

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO FORMAL RATIFICATION AT THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING.

Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 20th October, 2014 in the upstairs meeting room of the Community Hub at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. K.Crosby (Chair), M. Sherwen, R. Gatward, M.Linnette, J.Norman, R.Tulloch, A. Mulcock, J. Regan, and C. Stead.

In attendance: The Clerk + 1 member of the public

PL107/14 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Barrett, Hales and Baker for work reasons and Cllr Bloomfield for personal reasons

PL108/14 Declarations of Interest:

None

PL109/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October, 2014:

It was proposed by Cllr. Tulloch, seconded by Cllr. Regan and agreed by a majority of 7 – 1, Cllr Mulcock dissenting, with 1 abstention that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October, 2014 be signed as a true record.

PL110/14 Matters arising:

None

PL111/14 Village Car Park:

Cllr Regan brought 7 issues to the attention of the committee:-

1. The issue of continuing anti-social behaviour on the car park. A resident urged the committee to agree to install CCTV in the car park, albeit on a temporary basis as a result of handbrake spinning, noise and possible drug-taking on the car park. The committee decided it would place signs in the car park warning offenders that they are being watched. The committee expressed its concern about the lack of policing in the area and the fact that the police seem to think it is a parish council problem rather than a policing matter.
2. Cllr Regan reported that the big tree at the front of the car park is to be removed on 4th November. Notices and flyers are to be placed around as the car park will need to be closed. The Clerk to contact Melbourn Primary School.
3. Cllr Regan reported that it is proposed to go out to tender in early December with an anticipated start on 15th February. The committee is looking for the council to approve everything at its meeting on 26th January, 2015.
4. Cllr Regan reported on the size of the proposed workshop which will not exceed 200 cubic metres, the largest footprint it can have before it becomes subject to planning permission. Cllr Mulcock argued for a bigger shed away from the car park but other councillors felt that there would be better security on the car park. Cllr Sherwen argued that the committee should consider the possibility of allocating space for the vehicle alongside the shed if the need arose, but this after consideration of the needs. The committee decided by 8 votes to 1 to go ahead with the shed. Cllr Regan reported that he has the drawings and proposals for the bus shelter and that Cllrs Mulcock, Sherwen and Baker had

already commented on them. It was decided that the shelter ought to have dropdown seating for the benefit of the elderly. It would be not be covered by CCTV and this may need to be looked at. It will have low level lighting.

5. Cllr Regan sought and obtained confirmation that ducts would be there for the ability to add car re-charging points without disturbing the surface.
6. Cllr Regan presented drawings of the entrance. The committee agreed that the entrance should be wide enough for an ambulance and a fire tender.

PL112/14 Deed Dedication registrations

Nothing to report

PL113/14 To consider concerns about the solar farm at Bury Lane Fruit Farm, Meldreth and the council's response to proposed solar farms in the area.

Concerns were expressed by the committee about the entrance to the site on the A10 bypass near the junction with Royston Road. It now seems that the bulk of the traffic has been changed from Meldreth to Melbourn. It was noted that heavy lorries had been seen parking in Royston Road by Greenlow Kennels awaiting access to the site. Cllr Gatward argued that a share of S106 money ought to come to Melbourn given the changes made which now affect the residents of Melbourn more than Meldreth. Cllr Hales will be asked to look into this.

Given the absence of Cllr Hales, the committee decided to postpone the section relating to solar farms in general. However, Cllr Gatward asked that clarification be sought about the benefits emanating from Lightsource with regard to the community and whether or not Melbourn was to receive a lump sum or money spread over several years. This is to be on the next F&G agenda.

PL114/14 To consider a quote for the felling of a mature dead chestnut tree.

The committee asked that this be investigated further with the Tree Officer at SCDC as the tree is on private land and it is unclear about which body meets the cost.

ACTION: The Clerk

PL115/14 Notifications or Planning Consultation documents:

None

- (a) Notification granting permission for Variation of Condition 2 of planning reference S/2616/13 at Bury Lane Fruit Farm, Melbourn Bypass, Meldreth SG8 6DF on behalf of SunEdison S/1887/14/VC. Was noted.

PL116/14 Planning Applications:

- (a) Planning application (amended) for Solar Farm and Associated Development at Muncey's Farm, London Way, Melbourn SG8 6DJ on behalf of Lightsource SPV100 S/1898/14/FL received no recommendation with the comments '*Insufficient information to make a decision*'.
- (b) Planning application detailing amendments, for information only, to a planning application for Solar Farm and Associated Development at Muncey's Farm, London Way, Melbourn with regard to Revised

Ownership Certificates on behalf of Lightsource SPV100 S/1898/14/FL was noted

- (c) Planning application detailing amendments, for information only, to Solar Farm and Associated Development at land between Railway and Sewage Disposal Works, Royston Road, Melbourn on behalf of Mr Adriana Setta Solar Planning Ltd S/1427/14/FL was noted.

PL117/14 Correspondence:

None

PL118/14 To accept notices and matters for the next agenda

None

The Chairman closed the meeting 8.20 p.m.