

- 265/03/21 Proposal for 25k houses in the Meldreth area by Thakenham Developer**
 Update from Cllr Young and James (South West Cambridge Action Group (SWCAG)). Cllr Young attended the zoom meeting on 2nd March, which was attended by many people. There was a lot of concern raised about this proposed development. Cllr Young reported that it may be an idea to raise awareness of the scheme and possibly ask if there are any residents with experience in planning to come forward as their help may be needed. This will be a large development and it is not known, at this time what the impact will be on Meldreth as no plans have been submitted by Thakeham. If this proposal is successful and they manage to bypass SCDC planning procedure and go straight to Government then residents will have no say on what happens. There will be a regular newsletter from SWCAG with updates. The slides and information will be circulated. Thakeham have been told they must submit for the 'call for sites' which should be done before Easter. When Thakeham submit to the 'call for sites', they will have to disclose the areas, nine villages have been named all of which are in this area; however, there is no map at the moment. It was suggested that something should be put into Meldreth Matters, Cllr van de Ven will do this, so that residents are aware of the situation but it must be remembered that there are no facts, at this moment. It was agreed that a link to the SWCAG be add to the Parish Council website.
- 266/03/21 Melbourn Conservation Area:**
 The Parish Council did submit a reply to this and requested that Meldreth should not be included. Clerk to enquire with Tony Collins to confirm he received Meldreth's request. **Action: Clerk**
- 267/03/21 Covid-19:**
 Cllr James reported that it has been fairly quiet. IT support has been given to one local family. Cllr van de Ven reported that the food banks continue, she also reported that MCCS have received a Chairmans' Accommodation Award.
- 268/03/21 MAYD:**
 Cllr Garner reported that due to Covid the youth club has been inactive. During this time a lot of restructuring has been happening some of which started prior to Covid. There had been some attempts to hold virtual meetings but they were unsuccessful. Groundwork have reported that they do not think the Melbourn pavilion is large enough and is only able to hold up to 20, so it has been suggested that holding outside events would work better. There is to be outdoor sessions though there will be less of them, it was also agreed that these will be vital during the summer holidays. Groundwork is presently looking into what can be offered.
- 269/03/21 Recreation Ground:**
 Report from Cllr Fallon
- Cllr Fallon has inspected the equipment.
 - The kick wall is still to be extended; this has been held up mainly due to the wet weather.
 - Cutting back vegetation and clearing work along the fence near the pavilion – this was discussed but it was agreed that nothing can be done until the birds have stopped nesting, in the meantime Clerk to raise with the house holders to find out if they have any concerns.
- Action: Clerk**
- 270/03/21 Recreation Ground Plan**(RGWG:Cllrs CAL, JF and PG)
 The plan has been circulated to all councillors. Updatefrom the RGWG with further actions needed.
- Cllr Gilmore reported that the working group had looked at towers, of which they have chosen three, of these they would like to recommend the tower produced by Proludic which is the J5510A at a cost of £18,413.46. This was proposed by Cllr Fallon and seconded by Cllr Gilmore and agreed by all. The funds will be taken out of S106 and the remainder from Community Benefit.
 - Adult Gym Equipment- postponed until next month.
 - Planting of shrubs and trees – it was agreed that the planting should be phased over the following months. There are already volunteers who are willing to help with the planting.
- Other Items:**
 Cllr Gilmore reported that one of the gates on the children's play area is not closing properly, she will investigate if proper springs would help.
 Cllr Gilmore also reported that the small gate facing the football pitch has got very muddy and it was agreed to put 4 grass mats down and grass seed the area. The cost of these should be within the Clerk's authority.
 Springs, matting and seeds were proposed by Cllr Land, seconded by Cllr Fallon and agreed by all.
- 271/03/21 Almshouses:**

It was proposed by Cllr Garner to appoint Mr Alan Tobin as the Parish Council representative on the Almshouses Trustee's this was seconded by Cllr Goddin and agreed by all.

272/03/21 Traffic Working Group:

Cllr Gilmore reported that the LHI submission has been submitted and it should be known nearer the end of the month whether Meldreth have been successful. Cllr Gilmore also reported that residents have been contacting her with their concerns over the Whitecroft Road and Station Road junction. She will keep a log of these concerns.

273/03/21 Tennis Club:

There is no change at the moment and this item can be removed for the time being.

274/03/21 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. Clerk is investigating this item.

Action: Clerk

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 – Highways are going to look at the footpath. Cllr Gilmore reported that there was a tension wire which is very low. Clerk to enquire with the Enforcement team and arrange a possible meeting and Cllr Gilmore to be included. **Action: Clerk**

275/03/21 Notice Boards:

Decision on whether the Parish Council should take on ownership of two other notice boards.

One opposite the shop, next to the Parish Council's which was erected by MVA

One opposite the train station which was erected by the MVA

This would give four notice boards, but only two of which are for Parish Council business as they are locked. The two extras, being discussed today, will be monitored by a Councillor to make sure that the information on them is up to date but to be used by the residents of Meldreth.

It was proposed by Cllr Fallon that the Parish Council take over the maintenance of the two notice boards, this was seconded by Cllr Gilmore and agreed by all.

Cllr Young agreed to monitor the two notice boards.

275/03/21 Cemetery:

Maintenance update – rabbit fencing has been completed and the soil removed.

Management of Cemetery. The new Agreement, which will be signed by the applicant showing they have read and agreed to the burial ground policy. This was proposed by Cllr Land, seconded by Cllr James and agreed by all.

276/03/21 Correspondence and Clerk's Report

Software and computer update will be completed when Covid restriction allow.

277/03/20 Meldreth Futures Working Group (MFWG):

Relate: Application is currently with MFWG

278/03/21 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	1966.05	0	Employees payments for February 2021	LGA 1972 s112
Haven Power	TBA		Street lighting power January 2021	PCA 1957 s3
E-On	£36.33	1.73	Pavilion electricity	LGA 1972 s143
DP Garden Services	£721.66	0	Grasscutting January 2021	OSA 1906 s9/10
Bins for Less	327.91	54.65	Litter bins for the Recreation Ground	OSA 1906 s9/10
BT	319.80	53.30	Telephone and broadband	TCA 1986

Payments awaiting authorization:

South Cambs Landscape Services	£675.00 £250.00	250.00	Rabbit fencing Soil removal	OSA 1906 s9/10

All payments were agreed by Cllr Goddin, seconded by Cllr Land and agreed by all.
Clerk is to meet with Eon to look at the meter and possibly have it changed to a smart meter.

279/03/21

Councillor Reports:

Cllr Garner

Enquired if the swimming pool repair scheme, at the school, would be eligible for Parish Council funding. Clerk replied that under LG(Misc Prov) Act 1976 s19 gives the Parish Council the power to support such a scheme. Cllr Garner will report back to the PTA and request they contact the Clerk for the application form. **Action: NG**

Cllr James

Reported that the developers on Chiswick End are doing a very good job and keeping the roads clean and appears to be well managed.

Cllr Land

Enquired if a seat/bench could be placed at the crossroads at Fenny Lane? Next to the green box could be a place going towards the stocks. A safety assessment would need to be carried out.

Cllr Young

The entrance at Maycroft is leaking water again onto the footway. Clerk to write to Maycroft.

Action: Clerk

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Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Thakeham

MCCS

MAYD

Recreation Ground - Adult Gym Equipment; gate, matting, grass seeding

Verge along Station Road

Footpath at the new development Whitecroft Road

MFWG - Relate

281/03/21

Next Meeting:

Next meeting on 1st April 2021

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.23hrs.

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

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