

**MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL
UN -APPROVED MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

A meeting of the Meldreth Planning Committee was held in the Green Room of the Village Hall on
2nd November 2017 at 7.00pm (19:00hrs)

Present: Cllr R Goddin– Chairman (**RG**), Cllr N Pellatt – Vice Chairman (**NP**), Cllr C A Land (**CAL**), Cllr D Lee (**DL**), Cllr R A Searles (**RS**), and Cllr A Young (**AY**)

In Attendance: Mrs J Damant (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:**
There were no apologies as all councillors were in attendance.
2. **To sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2017**
The minutes were proposed by Cllr Searles, seconded by Cllr Young, all agreed.
The Chairman then signed the minutes as true record.
3. **Public Participation** (For up to 15 mins members of the public may contribute their views and comments - 3mins per item)
There were no members of the public in attendance.
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 pecuniary interests declared. Cllr Searles declared a personal interest in item 5.1 as a neighbouring property
5. **Request for the following:**
 - 5.1 **4 Stone Lane** **S/3722/17/FL**
Mr & Mrs Newman
Proposed alterations and extension
The amendments are mainly cosmetic. There is a change in the tiles which are being replaced with slate. The Parish Council recommend 'support' with no comments. Proposed by RG, seconded by CAL, all agreed. Cllr Searles abstained.
 - 5.2 **Bury Lane** **S/3544/17/VC**
Miss A Richardson, Howes Percival LLP
Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission
S/2655/16/FL
The Parish Council recommend 'support' with comments. 'To be no retail use and restricted to growing purposes only'. Proposed by CAL, seconded by RAS, all agreed. Cllr Young abstained as he had not seen the plans.
 - 5.3 **86a High Street (New application)** **S/3770/17/FL**
Mr Crookes
Single storey rear extension.
Parish Council recommend 'support' with no comments. Proposed by RAS, seconded by DL all agreed.
 - 5.4 **114 High Street** **S/3759/17/TP**
Mrs H Munday
A full arboriculture survey has been carried out on the site with recommended works. (Appendix 1)
The Parish Council agreed that the Tree Warden's report be sent to the Tree Officer at SCDC.
6. **SCDC Decisions:**
Meldreth Primary School, S/0244/17/CC, development of the existing 171 place primary school. This planning application was determined under delegated powers on 18th October 2017 and planning permission has been granted subject to conditions.

7. Other items:

S/3164/17/PA, 86a High Street – Prior approval for a single storey rear extension has been **WITHDRAWN**.

Railway Close:

Residents at Railway Close have concerns that the required ground works have not been fully met by the developers and are wishing to carry out the works themselves. Planning Enforcement Officer has been notified. Clerk had no further information to report.

Proposal:

A full arboriculture survey has been carried out on the site and the plan included with this document is part of the detail of this. The site has multiple trees of varied age range and species mix - many being self set and negligible worth. The trees and shrubs in the area have not been coppiced or pruned in 20 years and as such the site is overgrown and overpopulated and the trees are in need of attention for their health. There are several fine specimen trees (TPO status) on the site and these would benefit from - and be enhanced - from substantial cut back of the self seeded trees and overgrown and sprawling vegetation. Several trees are dead or near dead and require removal and which feature in this application. Tree no/Species Works required Reason

T3 Hawthorn (7.5m) Cut back to 1m Over extending limbs onto driveway and some are decayed

T20 Norway Spruce Remove Near Dead

T22 Norway Spruce Remove Poor condition and engulfed in ivy

T27 Wych Elm Remove Recently died or near dead

T32 Hawthorn (7m) Cut down to 2m Near dead. Look to rejuvenate

T33 Sycamore (9m) Remove Self set tree of poor form engulfed in Ivy;

T36 Yew Lowest laterals on east Sprawling and needs significant reshaping on the east side; also to regain some lawn area. No affect to screening /amenity it provides from road view

T37/38 Black locust Remove& replace with Near Dead, engulfed in ivy ; silver birch would enhance species range silver birch (8-10cm)

T38 Black Locust As above Near dead - engulfed in ivy - silver birch would enhance species range T39 Gean Remove Near dead/ poor condition

T41 Sycamore Crown lift to 6.5m; excl. Shaping and light any limbs greater than 200mm dia.

T43 Cypress CV Remove Engulfed in ivy near dead

T56 Yew Prune back to 0.5 m Sprawling, slightly etiolated; needs formative pruning

T59 Yew Remove Poor shape and specimen

T60 Yew Remove sub dominant Sprawling requires formative pruning and to regain lawn area western stem to ground level and some re-formative pruning back to 0.5m