

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL

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un APPROVED MINUTES of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 18th October 2012 at 6.30pm in the Green Room of Meldreth Village Hall.

Present: Mr S Hawkins (SH) – Chairman; Mr R A Searles (RAS) – Vice Chairman, Mr J Chamberlain (JC), Mrs J Fallon (JF) and Mr C A Land (CAL)

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies from the clerk – all other councillors were present.

2. To sign and approve Minutes of meeting held on 20th September 2012

Proposed by RAS, seconded by CAL all agreed. Chairman then signed the minutes.

3. Public Participation:

(For up to 15 mins members of the public may contribute their views and comments - 3mins per item)

One member of the public was present and raised concerns at the removal of the poplar trees at Bury Lane Fruit Farm as she had been advised that the trees might not recover from such pollarding at this time of the year.

4. Councillors to disclose any Pecuniary Interests (disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) include interests held by a member's spouse, civil partner or similar) listed on the Agenda:

There were no declarations declared.

5. Request for the following:

5.1 Bury Lane Fruit Farm
E W Pepper Ltd
Erection of play barn

S/1984/12/FL

Meldreth Parish Council Recommend: **Approval** with no comments.

Meldreth Parish Council is concerned that the Lombardy Poplar trees, originally planted as a wind break on the SW boundary of the site, have very recently been severely pollarded to about 2m in height thus revealing the buildings and the photovoltaic panels on the roofs behind the trees. We note that this tree belt is marked on the plans as being retained. We request that the SCDC Trees Officer visits the site to ascertain if the trees will survive such treatment at this time of the year before the sap is down. We further request that, if officers are minded to approve the application, that a condition be imposed to allow the poplars be allowed to regrow to a height that will screen the buildings without shadowing the PV panels or, if the trees die, additional planting be made to have the same effect.

6. SCDC Decisions:

Land adj 106 High Street, S/1193/10 (extension of time implementation) – has been withdrawn.

12 & 14 Chiswick End, S/1489/12/LB – permission has been granted for alterations: return house to one, reopen walls on ground and first floor, install new door on first floor.

12 & 14 Chiswick End, S/1622/12/FL, – permission has been granted for a new timber gate and fencing to screen to garden.

15 Chiswick End, S/1647/12/FL – permission has been granted for conversion of outbuilding to ancillary studio annexe accommodation.

22 Howard Road, S/1445/12/FL – permission has been granted for extension and hardstanding

7. Other Items

There were no other items discussed.

Chairman

Date