006	LGA 1972 s 15 (5) and 35 (5)
Mr H. Foggo	001395			236.19	Litter Collector	LGA 1972 s. 112
Mrs P.G. Penfold	001396			569.95	Clerk's net salary	LGA 1972 s. 112
Mrs P.G. Penfold	001397			42.02	Clerk's expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112
Inland Revenue	001398			140.81	Clerk's and Litt. Coll's Tax and NIC	LGA 1972 s. 112
Graham V. Borgonon	001399			107.95	Website: Hosting; Maintenance; Domain Registration	LGA 1972 s 142

The above payments were agreed. Proposed Mr Searles, seconded Mr Chamberlain.

9a. Section 137 Payments

*Royston and District Community Transport – Annual Donation £350.00.

Please Note: District Council Elections will be held on 4th May. The Annual General and Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 18th May 2006 at 7.00 p.m. in The Green Room, Meldreth Village Hall.

Councillors' and Clerk's comments arising from the two meetings with agenda items for the meeting on 18th May.

- Litter to be collected from both sides of Fenny Lane, Bus Shelter at the Stocks and Memorial. **Clerk**
It would also be helpful if householders could ensure rubbish is cleared near to their property.
- Copy of letter from Mr Richard Preston, Head of Network Management, C.C.C. regarding layby areas in Flambards Close. C.C.C. confirm that they will continue to work with the Parish Council to support their upkeep within the resources available as a good will gesture.
- Car Parking opposite Sheene Mill is a potential hazard. Clerk to pursue with Police and Highways. **Clerk**
- Traffic Island at T-junction Station Road/Melbourn Road, needs resurfacing. **Clerk**
- The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr Ken Singleton who, through ill health, is having to relinquish his work as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. **Clerk**
- Disappointment expressed that those over 60 years of age still have to pay the full bus fare on routes to Cambridge and Royston. Mr D. McCraith will be asked to pursue this matter. **Clerk/D.McC**
- Speed of lorries and other traffic using Whitecroft Road. N.H.W. will review the situation with the Police. The Clerk to ask David Lines, Head of Traffic Management, C.C.C. if he could re-visit the Village. **G.V.B./Clerk**
- Recreation Ground: seat in memory of Mick Reid. Mrs Course and Mrs Fallon to organise. **M.P.C./J.F.**

Future Agenda items to date:

Land Registry (Land Registration Act 2002) – Parish Council land
Recreation Ground: skateboard and roundabout
Recreation Footpath maintenance (adjacent Howard Road)

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.