

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
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AGENDA

To members of the Council:

You are hereby summoned to remotely attend a meeting of Meldreth Parish Council on 1st April 2021 at 7.30 pm by video conferencing link, pursuant to the Regulations under the Coronavirus Act 2020 relating to the conduct of local authority business by remote attendance.

To members of the Public:

You are invited to remotely attend a meeting of Meldreth Parish Council on 1st April 2021 at 7.30 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business. The meeting will be conducted by a video conferencing link. If you wish to remotely attend please use the link:

Topic: MPC Meeting

Time: Apr 1, 2021 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95376713261?pwd=TGJJMnZhN1I0aHJpeDRRQ1pUTjN1dz09>

Meeting ID: 953 7671 3261

Passcode: 246684

Clerk: *Judy Damant*

Date: 26th March 2021

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- 001/04/21 Apologies for absence:** (LGA 1972 sch 12 para 40) – Quorate is one third but no less than 3 members (LGA 1972 sch 12 para 45)
- 002/04/21 Pecuniary Interests:** Councillor's to disclose any Pecuniary Interests (disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) include interests held by a member's spouse, civil partner or similar) in any item listed on the Agenda
- 003/04/21 Public Participation:** If a member of the public intending to remotely attend the meeting wishes to make any comments or raise any questions under Standing Order 3(e), about an item on the Agenda the Council would prefer this to be done by an email or letter with the script of their comments and questions being sent to the Clerk in advance of the meeting. A member of the public may alternatively make a verbal statement during this part of the meeting. Priority will be given to any such email or letter and it will be read out by the Clerk, subject to the time limits stated in the Council's Standing Orders. These consist of a limit of 15 minutes in total (which will apply to the total of both written and verbal contributions) and an individual limit of three minutes per item of either type.
- 004/04/21 To Approve and Sign Minutes of Meeting held on 4th March 2021:**
- 005/04/21 District and County Councillors reports:**
- 006/04/21 Planning: (Town and Country Planning act 1990 sch 1, para 8)**
(Full planning Minutes are available via the clerk, website or notice board)
Update
- 007/04/21 Proposal for 25k houses in the Meldreth area by Thakeham Developer**
Update from Cllr Young and James (South West Cambridge Action Group (SWCAG))
- 008/05/21 Melbourn Conservation Area:**
Update from Cllr Searles
- 009/04/21 Covid-19:**
Update on MCCS from Cllr James
- 010/04/21 MAYD:**
Update from Cllr Garner with regards to the meeting held on the 25th March 2021

- 011/04/21 Recreation Ground:**
Report from Cllr Fallon
- Equipment inspection report – Cllr Fallon
 - Kick Wall has been extended; clerk has enquired about putting more climbing hand holds.
 - Matting to be placed in areas where the footfall is high – Kick Wall, Basketball areas, zip wire and some of the gates around the play area.
- 012/04/21 Recreation Ground Plan**(RGWG:Cllrs CAL, JF and PG)
The plan has been circulated to all councillors. Update from the RGWG with further actions needed.
- Play Tower– play surface to be discussed. This was left off the quote however, the height of the equipment does not require a safety surface however grass matting, to protect, the grass due to footfall is recommended.
 - Adult Gym Equipment
- 013/04/21 Traffic Working Group:**
LHI – Meldreth were not successful with their application this year.
Other matters – update from Cllr Gilmore
- 014/04/21 Village Infrastructure:**
Update on the verge maintenance opposite the railway station at the corner of Station Road and Whitecroft Road and who is responsible for the maintenance.
Village hall benches – the benches have been held up due to weather and covid, it is hoped that the benches will be moved by the end of March.
Footpath at the new development on Whitecroft Road
- 015/04/21 Correspondence and Clerk's Report**
- Software and computer update will be completed when Covid restriction allow.
 - Conservation Area – response
 - Zoom Meetings are no longer allowed after the 7th May 2021. There is presently confusion in the sector regarding the resuming of face-to-face meetings. Parish Council's are being thrown into the mix with government and virtual meetings were given government authorization last year and this is to cease on 7th May 2021. Many parish councils are not able to resume face to face as they are not able to accommodate everybody safely using the social distance guidelines.
 - For the Annual meeting of the Parish, you will only be able to allow 17 members of the public into the main room at the village hall. Clerk is waiting to see if the virtual meetings can be extended and if not, are they allowed to have a booking system with regards to the public attending. If more residents wish to join what happens? Does the meeting have to be cancelled?
 - Clerk has also had a report of spraying around signs ect which they felt was unsightly, the Clerk has been in correspondence with the Meldreth grass cutter who stated that he does not use sprays anywhere. Clerk then sent this to Cllr Hales to investigate as it would appear that it could be SCDC workmen carrying the work out as it is SCDC who also do the road signs.
 - Clerk will be working with the History Group to have the burial records digitalized.
 - Gareth Guest (SCDC) has repaired the bridges which go across the River Mel fp3, near the Church, and on fp 6 at Flambards Close.
 - Clerk has contacted SCDC again with regards to a street sign showing No's 42 – 56 High Street.
- 016/04/20 Meldreth Futures Working Group (MFWG):**
Relate: MFWG have met and discussed this application and recommend full funding of £450.00
- 017/04/21 Application for funding from Melbourn Primary School PTA for refurbishment of the swimming pool (LG(misc prov)A 1972 s19))**
It is estimated the total project will cost around £20,000. Parish Council financial contribution of £2,500 being requested.
- 018/04/21 Finances and payments:March 2021**
To receive details of cheques/bacs 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; RTRA Road Traffic Regulations Act.

Payments already paid:

Payee	Amount £	Vat £	Description	Power
Salaries, HMRC, Pension	confidential	0	Employees payments for March 2021	LGA 1972 s112
Haven Power	TBA		Street lighting power March 2021	PCA 1957 s3
DP Garden Services	£721.66	0	Grasscutting March 2021	OSA 1906 s9/10
34SP	95.40	0	Hosting for website	LGA 1792 s133

Payments awaiting authorization:

Cambridge Water	135.70	0	Water for Pavilion	LGA 1976 s19
Cambridge Water	78.83	0	Water for the Burial Ground	OSA 1906 ss9-10
SCDC	86.79	0	Rates for the Burial Ground	OSA 1906 ss9-10
SCDC	573.85	0	Rates for the Recreation Ground	PHA1875 s164
Value Products	55.06	9.17	Anti slip paint and signs	LGA 1792 s113
Viking	186.94	31.15	Stationery	LGA 1792 s133
Cambridgeshire Acre	57.00		Annual Membership	

019/04/21 Councillor Reports:

020/04/21 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM):
This can go ahead, as a zoom meeting, on the 6th May 2021

021/04/21 Annual Meeting of the Parish (village meeting): see also item 016/04/21
Discussion to hold this as a face-to-face meeting in the main room of the village hall. Clerk has already confirmed that this room is available for the 20th May 2021. Will only be able to hold 30 people in total, therefore only 17 members of the public may attend.

022/04/21 Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

023/04/21 Next Meeting:
Next meeting on 6th May2021