

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES AS YET UNAPPROVED of the Parish Council Meeting held 2nd July 2009, 7.30 p.m.
in The Green Room, Meldreth Village Hall.

Present: Mr C.A. Land – Chairman (CAL); Mr R.A. Searles – Vice Chairman (RAS); Mr G.V. Borgonon (GVB); Mr A.P. Burlton (APB); Mr S.W.J. Chamberlain (JC); Mrs C.J. Fallon (JF); Mr S.J. Hawkins (SJH); Mrs J. Montague-Fuller (JM-F); Mr P.A. Ray (PAR)

In Attendance: Dr S. van de Ven District and County Councillor (SvdV) and Mrs P. Penfold (Acting Clerk)

134/7/09 To receive any apologies for absence:
All members were present.

**135/7/09 To receive any Declarations of interest from Councillors on any item:
listed on the Agenda:**
Item 146/7/09: Mr J. Chamberlain
Item 148/7/09: Mrs J. Fallon

136/7/09 To sign and approve Minutes of meeting dated 4th June 2009:
It was proposed by Mr Hawkins, seconded by Mrs Fallon that the minutes of the 4th June be approved. The Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record.

137/7/09 Members of the public are invited to address the Council:
There were two members of the public in attendance

Mr Ray Christie, Meldreth Football Club:

Mr Christie provided a progress report on plans for an extension/refurbishment to Meldreth Football Club Pavilion which would include an improved drainage and underfloor heating system from a heat pump. It is envisaged that the building will be used for any sporting activities in the community, being available throughout the day.

Mrs Fallon and Mr Christie had recently met with Mr Bobby Open, a Cambridge architect who has subsequently met with William Skinner Construction in Meldreth. A number of grant applications will be pursued, including Sport England, the Football Association, and Cambridgeshire Grassroots.

138/7/09 Matters arising: See item 151/7/09.

139/7/09 Planning: Cllrs. Searles, Burlton, Chamberlain, Ray and Land

Information only

Planning Meeting of 18th June 2009:

11 The Grange S/0689/09/Fminutesjuly109.doc

Parish Council Recommendation: Approval

SCDC Decisions:

Gocold Ltd S/0512/09/F

Permission has been granted for temporary cold storage

Planning Meeting of 2nd July 2009:

Showmans Site: a site visit by South Cambs District Council will be held on 5th August, before the SCDC planning meeting. Recommended by the Parish Council that Mr Searles is delegated to represent Meldreth Parish Council at the SCDC Planning Committee meeting later the same day. Proposed: Mr Ray, seconded Mr Borgonon. All were in agreement.

90 High Street S/0635/09/F

Information Only - Amended Plans

SCDC Decisions:

21 Whitecroft Road S/0133/09/F
 Permission has been granted for a dwelling

140/7/09

Report from District Council:

The Parish Council congratulated Councillor van de Ven on becoming our County Councillor.

1) Following the recent housing tenant stock transfer vote conducted by S.C.D.C. on 4th June to a proposed new housing association, 72.4% were against transfer on a 73.4% turnout. The stock will remain with SCDC. Cost of this exercise: £800,000.

2) Gypsy and Traveller Site Options Consultation – South Cambs District Council will run a consultation from July 10 to October 9 on policies and site options identifying potential new pitches for Gypsies, Travellers and Showmen, as part of the Local Development Framework process. Mr Searles proposed that discussion on the published options report should be held at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

3) Burtons: a reduction in fuel bills of some by 22% have been negotiated.

4) There are still concerns over nighttime noise from Gocold generators. Mr Searles will talk to the company.

Action: RAS

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Report from County Councillor:

1) Cllr van de Ven has met with officers for this area on rail issues: The question has been raised whether students and pensioners would be able to use their bus pass on the trains when buses are unavailable.

The Cambridgeshire Transport Commission is to address congestion charges and will report back in July.

2) Libraries: Cambridge Central Library to be reopened in September. Melbourn Parish Council is seen by the County Council to lead the Melbourn Library Access Point and has invited contributions from Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton.

3) Meldreth Station: Mr Piggott has received a letter stating hours of work to be 6.25 – 11.25 Monday – Friday and existing hours on a Saturday.

4) Cllr van de Ven has joined the C.C.C. Scrutiny Committee for education, social services and youth development.

5) Cllr van de Ven sees her job as primarily representing local issues and not political. The Policy Development Group holds its portfolio holder meetings behind closed doors, and is currently boycotted by the

Liberal Democrats. Changes need to be made.

