

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the meeting of Mells Parish Council on
Tuesday 14 August 2018 at Mells Barn**

1. **PRESENT:** Cllr J Earl - Chair, Cllr S West, Cllr A Brady, Cllr E Costelloe, Cllr D Seviour, The Countess of Oxford & Asquith, Cllr H Leakey, Cllr J Henderson, Cllr J Seewoorutten, Cllr V Turner
In Attendance: Joy Book, Clerk. 0 members of the public
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr D Seviour, Cllr H Leakey, Cllr L Turner
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
4. **PLANNING APPLICATION - 2018/1560/FUL – Lime Kiln Quarry:** Change of use from recycling centre to caravan holiday park with ancillary facilities including a two-storey central amenity building, manager's accommodation, storage areas, car parking and a new entrance road at Lime Kiln Quarry, Frome Road.

The quarry has around 8 years until it will be full so another use is being sought by the owner. The terms of the current planning permission, granted by Somerset CC, show that it must be returned to its former state ie. grassland when the recycling plant is closed.

The extraordinary meeting on 2 August was attended by around 90 parishioners. The applicant subsequently withdrew the application and has indicated that they will now consult with the village for other viable options for the site. A new application will be submitted in around 3 months. It was agreed that the PC would liaise with Mells Matters regarding the discussions they are having with the applicant but would not be making any further comments until the new planning application is placed before them for consultation. Not everyone in the village is against the proposal.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Attended to comment on the above application.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED 10 JULY 2018:** Minutes had previously been circulated and it was resolved that the minutes be adopted. The minutes were then signed by the Chair.
7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**
 - a) Mendip DC has purchased the Saxonvale site and is now undertaking negotiations with large retail outlets and housing developers.
 - b) Discussions are still underway for Somerset to be a unitary council. Somerset is a very diverse area so it will be difficult to meet the requirements of all the districts.
8. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - a) **Broadband – TrueSpeed:** The Chair will contact TrueSpeed to establish how many people have expressed an interest in signing up for the service.
 - b) **Barn Lease:** No further information.
 - c) **Old Telephone Exchange:** A Requisition for Information notice was issued several weeks ago but no response has been received. Mendip DC is now looking at issuing an Enforcement Notice which will state that the building must be returned to its former state within 3 months otherwise court action will be taken.
 - d) **General Data Protection Regulations:** Clerk is progressing with the audit.
 - e) **Dumped car – Fairview:** Mendip is aware of the car and processing its removal.
 - f) **Frome Recycling Centre opening times:** Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) has responded that it revised the times a few years ago to reflect the usage at the sites and this enabled the opening structure to change from 5 days to the current 7. Frome Recycling Centre has a restriction on operating hours by Mendip DC which only allows vehicle movements on site after 8am. SWP is currently looking at the structure of the sites and opening hours but it is not their intention to change the opening hours at the Frome site.

- g) **Fire hydrants - Mells:** Chair to forward photos of the village hydrants to the Clerk.
- h) **Wheel wash at Lime Kiln Hill Stone Quarries Ltd:** Mendip DC has responded that there is permission for a waste transfer station on site which has conditions relating to preventing mud on the highway. Mendip has notified the operator of the concerns and asked them to take appropriate steps to prevent this happening. Mendip had not previously received any complaints regarding this matter. Dust on the road has been an issue in the dry weather.
- i) **No Through Road Sign – Vobster:** A quote for £105 has been received. All in favour.

8. HIGHWAY ISSUES

- a) **Lime Kiln Hill – obscured 30mph repeater sign:** Clare Asquith thought the works had been carried out but the sign is still obscured. To be followed up again.

9. PLANNING:

Mendip Decisions:

2018/1715/APP: Application for the approval details under Condition 7 (landscaping) of planning application 2017/0163/FUL. Mells Road Works Vobster Cross to Hatchet Hill Babington – approved.

10. CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – none

11. CORRESPONDENCE FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL – none

12. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE – Request for a donation towards a bench for the churchyard. John Henderson proposed a donation of £50. All in favour.

13. PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance as at 28 July 2018 – £13,495.73. Barclays £5,195.13.

a)	J Book Clerk's Salary & expenses (July)		£264.31
	Trip to Mells (@ 45p/mile)	3.60	
	Return trip Torquay to Mells (at cost)	30.00	
	Phone line rental	5.50	
	Utilities	<u>4.00</u>	
		£43.10	
	HMRC PAYE (Period 5)		£33.20
	Mells Sport and Recreation Company Ltd		£783.55

Approved - all in favour

- b) Receipts: None

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA / ITEMS TO REPORT

- a) **Speed Watch:** Jan Seewooruttun reported that the SID had been in place for 12 days on Holes Lane and recorded 20,000 vehicles of which 17,000 were over 40mph. One vehicle was registered as going at 75mph at 9.40am. The issue was raised whether drivers thought it was a 40mph area as there are no houses. Clerk will contact Highways to request whether a 30mph repeater sign could be painted on the road.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 11th September at 7.15pm in Mells Barn

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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

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