

Neighbourhood Plan - Launch Presentation (15.01.2026)

Meldreth Neighbourhood Plan

Launch Meeting
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Your Village

All the appeal of village life

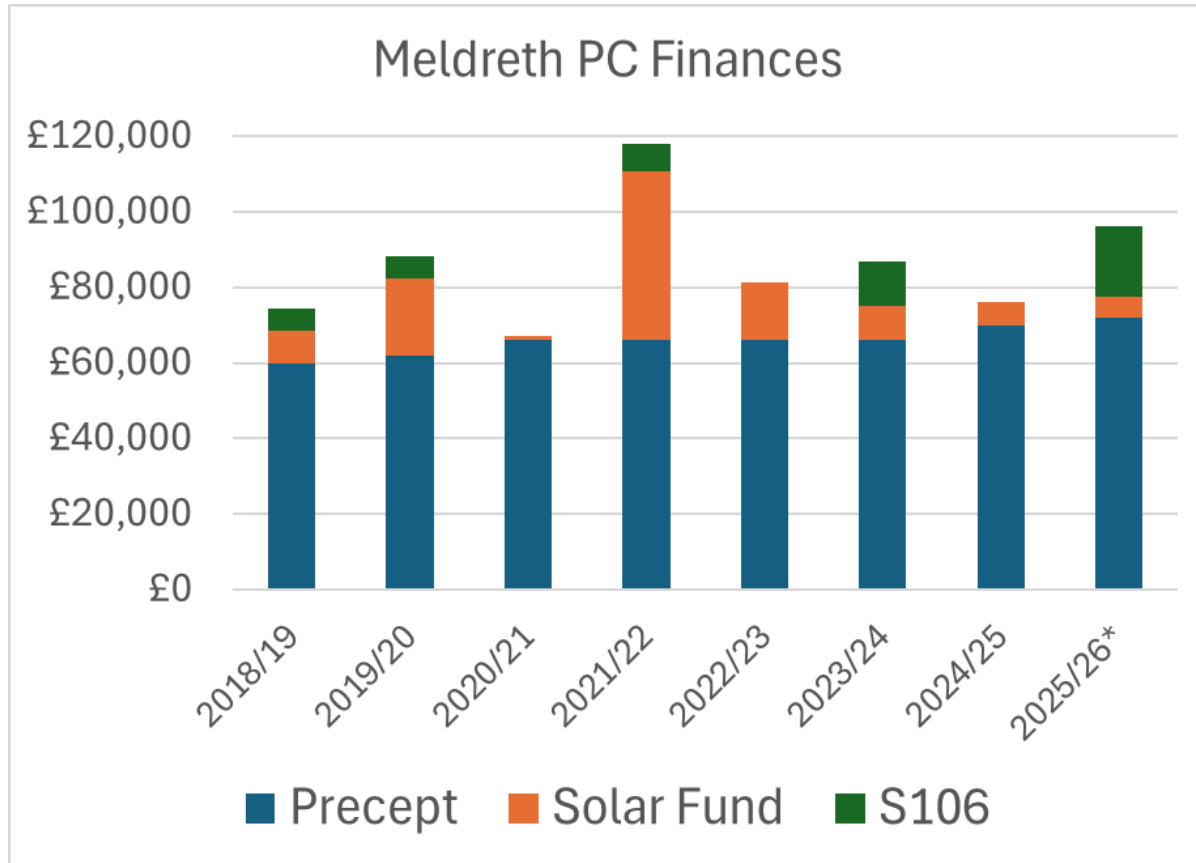
A picturesque parish church, dating back to the 12th century,
a testament to village justice in times past...



Straddling the Prime Meridian, Meldreth is a thriving village in the best tradition of English rural communities. With a friendly local pub within walking distance of your home, local convenience store and clubs and societies, it is an enormously welcoming village that takes advantage of its tranquil, leafy location. Explore the local farm shops, while less than a mile away, the neighbouring village of Melbourn hosts a further choice of pubs, cafes and takeaways; Sheene Mill, a magnificent 16th century mill house overlooking the River Mel, is an ideal setting for Sunday lunch or afternoon tea. Melbourn's expanding Science Park is home to international employers AstraZeneca and TTP, while the acclaimed Addenbrooke's Hospital is nearby, part of Cambridge's thriving Biomedical Campus.



Parish Council Finances



Parish Council Remit (NOT Potholes)

<i>Development</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>Village Amenities/Societies</i>	<i>Parish Owned Facilities</i>	<i>Parish Resources</i>
The use of ex-agricultural buildings	Travel - walking & footways, roads and commuting, cycling, disabled facilities	Community Centre	Recreation Ground & Pavilion	Levels of the Precept
Residential Development	Parking	Village Hall	Burial ground	Solar funds
Housing needs survey	Travel for Employment	<u>Melwood</u>	<u>Flambards - Public Spaces</u>	S106 - historical data
Affordable, social housing	Railway Bridge – improving the footways	Guides	<i>Other Facilities/Sports</i>	Mettle Hill
Preferred Local Developments	London platform – access	History Group	Croquet	<i>Parish Responsibilities</i>
<i>Local Business</i>	Cam Valley Community Rail Partnership	Meldreth Matters	Bowls	Regular costs - lighting, grass, maintenance, salaries
A view of new developments		MAYD	Football	Church wall
		etc ...	etc ...	Maintenance

