

**MELLS PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the remote meeting held via Zoom of Mells Parish Council on  
Tuesday 22 September 2020**

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**01.09.20 PRESENT:**

Cllr J Earl – Chair, Cllr John Henderson, Cllr E Costelloe, Cllr H Leakey, The Countess of Oxford & Asquith (left 8pm) Cllr D Seviour, Cllr Seewooruttun

**In Attendance:** Joy Book, Clerk, Cllr Alison Barkshire – District Councillor

**Members of the public:** None

**02.09.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Alan Brady, Cllr V Turner, Cllr S West

**03.09.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None

**04.09.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**05.09.20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

**i. Stronger Somerset:**

Update are regularly posted on the Mendip DC website. Cllr Barkshire recommended contacting your local MP with views.

**ii. New planning act:**

This is currently out for consultation but seems to removal local democracy. Cllr Barkshire will send links to websites which give a breakdown of the changes.

**06.09.20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

None submitted.

**07.09.20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 11 AUGUST 2020:**

The minutes were agreed and pp'd by the Clerk.

**08.09.20 RESOLUTION TO WAIVER 6 MONTH COUNCIL NON ATTENDANCE RULE:**

Due to three councillors not having the technology to attend PC meetings and not wishing to lose valued councillors, it was agreed by all present to approve a resolution to waiver the 6 month non attendance rule until face to face meetings can be resumed.

**09.09.20 MATTERS ARISING**

**i. Superfast broadband:**

**ii. Condition of grass triangle – Bottom Lane:**

**iii. Co-option of councillor:**

To be carried over until face to face meetings can take place.

**iv. Entrance to the Barn:**

To be carried forward until restrictions are lifted.

**v. Website:** New accessibility regulations come into force on 23 September. The PC is required to have documents from September 2018 in an accessible format where possible. Clerk has put an accessibility statement on the website and is working towards changing as many documents as possible, subject to software capabilities, onto the website.

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- vi. **Alternative uses for telephone box:** No further information. The phone box requires painting again. The Chair will seek quotes.
- vii. **Litter by the pond:** Somerset Waste has not responded to the request to increase bin emptying near the pond. Clerk to chase.
- viii. **Wooden footpath post – Rashwood Lane footpath, Gay Street:** The post appears to have been removed. Clerk to contact Somerset.

#### 10.09.20 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

None

#### 11.09.20 PLANNING

##### **New Applications:**

**2020/1656/TCA:** Conifer – fell – Bridge Cottage, Holes Lane – For tree officer

##### **Mendip Decisions:**

**2020/1376/TCA:** Tulip tree – raise crown to give 2m from building roofs and prune – Selwood House, Selwood Street – approved.

**2020/0870/FUL:** Erection of a barn for equestrian and agricultural storage – Virginia Cottage, Upper Vobster Road – approved.

##### Other matters:

**Aggregate Industries** – Planning application for the removal of Condition 2, Schedule B for 2016/0025/CNT, modification of the Torr Works Section 106 agreement to enable the re-commencement of carboniferous limestone extraction at Bartletts Quarry, Nunney, Somerset – Cllr Costelloe reported

#### 12.09.20 CORRESPONDENCE

- i. **Resident - footway by quarry:**

#### 13.09.20 ACCOUNTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance as at 28 August 2020 - HSBC £18,104.56. Balance as at 19 June 2020 - Barclays £5,316.76.

- i. **Payment of accounts:**

Clerk's Salary (August)		£246.55
Phone line rental	5.50	
Utilities	<u>4.00</u>	
		£9.50
HMRC PAYE (Period 6)		£61.60
Mells Nursery – donation towards Forest Schools project		£229.81
Sally Vince – two years website hosting etc		£550.00
Arborcadabra – weedkilling Recreation Ground		£70.00
Alan Aked – Internal audit		£50.00

- ii. **Receipts:** None

- iii. **Internal Auditor's report:** The internal auditor has approved the accounts.

- iv. **NALC Clerk's salary for 2020/21:**

- v. **Remembrance wreath:** Clerk will order a wreath to include the usual donation of £25.

#### 14.09.20 ITEMS TO REPORT / ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- i.

**15.09.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at **7.15pm** in Mells Barn unless restrictions remain in place, alternatively the meeting will be held remotely via Zoom at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at **8.10pm**.

Signed..... Date.....

Print Name.....