

**MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

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AGENDA

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To members of the Council:

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To members of the Public:

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- 119/09/15 To receive any apologies for absence:**
- 120/09/15 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:**
- 121/09/15 Public Participation: [For up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council - 3mins per item]**
- 122/09/15 To sign and approve Minutes of meeting dated 2nd July 2015:**
- 123/09/15 Report from District Councillor:**
- 124/09/15 Report from County Councillor:**
- 125/09/15 Solar Farms:**
SunEdison (Bury Lane) on the one-off Community Benefit payment of £50,000.
Agreement to be signed.
Update from Lightsource (Substation) contract for the yearly Community Benefit.
Working Group – There are now 3/4 volunteers, it now needs two councillors to be part of the group. Guidelines and Terms of Reference need to be put together.
- 126/09/15 Matters arising: (no actions information only)**
Joint Partnership with other Parish Councils - another meeting to be arranged.
Website training still to take place with Clerk, CAL and Mr Borgonon
Clerk has arranged training for the new 'Transparency Code' policy on 24th September 1pm to 3pm.
Councillor training to be held in Meldreth on 24th October 9-3pm
- 127/09/15 Overnight Parking along Station Road:**
- 128/09/15 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 16th July 2015
Land between Railway and Sewage Disposal Works, S/1616/15/VC - Royston Solar Projects Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of Planning consent S/1427/14/FL for Solar Farm and Associated Works. - Meldreth Parish Council recommend 'No Objection' to the detailed changes to the project however they note that the splitting of the site into three seems to be a way to get around the governments new limitation on the proliferation of large solar sites, they would like to draw your attention to the letter dated 25th September 2014, attached.
Planning Meeting 18th August
Land at Station Yard, S/1140/15/FL - Erection of eight flats, bin store and associated parking
A vote was taken with 3 in favour of refusal and 4 in favour of approval with comments.
Chairman used his casting vote. Meldreth Parish Council recommend Approval with the following comments. 1. Clarification with the final layout with reference to the width of the access route to the station car park which appears to be reduced from 5m to 4m.

2. Concern on the amount of car parking spaces. It is proposed that there will be 1 space to each unit this could lead to an over spillage onto the roads which is already a problem in this area. 3. Recommendation is based on information from the applicant that there will now be 4 affordable units. The Parish Council are happy to see the high standard of design in keeping with the history of the site.

Planning Meeting 3rd September – Verbal Report

129/09/15

Eternit:

- Proposed Planning
- New signage – the old Eternit sign to be replaced by a sign for the Sports and Social Club
- Registering as a 'Community Asset'

130/09/15

Minor Local Improvements Grants: (LSTF)

CCC are inviting parish councils situated along the A428 corridor and the A10 south corridor to bid into funding to improve facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users. This funding had been provided by the Department of Transport.

131/09/15

Village Maintenance:

Hedge and trees - along Whitecroft Road/Fenny Lane

Pedestrian Sign - Is there a possibility of a pedestrian crossing sign near Fieldgate's. Highways recommend two signs at a cost of £550 per sign including installation.

132/09/15

Playground:

1. Monthly Report
2. Zip wire to be turned around this would leave room to have the play area fencing extended therefore the ability to incorporate further play equipment. Clerk seeking quotes to extend the fenced area.
3. Installation of Play Equipment, first stage will commence on Monday 5th October for a duration of 5 working days on site. This will be followed by the installation of the wetpour surfacing which has been scheduled to start on Monday 12th October 2015, weather depending

133/09/15

Pavilion:

Update

134/09/15

Meldreth Manor School:

Update

135/09/15

Mettle Hill:

Report from Philippa Hart

Showman's Guild letter has been passed onto the Mettle Hill Working Group.

136/09/15

Correspondence and Clerk's Report: Other items may be included for information.

- SCDC – Consultation on moving to all-out elections
- CCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) has been passed onto the footpath team who have been working with Peter Gaskin (CCC)
- Street Lighting charges will be increased as of 1st October 2015 by 15%
- Free Funding Support event 9th September 10.30-13:00 or 19:00- 21.00
- Tree Festival – volunteers needed (28-29th November)
- Rabbit fencing has been completed in the burial ground
- Clerk attended the Boundaries Commission for SCDC
- New dog bin has been received awaiting installation
- Signs in the carpark have been erected, however does it need moving or have another 'no overnight parking' sign, as some residents have said that it is not easily seen where it is.

137/09/15

Highway Items:

Proposed speed limit along North End/Meldreth Road. Shepreth PC are in support of Meldreth trying to get the speed limit reduced to 40mph. RAS to report on progress with CCC

- 138/09/15 Flooding:**
Mr & Mrs Duncan have completed work on their ditch at College Bend Farm and CCC have installed a new gully, this appears to have reduced flooding in this area.
- 139/09/15 Boundaries Commission CCC and SCDC:**
Report from Clerk
- 140/09/15 Footway at Biddal's Blvd:**
Update
- 141/09/15 Mobile Warden Scheme:**
There is one resident on the scheme which the Parish Council will contribute towards, as agreed in 2014.
- 142/09/15 Co-option:**
- 143/09/15 Meldreth Manor School:**
- 144/09/15 Street Lighting:**
Street lights along Station Road will be either dimmed or be turned off for part of the night (8pm or 10pm until 6am). If communities wish to keep their lights on there is an extra cost of £12.00 per light per year starting in 2016/17, increasing by inflation in future years, plus a small contribution of £65 per year covering administration of this proposal.
- 145/09/15 Councillors' Reports:**
- 146/09/15 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 in August
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| Staff | £ 1,121.35 | July salaries | LGA 1972 s112 |
| D P Gardens | £ 514.16 | Grass cutting (July) | OSA 1906 s9/10 |
| Talk Talk | £ 20.31 | Broadband | TCA 1984 |
| BT | £ 250.75 | Telephone | TCA 1984 |
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- Payments for approval**
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| Inland Revenue | £ 221.65 | July PAYE/NI | LGA 1972 s112 |
| Inland Revenue | £ 248.95 | August PAYE/NI | |
| Meldreth Village Hall | £ 151.50 | Rent | LGA 1972 s113 |
| D Chappel | £ 173.62 | Village Maintenance | LGA 1972 s113 |
| JAB | £ 700.00 | Burial ground – rabbit fencing | OSA 1906 s9/10 |
| Margaret Lynch | £ 24.00 | Expenses for training course | LGA 1972 |
| D P Gardens | £ 125.00 | Village maintenance | OSA 1906 9/10 |
| Stationery Cupboard | £ 84.67 | Office supplies | LGA 1972 s113 |
- Deposits:**
- 147/09/15 Financial Assistance:**
Village Hall
- 148/09/15 Old Orchard near Melrose being put forward as a Community Asset:**
Response from Rob Mungovan SCDC – 'as the orchard does not have any public access at present it can not currently be considered as an 'asset of community value'.
- 149/09/15 Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2013/17: Deadline 2nd November**
Chicanes and White gates
- 150/09/15 Agenda items for the next meeting:**

_____ Judy Damant - Clerk - 28th August 2015