



The Flambards crossing is noted to have an alternative under bridge crossing though this is inadequate, at present, and indeed the Rights of Way officers have said this should be improved. The other crossing, accessed via the Chiswick End footpath, is problematic because NR suggests creating steps leading up to the Station Bridge. County officers will be advising against it. There should be a public consultation exercise though it isn't clear when or for what duration that will be.

**Meldreth Station Bridge:** Network Rail has fixed some of the post and wire fencing. Cllr van de Ven has received a notification that the case is now 'closed' but this needs to be chased up as temporary fencing has been left.

**A10 Foxton–Harston cycle path, for information for A10 users.** Work is progressing well ahead of schedule. Detailed plans have now been drawn up for Harston village: a 3 metre-wide off-road path would run all the way through the village on the west side. The east side path would remain. Some central reservations and hatching would be removed and some new central reservations would be added. Two public information evenings will be held at Harston Village Hall on November 10 and 30, 6-8pm. If all goes well then work would commence around March 2016 and take three months to complete.

**Frog End junction improvements:** There will be an information evening outlining the proposals for safety improvements, to be held on 25 January, Shepreth Village Hall, 3-7pm. Work should start in March 2016.

**Mental health support:** Cllr van de Ven has met with Mind in Cambs and Great Northern Railway, our train operator, who will be working together in our area to raise awareness of and support for people with mental ill-health. Mind is also running the equivalent of Mental Health First Aid training – lots of information is available on their website or by ringing 01223 311320.

**Highways staff:** Significant numbers of staff from County Highways are leaving the council before Christmas, including Mike Cooper, who has worked very hard and creatively to get the best for our area.

- 186/11/15 Proposed changes to Planning Consultations:**  
A response from Meldreth Parish Council has been sent to Tony Pierce SCDC, (see item 184/11/15)
- 187/11/15 Solar Farms:**  
**SunEdison (Bury Lane)** on the one-off Community Benefit payment of £50,000. Clerk has forwarded all correspondence to SunEdison but is still awaiting a response, this needs to be received before any agreement can be signed.  
**Update from Lightsource (Substation)** A request has been received from Lightsource with a request that 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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 have been circulated. There will be another meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November, at the moment the group are just going through the ideas which have been put forward.
- 189/11/15 Matters arising: (no actions information only)**  
There were no matters arising.
- 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 has requested the sign. Clerk to confirm that this includes installation.  
**Action: Clerk**
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 recommends '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 recommends '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 recommends 'Approval' with no comments.

**Planning meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – No Meeting**

191/11/15

**Eternit:**

Proposed Planning – James Munnery and associates were unable to attend the meeting, Clerk awaiting confirmation as to when they wish to address the Parish Council on their planning proposal for the Eternit-Marley site.

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 as to whether planning is needed. Registering as a 'Community Asset'. CAL reported that the Sports and Social club are still interested in pursuing registering the club as a community asset. DS asked that for the next meeting if the Parish Council can have figures as to how many members are Meldreth residents.

**Action: 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. RAS reported that the Willow trees were becoming very overgrown and branches were being shed there is a danger that one of these branches could fall on a car or pedestrian. Clerk to arrange a meeting with all concerned, RAS will also attend.

**Action: Clerk**

193/11/15

**Playground:**

1. Monthly Report – All equipment appears to be in good working order. The new equipment is being well used by the youth of the village. The security fencing is still in situ and awaiting removal.

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.

4. Clerk has been in contact with Hill Trident to enquire on costs to have the railings around the play area extended.

194/11/15

**Pavilion:**

DS circulated his recent plans for the pavilion; he is also looking into funding. 'Sports for England' have a deadline which is being looked into to see if it would be possible to put in a bid for this year.

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. JF reported that there a few residents from Meldreth who have shown an interest in joining the Trust.

196/11/15

**Mettle Hill:**

Report from Philippa Hart was circulated. The working group have now handed this back to the Parish Council to move forward. The findings from the questionnaire were discussed and though it was very disappointing as to how many residents responded (27%) it was clear that residents did not want the land to be sold. Park Homes on leasehold appeared to be the most popular choice; however there was a very strong indication that whatever was decided that it should be of 'mixed use'.

It was suggested, by the Working Group, that the Parish Council should invite all those who had shown an interest – there had been 4 letters received – to put in a proposal as to what they would use the site for.

RAS expressed his thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council, for all the hard work that the Working Group had put in.

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 gritting
 Service 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 have been sent to CCC for the reduction of the speed limit along North End/Meldreth Road. Shepreth will be contributing 50% of the cost. However due to the work load for Highways at the moment this project will not start until the New Year.

