

MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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To members of the Council:

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Meldreth Parish Council on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30 pm. This will take place in the **Sheltered Housing Community Room, Elin Way** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

To members of the Public & Press:

You are invited to attend a meeting of Meldreth Parish Council on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30 pm in the **Sheltered Housing Community Room, Elin Way** for the purpose of transacting the following business on the agenda.

For the safety of all, can everyone please bring a mask and abide to the 2m social distancing.

Clerk: Judy Damant

Date: 1st April 2022

Motion to exclude: In accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted at Agenda item 022/04/22 it is advisable in the public interest that the Public and Press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw.

- 01/04/22** **To receive any apologies for absence:**(LGA 1972 sch12 para 40) – Quorate is one third but no less than 3 members (LGA 1972 sch 12 para 45)
Apologies have been received from Cllr Searles (personal matters).
- 02/04/22** **Pecuniary Interests:** Councilor'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.
- 02/04/22** **Public Participation:** If a member of the public 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.
- 03/04/22** **To Approve and Sign Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd February 2022:**
- 04/04/22** **Planning: (Town and Country Planning act 1990 sch 1, para 8)**
(Full planning Minutes are available via the clerk, website or notice board)
- 05/04/22** **District and County Reports: (Cllrs van de Ven, Hales and Hart)**
- 06/04/22** **Local and Regional Planning Issues:**
- Thakeham
 - Oxford –Cambridge ARC
 - Local Development Plan
- 07/04/22** **Covid 19 Update**
Current Situation and any Parish Council news
- 08/04/22** **Flambards**
Update
- 09/04/22** **Recreation Ground**
- March inspection report from Cllr Fallon
 - See Saw

Rotatwin from Proludic £5107.38;
 Sovereign Contempo seesaw £4418.85
 Spin & Bounce from Wickstead £5059.75
 Non bump see saw from Wickstead £5124.75

- Outdoor Table Tennis– Clerk has obtained quotes and they all come in at £749.00 vat 124.83, delivery is £75.00. The table is delivered as a whole item. Decision to install on grass or put a base down. It has been thought that it could be positioned behind the football pitch and the tennis courts.
- Request from Orwell FC to use pitch next season 22/23
- Further damage has been sustained to the dog fouling notices.
- Tennis court access update from Cllr Goddin

10/04/22 Traffic Working Group

- Composition and Leadership
- Vandalised speed indicator sign (SID)

11/04/22 Village Infrastructure

- Projects requiring attention
- Bollards at the stock area. Clerk has not yet submitted replacements yet as further discussion is needed with regards to what can be done, there are now two damaged posts.
- Both notice boards are now with the contractor and awaiting installation.
- Finger posts update

12/04/22 Village Hall

Report from Cllr Fallon
 Mr Paul Ray has now stepped down as Chairman and Mr David Coton is now the new Chairman, Secretary is Lesley Srat and the Letting Secretary is Julia Moore. At the moment they are looking for a Treasurer. At the present time the Village Hall are looking at getting the refurbishment of the kitchen completed, redecorating the toilets and main hall. It is hoped that they will be able to apply for a Jubilee grant to refurbish the garden. One grant available is the Community Chest Grant from SCDC, with the group are aware of.

12/04/22 Churchyard safety issues

Update

13/04/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Update

Community Chest Grant of upto £700 for Project
 £700 could be used to purchase a Memorial Jubilee bench. Clerk is looking into this matter and completing the relevant paperwork.

14/04/22 Grass cutting contract:

It was believed that the contract had one more year to run (until 2023) but it terminates as of March 2022. D P Gardens have agreed to carry on for one more year but they have to increase their charges due to the sudden rise in fuel costs. The cost of one year is £11,330.00 and would be in increase of £222.50 per month.

15/04/22 CCVS:

Parish Council to subscribe to Support for Community & Voluntary Groups. They help with benefits that could help the council and will ensure that the council is kept up to date with all the latest news. It offers support, training, information, fundraising, publicity and services. Cost is £60.00

16/04/22 Finances and payments: April 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 FOR AUTHORISATION –MELDRETH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7th April 2022

Payee	Amount £	Vat £	Description	Power
Salaries, HMRC, Pension	Confidential	0	Employees payments for March 2022	LGA 1972 s112
Drax Power	£	£	Street lighting power February 2022	PCA 1957 s3

E-On	£59.13	£2.82	Pavilion electricity	LGA 1972 s143
DP Garden Services	£721.66	0	Grasscutting March 2022 (end of contract)	OSA 1906 s9/10
Cambridge Water Business	£82.13	0	Water charges for Cemetery	OSA 1906 s9/10
Cambridge Water Business	£141.79	0	Water charges for Pavilion	OSA 1906 s9/10
Melbourn Mobile Warden Scheme	£450.00	0	Quarterly charge for 5 members	LGA S137
Soverign Design Play Systems Ltd	£394.80	£65.80	Tightening of zip wire	LGA 1976 s19
Cambridgeshire Acre	57	0	Annual membership	LGA 197
Clerk expenses	43.38	0	Stamps, ink and fuel to SCDC	LGA 1972 s
SCDC	573.85	0	Rates – Pavilion	LGA 1972 s
SCDC	99.81	0	Rates – Burial ground	LGA 1972 s
Invoice paid between meetings				
34 SP	£95.40	£15.90	Website hosting April22 –April 23	LGA 1972 s133

17/04/22 Reports from Councillors:

18/04/21 Future meetings:

Village meeting to take place in the main room of the village hall. The planning meeting, if there is one, will have to take place in the green room. Decision on whether to move meetings back to the green room of the village hall or to remain in the Community Rooms.

19/04/22 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 12th May 2022

With the elections taking place on the 5th May it would be appropriate to hold the Annual meeting of the Parish Council at the next official date of the 12th May.

20/04/22 Annual Parish Meeting (Village Meeting) -19th May 2022

21/04/22 Clerk's Report:

- There has been a report of graffiti under the underpass near Melbourn, is it possible to do a joint project with Melbourn Parish Council. This was once done with MAYD and CCC but nothing since then.
- CCC – verge cutting. In 2021 CCC adopted a new verge management policy. As part of the development of this policy CCC worked with the organization Plantlife. Plantlife are running the No Mow Way campaign and Cambridgeshire Highways are supporting the campaign and they will not be cutting any highway verges during the month of May. They would like to encourage the Parish Council to read the details of the campaign and lend your support. <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk>
Meldreth Parish Council cut the verges that CCC would normally do.
- Funded Pond Conservation Project – This is being run in conjunction with Natural England. This project helps restore ponds and create new ponds. Notice has gone out in Meldreth Matters.
- ZCC grant – 4th round of the Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme. Has been sent to the working group.

Exclude public and press for item 22/04/22

22/04/22 Payscales:

The payscales have now been received from NALC. Agreement to accept the new pay increments set by NALC and agreement for the back pay from April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022. Clarification on Litter pickers SCP scale.

23/04/22 Agenda Items next meeting: