

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the meeting of Mells Parish Council on
Tuesday 10 April 2018 at Mells Barn**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr J Earl - Chair, Mr S West, Mr A Brady, Mr V Turner, Mr E Costelloe

In Attendance: Joy Book, Clerk. No members of the public
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr D Seviour, The Countess of Oxford & Asquith, Mrs J Seewooruttun, Mr L Turner
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED 13 MARCH 2018** had previously been circulated and it was resolved that the minutes be adopted. The minutes were then signed by the Chair.
6. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS** - None
7. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - a) **Mobile Phone signal/broadband:** The mast should be active by early May.
 - b) **Barn Lease:** There has been very little movement in a year. Edmund Costelloe is applying pressure but if no progress is made the PC will write.
 - c) **Old Telephone Exchange:** No response from MDC. Clerk to chase MDC and ask Cllr Drewe to follow up.
 - d) **Damaged fingerpost by war memorial:** The Chair confirmed that the inner spigot will be replaced. No date has been given for the works to be carried out.
9. **HIGHWAY ISSUES**
 - a) **Bridge beyond CPM:** New road narrow sign has been installed. Alan Brady said that more signage towards CPM and the cottages to give prior warning. To be monitored.
 - b) **Slippery path (moss) – towards Recreation Ground:** SCC has inspected and reported no remedial works are required but the area superintendent will take another look when in the area.
 - c) **Lime Kiln Hill – Mud on the road:** This has improved. Alan Brady will monitor and report to quarry if further issues arise.
 - d) **Lime Kiln Hill – Repeater sign:** SCC will inspect and carry any remedial works as necessary.
 - e) **Bus stop near Stone Ash Farm:** The area will inspected to see if it is feasible.
 - f) **White lines – Vobster Inn:** No further information.
 - g) **Bottom Lane – flooding:** SCC will inspect.
 - h) **Water accumulating on Station Road:** Alan Brady reported that this is not coming from the house as suspected but further up the road and is running off the fields. SCC will inspect. The Police are aware of this issue and are monitoring and may approach Highways if it continues.
10. **PLANNING** - None
11. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL** - none
12. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL** – none

13. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Resignations:** Two councillors have tendered their resignations this month - Jeremy Poynton and Alison Valentine. Everyone sent their best wishes and thanks for all their hard work for the council. An advert to co-opt two councillors will be put on the website, in the noticeboards, shop and the magazine.
- b) **Daffodil Festival:** This had been well attended despite the weather. Many thanks were sent to the committee for organising the event. One complaint had been received from a resident which is being addressed by the Daffodil Committee.

14. PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance as at 28 March 2018 – £4,776.51. Barclays £5,192.54.

a)	J Book Clerk's Salary & expenses (March)		£267.39
	Trip to Mells (@ 45p/mile)	3.60	
	Phone line rental	5.50	
	Utilities	4.00	
		<u>£13.10</u>	
	HMRC PAYE (Period 1)		£30.60

Approved - all in favour

- b) **Receipts:** The precept should be deposited into the account in the next few days.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA / ITEMS TO REPORT

- a) **Police open event – Coleford:** Alan Brady and David Seviour had attended this event. Alan Brady reported that he had spoken to PC Ashley who thought a flashing 30mph sign on Lime Kiln Hill would be appropriate but the village would need an active Speedwatch in place for this to be feasible.
- b) **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):** New regulations come into force on 25 May. The PC needs to have a policy in place. Research is being carried out by the Chair and Clerk.
- c) **Sign by Talbot:** The Walled Gardens tenant would like to fix a sign to the door that gives entry to the gardens and is situated in the wall opposite Selwood House and The Talbot. This is an Estate matter.
- d) **Lakeside development:** Several people have commented that this is very near the road. The was raised as an issue when the PC commented on the application.
- e) **Bright lights CPM:** It has been noted that the site is very brightly lit until around 9.00pm after which only security lights are evident. Clerk to find out prescribed working hours.
- f) **Parking in Fairview:** Resident has spoken to MDC regarding concreting the front apron to increase parking. This is unlikely to be carried out.
- g) **Precept increase:** A resident has complained about the increase which was made to provide maintenance for the recreation ground.
- h) **Hanson quarry meeting:** Steve West reported that a couple of complaints have been received regarding the railway. The quarry is mindful that the summer is approaching and windows will be open. Around 6 million tonnes will be moved this year. The face operation contractor is due to change. Steve West highlighted the need for the new contractor to have rubber lined lorries.
- i) **Apologies:** Vince Turner offered his apologies for the next meeting.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 10th May 2018 at 7.00pm in Mells Barn – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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

Print Name.....