

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the meeting of Mells Parish Council on
Tuesday 24 January 2017 at Mells Barn**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr E Costelloe – Chairman, Mr J Earl – Vice Chair, Mr C Tye, Mr S West, Mr V Turner, Mr J Seewooruttun, The Countess of Oxford & Asquith, Mr D Seviour, Mr A Brady, Mr J Poynton
In Attendance: Joy Book, Clerk No members of the public
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mrs A Moir, Cllr Edward Drewe – District Councillor
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None
5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING** dated 13 December 2016 had previously been circulated and it was resolved that the minutes be adopted. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) **Mobile Phone signal/broadband:** Alan Brady has been in contact with Peter Jones, Vodaphone Area Manager who says that it is hoped that more masts in the area will be installed over the next few months.
 - b) **Iron Fingerpost painting:** These are being painted to a high standard.
 - c) **Barn Lease:** No further information.
 - d) **Traffic on Selwood Street:** Some white lining has been carried out around the village. Chris Tye will contact Cllr Ham to find out the approximate schedule for the lining on Selwood Street. A large lorry had recently parked blocking traffic for an unreasonable length of time whilst its goods were unloaded.
 - e) **Pavillion ‘facelift’:** Minor works are ongoing.
 - f) **Old Telephone Exchange:** The matter is with the enforcement officers who are gathering information prior to serving a notice.
 - g) **Relocation of village signs – Vobster:** SCC are processing the order and have indicated that the cost for the works will be less than previously quoted. The Vobster Residents’ Group have proposed a contribution of £250. This was approved.
 - h) **Dumped vehicles – Fairview:** Still present. To be monitored.
 - i) **Gully by Post Office:** This has been cleared.
 - j) **Proposed removal of BT of telephone kiosk:** Clerk has contacted Mendip DC and BT to confirm the Parish Council’s intention to adopt the kiosk. Awaiting instruction on how to proceed.
 - k) **30mph sign – Lime Kiln Quarry:** No response from SCC. Clerk to chase.
 - l) **Noticeboard by Post Office:** After discussion, it was decided to leave the noticeboard in its current position.
7. **PLANNING**

2016/2690/FUL Agricultural building to house cattle. Stone Ash Farm, Longfield to Vobster Cross. Decision to be left to planning officer.

2016/3047/OTS Outline application for one detached dwelling with details of access, layout and scale. Land adjoining Acrewood, Little Green. For approval. The proposed development fits well with the nearby new build. However Highways should be involved due to the entry/exit on Holes lane being extremely hazardous.

2016/0036/TCA Sycamore Fell. Root plate pushing against boundary wall. Client to replant with a more suitable species in a more suitable place. Rectory Stables, Gay Street. Decision to be left to the Planning Officer.

Mendip Decisions - None
8. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL** - none
9. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL**
 - a) **Progress on Local Plan Part II – Mells:** No comment. Parish Council is content for Mendip DC to proceed as detailed so far. The Parish Council feel it is unnecessary to undertake a

Neighbourhood Plan as the Estate is responsible for a large part of the village and therefore the village is protected from many of the issues other areas might be exposed to.

10. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **NHS – Appeal from Prasant Manandahar – application for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list offering unforeseen benefits:** Three applications were received and one has been approved. The surgery is appealing against the approval and one of the unsuccessful applicants has also placed an appeal.
- b) **Tarmac – invitation to attend a Stakeholder preview ahead of a public exhibition for Halecombe Quarry:** Public exhibition Friday 3 February 2pm-8.00pm in Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall.
- c) **Church of St Andrew:** Thank you for grant.

11. PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance as at 28 December 2016 - HSBC £13,347.39. Balance as at December 2016 - Barclays £5,191.63.

a)	J Book	Clerk's Salary & expenses (December & January)	£282.07 x 2
		Trip to Mells (@ 45p/mile)	3.60 x 2
		Phone line rental	5.50 x 2
		Utilities	<u>4.00 x 2</u>
			<u>26.20</u>

	Mendip Community Transport donation	£100.00
	Jon Goode – gully clearance	£50.00

- b) **Receipts:** Bank interest £0.65.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 **Flytipping:** This is notably increasing. Vans, and now estate cars, are required to get a licence (which has restrictions on the amount of rubbish that can be tipped) before being allowed to attend the recycling centre. The restrictions are encouraging the unscrupulous to tip their rubbish elsewhere. An article will be placed in the magazine requesting photos of any flytipping around the parish. Once the evidence has been collected, the local press will be approached. Mendip DC is also extending refuse collection to 3 weeks later this year. Chris Tye has been in communication with Ian Glover, Enforcement Officer at Mendip DC. David Seviour will report the flytipping in Vobster.
- 12.2 **Halecombe lorries:** Lorries are taking a shortcut along a road that is unsuitable for large lorries. Faded give way markings have been noted at the crossroads at the edge of the parish going north west at far corner of Mells Park boundary wall. Clerk to contact Highways.
- 12.3 **Vobster bridge:** David Seviour raised concerns about the schedule for the bridge repairs. Clerk explained that it was unlikely the repair could be expedited due to more urgent works arising that continually push more minor works further down the schedule.
- 12.4 **Road works - Vobster:** David Seviour will contact Cllr Ham regarding what the nature of the planned works is and if they relate to the drains in the area which currently cause flooding issues.
- 12.5 **Dog waste bin – Rectory Corner:** Clare Asquith felt that the brightness of the bin and its liner was not in keeping with the area and suggested moving it to behind the bus shelter. As the bin is well used, it was felt a bin in this area was required and the slight change of location would not affect its usage. Clare Asquith to speak to the contractor.
- 12.6 **St Edmunds Farmhouse:** The finish on the building appears to be different to the application received which stated that it would be stone. Clerk to investigate whether an amendment application has been submitted. This type of application is not generally received by the Parish Council as it is not a consultation matter.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 7.15pm in Mells Barn.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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

Print Name.....