Precept (Council Tax Bill is £2384.60 for Band D)

APPENDIX C								
PARISH	Parish Council Special Expenses per dwelling							
	Valuation bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Longstowe	£70.53	£82.28	£94.04	£105.79	£129.30	£152.81	£176.32	£211.58
Madingley	£130.47	£152.22	£173.96	£195.71	£239.20	£282.69	£326.18	£391.42
Melbourn	£105.25	£122.79	£140.33	£157.87	£192.95	£228.03	£263.12	£315.74
Meldreth	£57.28	£66.83	£76.37	£85.92	£105.01	£124.11	£143.20	£171.84
Milton	£50.06	£58.40	£66.75	£75.09	£91.78	£108.46	£125.15	£150.18
Guilden Morden	£61.49	£71.73	£81.98	£92.23	£112.73	£133.22	£153.72	£184.46
Steeple Morden	£42.47	£49.54	£56.62	£63.70	£77.86	£92.01	£106.17	£127.40
Newton	£35.88	£41.86	£47.84	£53.82	£65.78	£77.74	£89.70	£107.64
Northstowe	£70.46	£82.20	£93.95	£105.69	£129.18	£152.66	£176.15	£211.38
Little Shelford	£65.25	£76.12	£87.00	£97.87	£119.62	£141.37	£163.12	£195.74
Shepreth	£85.58	£99.84	£114.11	£128.37	£156.90	£185.42	£213.95	£256.74
Shingay-cum-W	£28.17	£32.86	£37.56	£42.25	£51.64	£61.03	£70.42	£84.50

2005-2025 Developments

Development	Completed/Prevented	Predicted/Planned
Solar Farms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
Mettle Hill	?	no
Melrose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
Eternit Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
Atlas Close	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
Marvell Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
GoCold	?	no
Damson Close	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no

S106 (former GoCold site)

As you will know we are able to seek contributions from the developer to improve local infrastructure but, in order to do so, need to be able to explain how monies might be used.

In response we sought the following Parish Council identified projects:

- £42,155.45 to improve outdoor sports facilities (including pitches/courts/changing facilities) in Meldreth or Melbourn
- £65,695.01 towards improved play facilities in Meldreth
- £19,713.97 towards improving the Meldreth village hall
- £20,779.61 towards Melwood local nature reserve and the river Mel project
- £12,000 towards extending a footpath along Station Road

We also sought:

- £10,987 to improve Melbourn Sports Centre
- £12,251 to improve Melbourn pool

I would be grateful if you could please give as much information as possible in relation to how any of the identified contributions might be used. Moreover, I appreciate there are no allotments in Meldreth but if there are ambitions to provide any allotments (or community orchards) then further contributions may be secured.

Neighbourhood Plan

A neighbourhood plan can:

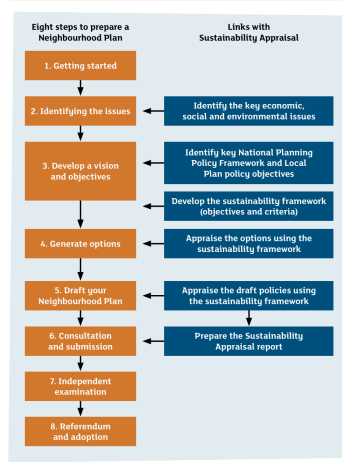
- allocate sites for development for housing, employment, and community uses
- protect what is special about an area by identifying green spaces or local heritage assets
- help to define the type and design of new development
- propose more development than the Local Plan

A neighbourhood plan cannot:

- propose less growth than in the Local Plan
 - prevent any development from ever taking place in an area
 - be prepared without community input and support
 - conflict with local, national or international policies
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The Plan for the Plan

How to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan



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January-July 2026: For the next 6 months we will establish a number of volunteer led groups collecting the background information and identifying possible future options across the topics and aspects of village life. This is why we need volunteers to lead and participate in these groups.

September 2026-July 2027: Once the data is available and credible options can be described we will put these out for consultation to the village as a whole by way of public meetings and questionnaires. The results from this consultation process will produce the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Autumn 2027: Completion of the Neighbourhood Plan and submission for adoption to the local authority.

Consultation - Questions

Intent:

Should we install gym equipment on the rec?

Resources:

Should we install gym equipment on the rec if we double the precept?

Priorities:

Should we install gym equipment or help fund the school pool?


Help Needed

- ***Activity/Interest/Options Teams (for Summer 2026):***
 - Profile activity - objectives, beneficiaries, plans, needs
 - ***Core team (from Summer 2026):***
 - Produce Questionnaire & Draft Plan
 - To Support the Consultation Activities
 - Social Media Help
 - Planning expertise
 - Questionnaire design
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Activity Profile

- ✓ **Description** (what and who)
 - ✓ **Any links** (website etc)
 - ✓ **Meldreth Beneficiaries** (how many)
 - ✓ **Resources** (how much and from who) - including past Parish Council contributions
 - ✓ **Major Accomplishments** - projects, campaigns, facilities
 - ✓ **Major Challenges (esp. resources)** - future projects, upgrades, maintenance
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Volunteer Profile



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- Name
- Areas in which you can offer help
- Contact details

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