6) High Street resurfacing work will be carried out on Friday 17th July (Saturday 18th July if bad weather). The question was asked:

What will happen to cars parked in the High Street? Cllr van de Ven to ask that C.C.C. inform Parish Councils at least 6 weeks before scheduled works are made to the highway.

Action: SvdVV

Clerk to also write to Highways with this request when significant works may affect the village.

Action: Clerk

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Railway Station:

A request has been made to change the name to Meldreth & Melbourn Station. Awaiting response.

- 143/7/09 Village Maintenance:**
Hedge along railtrack. Clerk to chase – the wrong side was cut this time.
Action: Clerk
- 144/7/09 Safer Road Crossing near the Primary School:**
Clerk has contacted Mike Cooper who relayed the question to David Lines (Highways CCC). The Clerk has also emailed the school concerning the question of Safer Routes to School, as they tend to deal with these requests. How would the work be financed and who would be responsible for hiring a lollipop person? Clerk to chase.
Action: Clerk
- 145/7/09 Speedwatch:**
1st July: Shepreth to North End: of 127 vehicles: 5 triggered were at speeds of 33 – 38 m.p.h.
Whaddon to Whitecroft Road: of 104 vehicles 28 were at speeds of 33 –49 m.p.h. Those at 37 m.p.h. or over will receive letters from the police.
A further Speedwatch will take place shortly, and some more residents have volunteered to be trained but more volunteers are still needed.
Volunteers are highly visible with a Speedwatch sign because the prime purpose is to create awareness of the need to drive at the right speed, rather than simply catch drivers speeding. A report will be going into next edition of Meldreth Matters.
Action: GVB
- 146/7/09 War Memorial Vase:**
1. Request for a donation
Proposed Mrs Fallon, seconded Mr Borgonon that Meldreth Parish Council donate £65 towards the £165 cost. All were in agreement. The vase will be bolted to the base of memorial.
Action: Clerk
- 147/7/09 Playground:**
1. Monthly Report:
a) Some of the equipment needs painting (igloo and roundabout).
Swings, slides and abusus are satisfactory. Hedge needs the dead wood to be removed. Clerk to contact Mr Goodwin
Action: Clerk
b) Howard Road resident have thrown clippings in ditch. Clerk to make contact asking that they be removed.
Action: Clerk
c) Tree needs pollarding beyond 22 Elin Way. Clerk has written.
d) The tree, on the recreation ground, near the new housing development (Elin Way), needs attention.
Action: Clerk
e) Hedging – play area: Parish Council to purchase some bare rooted whips.
Action: Recreation Committee
2. Report from Wickstead:
Awaiting quote for repairs to the roundabout surface and new matting around the spring hoppers.
3. RoSPA follow up:
Clerk to contact Community Service Volunteers to carry out maintenance work to equipment (painting of equipment).
Action: Clerk
4. Netball Hoops:
Mr Land to do work.
Action: CAL
5. Tree Planting
Decision on the type of tree to be planted: to choose species for planting in October.
Action: JF/JM-F

- 148/7/09 Pavilion:**
It was noted that Bobby Open's architect fees could be over £1,000. There is an alternative source at potentially no cost to the Council and this option will be pursued by Mr Christie and Mrs Fallon.
Action: JF
- 149/7/09 Skateboard Ramp:**
No further action to hand.
Any ramp must be 6 metres from a dwelling.
Cllr van de Ven to contact Jane Lampshire with available dates and times so Mr Land and Mrs Fallon can convene a meeting with her and Mr Darren Jones, Ben Norman and Mitch Bellchamber.
Action: SvdV
- 150/7/09 Parish Path Partnership Report:**
1. Monthly Report
In April a large working party laid chippings on Footpath 6 (river walk). The stiles on Footpath 7 at the bypass have had support poles erected and the bridge on Footpath 4 has been repaired.
Mr Ray has strimmed Footpath 2 (North End to the Mash).
A working party has cleared Footpath 9a (Station Road to Meads) and tidied Footpath 9 (Station Road to Melbourn but in Meldreth Parish).
Future working parties required for:
Footpath 1 (Kingswood, near Golf Course) – annual autumn clean
Footpath 6 (near Topcliffe Mill) Bank erosion.
Footpath 5 railway crossing gates – Mr Burlton to action.
A New P3 Coordinators Group has been formed for our area of South Cambridgeshire and a meeting will be held on 7th July at Whittlesford. Mr Chamberlain to attend.
Action: JC