199/11/15

**Footway at The Blvd:**

Cllr van de Ven has nothing to report on this at the moment. There are still discussions taking place regarding the construction of the footway. Cllr van de Ven and Mr Hawkins attended the Highways open day where this was discussed. RAS enquired if this has been signed off by the Planning Department, Cllr van de Ven will enquire. **Action: Cllr vdV**

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. It is hoped to co opt a new councillor at the December meeting.

201/11/15

**Precept 2016/17:**

Estimated Tax base for Meldreth is 756.5.

The Finance Working Group to meet to start the precept procedure. **Action: SH, RAS, NP**

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. The tree stump has now been removed allowing push chair access and it was suggested that PPP consider at their next meeting an application to CCC to restore the gate perhaps with a field gate and a disabled access pedestrian gate.

**NP**

Meldreth Manor is expecting a decision by the end of November; there are presently two proposals for third party operation of the site being discussed.

NP asked for help in doing the Christmas tree due to family commitments. Clerk has some items in the office. Mr Hawkins has a spare tree and JF has some lights.

**DS**

MAYD report which has been circulated. The youth club is being well attended with a good range of ages. A questionnaire will be going out to years 7 & 8. They are still looking for volunteers.

**DL**

Attended the recent Police Panel meeting with Mr Borgonon. Crime figures are reduced and SCDC are the third safest place to live. 101 numbers are still causing concern though it is felt that they are now working better, they receive over 30,000 calls every month. It was reported, again, that Parish Council's can employ a PCSO at as cost of £1,000 for 42 hours over 6 months. Rural crime is still a problem with hare coursing at the top of the list. Fly tipping comes under SCDC so residents should report cased to them. Operation Oaklands, of which Meldreth were supposed to be covered in November has been postponed.

Operation Oaklands is to help inform residents on how to secure their homes and property. DL along with JF attended the Parish Council training day on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**JF**

The burial ground will be ferreted when the weather becomes drier; Richard Carter has contacted the nearby landowners.

**203/11/15**

**Financial Assistance:**

Melbourn Library – Clerk has received the accounts. Agenda item for next month. Request received from Melbourn Parish Council for a contribution from Meldreth Parish Council to go towards the running of Melbourn Community Hub. It was asked as to how many Meldreth residents are attending sessions being put on at the Hub and whether Meldreth Parish Council would be able to assist in advertising the programmes. It was also requested that the Clerk enquire as to the amount they are looking at in regards as to the donation.

**204/11/15**

**Laptop:**

It was proposed by RAS and seconded by NP that the Clerk could purchase a laptop at a cost of up to £300.00, all agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

**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**

Company	Amount	Vat	Item	Power
Staff	£ 1,121.15	0	Oct salaries	LGA 1972 s112
D P Gardens	£ 514.16	0	Grass cutting (Oct)	OSA 1906 s9/10
Talk Talk	£ 20.31	0	Broadband	TCA 1984
PWLB	£ 3,728.25	0	Loan for Mettle Hill	LGA 1972 s111
CCC	£ 250.00	0	Speed restriction	LGA 1972

**Payments for approval**

Inland Revenue	£ 221.65	0	Oct PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
DP Gardens	£ 50.00	0	Verge cutting	OSA 1906 s9/10
Arco	£ 65.93	10.99	Boots for litter picker	LGA 1972 s111
ColourCourt Sport	£ 360.00	60.00	Tennis lines	OSA 1906 s9/10
Eon	£ 50.12	2.39	Electricity for Pavilion	LGA 1972 s111
Richard Burns Electrical	£ 53.00	0	Water heater Pavilion	LGA 1972 s111
Sovereign	£17,793.05	2965.51	Play equipment	OSA 1906 s9/10
Wicksteed	£ 59.40	9.90	Swing seat	OSA 1906 s9/10
LCPAB	£ 25.00	0	Training for PPP	OSA 1906 s9/10

**Deposits:**

OPC	£ 90.00	Office rent
CCC	£ 652.37	Grass cutting 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

SH has submitted the paperwork and Meldreth is now on the list. Decision will be made in January/February 2016

**207/11/15 Remembrance Sunday Wreath:**

DS will lay the wreath at the memorial service.

RAS reported although the Parish Council do not organise 'Remembrance Sunday' however, in the past Mr Chamberlain who was both a British Legion member and a Parish Councillor organised the event on behalf of Meldreth. There is no longer a British Legion member for Meldreth so the Church was helping to organise the event as there is no vicar either. For next year it is hoped a volunteer would come forward to organise the memorial ceremony.

**208/11/15 Agenda items for the next meeting:**

Pavilion

Solar Working Group

Co-option

Financial assistance – Melbourn Library and RSPB Fowlmere

Fillcup Field – traffic movements

**209/11/15 Clerk:**

Office will need to be covered in the Clerk's absence. SH, RAS and CAL have the office key and access to the computer. Mrs Sally Walmseley will also be covering the office.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

The next meeting will be held in the 'Green Room' of the Village Hall on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm

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 Chairman

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 Date

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