

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL
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A meeting of Mells Parish Council took place on Tuesday 6 July 2010 at Mells Barn.

Prior to the meeting the Parish Council selected the winning drawings for the Mells Cubs Pack anti litter campaign at the invitation of Mr Peter Lugg, the Akela. Posters will be placed at suitable locations round the village to remind the public to take litter home.

1. PRESENT: Mr E Costelloe (Chairman), Mrs M Jennings, Mrs J Mann, Ms R Wallace (Vice Chair), Mr C Tye and Miss H Wynter.

The Clerk was in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Lady Asquith, Ms Abi Blanche-Martin, Lord Oxford, Mr V Turner, Mr S West and Cllr M Ellis.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 8 June 2010 had been circulated. It was resolved that the minutes be adopted. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **Police Community Support Officer's Steering Committee:** councillors noted PCSO Yvonne Mears' Report for June. A presentation on security by Lockdown Ltd would take place at the August Parish Council meeting.
- b) **Quarry Liaison Committee:** deferred in the absence of Steve West
- c) **White Bridge improvements:** draft plans in hand.
- d) **Erosion of footpath from Top Lane to White Bridge:** Chris Tye advised that work was expected to be carried out before the next meeting.
- e) **War Memorial plinth:** the Chairman reported that the War Memorial had now been repointed, repaired and the cracked concrete bollards removed. Christopher Jerram had confirmed that both the War Memorial and the bus shelter outside the Manor House are in the ownership of the Mells Estate which has responsibility for their repair.
- f) **Grit bins:** the Clerk advised that she was waiting to arrange the final details with the Area Superintendent before ordering the two bins.
- g) **Recreation Ground:** the Chairman reported that final arrangements were being dealt with by the solicitors.
- h) **Footpath clearance:** Somerset County Council had made a grant of £100 towards the cost of footpath clearance.
- i) **Lakeside Park signs:** the Clerk had written to Land Rovers UK expressing the Council's approval of their intentions to reduce their signage at Lakeside Park.

6. PLANNING

- a) **Erection of building and installation of gasifier and electricity generation plant, The Sawmills, Buckland Down:** planning application formally withdrawn on 24 June.

7. LETTERS FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

- a) **From Civic Events Officer re Chairman's Awards for Service to the community 2010:** A name was suggested as a possible nominee. Clerk to take soundings and report back to Council.

8. LETTERS FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL

- a) Meeting of Parish Forum 19 July: noted.

9. LETTERS AND REPORTS

- a) Mr Frank Seager had copied the Clerk into his emails to County Roads requesting prompt repair of the pothole at Little Green, opposite Rose Cottage. Clerk to reinforce Mr Seager's request with County Roads.

10. FINANCIAL UPDATE APR/MAY/JUNE 2009 Noted.

11. ACCOUNTS

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| a) Viscount Asquith's 1999 Settlement
(Recreation Ground rent 24/06/10-28/09/10) | £125.00 |
| b) JK Costelloe
(Clerk's salary (June) paid by standing order) | £259.20 |

It was agreed to pay the above account.

12. RECEIPTS

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| a) HM Revenue & Customs
(VAT repayment April 09-Mar 10) | £ 75.00 |
| b) Barclays Instant Access Saver account
(Interest 8 Mar – 6 Jun 2010) | £ 1.27 |
| c) Somerset County Council
(Rights of Way grant) | £100.00 |

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Work to the broken railway sleeper in Vobster was in hand.
- b) Chris Tye reported that the finger post indicating the direction of Great Elm at The Pound, Woodlands End, was again completely obscured. Clerk to chase up its relocation together with that of a Give Way line, also at Woodlands End, with Jeff Bunting.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 17 August, 7.15 p.m. in Mells Barn.