Next Footpaths Meeting: 6th July at 7.30 p.m. in The Green Room.
- 2. Footpath 8 – update**
Mike Cooper has not contacted RAS for a site visit – chase needed.
Action: RAS
- 151/7/09 Correspondence and Clerk's Report:**
Lime tree at 22 North End – Parish Council agreed to take responsibility for the tree which needs to be pollarded. Clerk to obtain 3 quotes.
Action: Clerk

Telephone – BT do not do a package deal with free phone calls, and broadband is more expensive than the £9.99 which is paid at the moment, BT charges are £12.50 or £22.50 month. So decision is to leave as is for the moment.
Car parked in North End
Reported to John Coppard, PCSO. no response as yet.
Ancient Document – Have contacted Whaddon who appear to think that there may be an issue in ownership. Clerk replied stating that as CCC are prepared to look after the document and all that the PCs (Meldreth, Whadden and Bassingbourn) were doing was contributing towards the cost, ownership should not be an issue. By leaving the document with CCC Archiving Dept, anyone can have access and it is in a secure place.
Affordable Housing - There has been nothing to report from Cambridgeshire ACRE. Clerk contacted Catherine Shilton regarding the report, and inviting her to attend the next meeting once the members have seen the report. Waiting confirmation.
Action: Clerk
- Mary Course Award**
'What I like about the Countryside' is the topic in either poem, story, models, collage, painting or power point. Money to fund the awards has not been sent to the school yet.
Action: RAS/CAL

Land behind The Gables

Mrs Fallon has been in touch with the owners of the retained land to the rear of the Gables, and they have agreed to cut the grass.

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Councillors' Reports:Mr A P Burlton

Burial ground fencing: Mr Burlton will prepare papers for approval at the September meeting.

Action: APBMr G V Borgonon

Mr Borgonon to evaluate a proposal for a new computer for the Parish Office.

Action: GVBMr C A Land**Cemetery Report:**

1. Area to the left of the gate needs tidying and rotting trees removed. Excess soil needs removing.
2. To remove dead tree to right of the path. Space for another tree if anyone wishes to provide.
3. Provision for further path work to be carried out in other areas.
4. Before fencing is installed hedge to be cut back.
5. Some older graves have been neglected and in need of tidying.
6. Tree stump to left of the path next to the gate.
7. Mr Land to suggest date and convene a meeting/working party.

Action:CAL

Clerk to obtain information, via CPALC on rules and regulations before cemetery maintenance and removal of consecrated soil.

Action: ClerkMr R A Searles

The Parish Forum meeting has been postponed until September/October.

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To receive details of cheques to be drawn on the Parish Council's account as detailed or amended by late payments. To approve payments:

Proposed Mr R A Searles, seconded Mr S W Chamberlain. All agreed.

Cheques were signed by Mrs R A Searles and Mr G V Borgonon

Name	Chq	gross	vat	net	Description	Power
J Damant	1844	£483.41	0	483.41	Salary	LGA 1972s112
J Damant	1845	£ 11.58	0	11.58	expense	LGA 1972s9/10
M Taylor	1846	£201.60	0	201.60	salary	LGA 1972 s9/10
Inland Revenue	1847	£226.00	0	226.00	PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
Peachey Drylining	1848	£739.00	0	739.00	Pavilion repairs	LGA misc 1976s19
CCC	1849	£ 62.89	8.20	54.69	Map and CD of burial ground	LGA misc 1976 s19
Eon	1850	£50.20	0	50.20	electricity for pavilion	LGA misc 1976 s19
Staples	1851	£111.84	14.59	97.25	Stationery	LGA misc 1976 s19
CCC	1852	£108.33	0	108.33	MPC donation for ancient doc	LGA misc 1976 s19

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Councillors' and Clerk's comments with agenda items for the next meeting

Clerk to ask Mr Goodwin to cut Fenny Lane verge.

Action: Clerk

Mr Chamberlain to contact Cllr van de Ven concerning overgrown hedge in Howard Road. The Football Club might be willing to assist with gardening if there was a need.

Action: JC

Agenda items for September

- Gypsy & Traveller Site Options Consultation
- Tree Planting
- Burial Ground fencing
- Railway Station – naming and hedge maintenance
- Safer Road Crossing
- Speed watch
- Playground Maintenance
- Pavilion
- Skateboard Ramp
- PPP

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Action Points: if not already covered.

There will be no meeting during August.
Planning Meetings will be held as required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m

Chairman
Meldreth Parish Council

Date

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