

**MELLS PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**A meeting of Mells Parish Council took place on  
Tuesday 12 November 2013 at Mells Barn**

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**PRESENT:** Mr E Costelloe – Chair, Ms R Wallace – Vice Chair, Mrs M Jennings, The Countess of Oxford & Asquith, Miss H Wynter, Mrs J Seewooruttun, Mr S West, Mr C Tye, Mr V Turner, Mrs J Mann  
**In Attendance:** Joy Book, Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr John Earl
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING** held on 8 October 2013 had previously been circulated. It was resolved that the minutes be adopted. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - a) **Parking by Talbot:** More people are parking by Gay Street and using the Recreation Ground which has alleviated the problem during the week. Weekends remain a problem. The Talbot will reclaim use of the garage when it is vacant and concerns were raised over possible change of use and parking.
  - b) **Recreation Ground Charitable Status:** No further information.
  - c) **Damaged sign Top Road:** This has been replaced.
  - d) **Noticeboard:** A quote has been received and Clare Asquith will action the work.
  - e) **Gully bottom of Line Kiln Hill:** This has been cleared. It was noted that concrete has been placed over the soakaway at the top end. The situation will be monitored for a month before any further action is taken.
  - f) **Bridge – Tynts Hill:** Somerset CC will make an inspection.
5. **CHANGES TO PART 2 – STANDING ORDERS**  
The main changes are that procurement procedures are more stringent and a paragraph about dispensation has been added. The Chair proposed and Helen Wynter seconded that the new Standing Orders Part 2 should be adopted. All voted in favour.
6. **PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2014**  
The proposed dates do not clash with any known important dates.
7. **PLANNING**
  - a) **2013/1951** *Erection of a single wind turbine to 77 metres, along with accompanying access track, crane hardstanding, substation, associated underground cabling and temporary construction – Rockhouse Farm, Chantry.*  
  
The Chair had written a long and informed letter to Mendip DC Planning recommending refusal of this application. Approximately 80 people had attended the meeting at Leigh on Mendip. G2 energy had declined to attend. The proposed wind turbine would be seen from a considerable distance. A further environmental study has been requested.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL** – none

**10. CORRESPONDENCE FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- a) Parishes Information Bulletin – for Vince Turner
- b) Precept letter – Closing date for precept figure submission is 3 January 2014.

**11. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - none****12. PRELIMINARY BUDGET/PRECEPT DISCUSSION**

Clerk presented a budget for 2014/15 based on a precept of £9,000. The budget was approved by all those present and the final precept decision will be made at the December meeting.

**13. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a)	J Book	Clerk's salary (September)	£218.67
		Expenses (October)	
		1 trip to Mells (@ 45p/mile)	£ 3.60
		Phone line rental	£ 5.50
		Utilities	£ 4.00
			£13.10
b)	HMRC PAYE	Period 8	£54.60
c)	Chris Rowe – Memorial hedge cutting		£75.00
d)	Mendip Community Transport		£100.00
e)	SALC Councillor training		£25.00
f)	Rob Symes – Footpath and gully clearance		£165.00

*Proposed Monica Jennings Seconded Jane Mann*

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) **Upper Vobster bridleway:** Ros Wallace had attended one of the two days of the enquiry during which it was noted that the bridleway is incorrectly marked on OS maps. This needs to be resolved.. The outcome of the enquiry is awaited.
- b) **War Memorial:** Thanks were extended to Monica Jennings who had cleared the area of leaves etc prior to the service.
- c) **Hedge by Top Road:** Visibility is still a problem at this junction. The estate will assess the hedge.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 10 December 2013 at 7.15pm in Mells Barn

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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