

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the remote meeting held via Zoom of Mells Parish Council on
Tuesday 12 January 2021**

01.01.21 PRESENT:

Cllr J Earl – Chair, Cllr E Costelloe, Cllr Seewooruttun, Cllr D Seviour, Cllr H Leakey

In Attendance: Joy Book – Clerk, Cllr Alison Barkshire – District Councillor

Members of the public: None

02.01.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Alan Brady, Cllr V Turner, Cllr S West, Cllr John Henderson, The Countess of Oxford & Asquith

03.01.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

04.01.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

05.01.21 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2020

Previously circulated. Item 12.12.20 ii. was amended to read 'Park' not 'Estate'. The minutes were then approved and pp'd by the Clerk

06.01.21 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- i. **Mendip housing targets:** The target per year has been reduced to 609 from 1060 but Mendip have written to the government requesting that this is reduced further due to large areas of land having excessive phosphates and therefore being unsuitable for development.
- ii. **COVID Vaccination centres:** Mendip DC has offered their offices and 20 of their staff as a vaccination hub. Statutory work will still be carried out but other areas may slip due to the number of staff required to run the hub. The Bath & West showground will also be used for vaccinations.
- iii. **Loss of income:** The government is re-imbursing MDC 75p per every £1 lost in revenue to the lockdown. This will leave a shortfall which could lead to further cuts in services.
- iv. **Somerset Unitary Council:** Two bids have been submitted to the government and their will be an 8 week consultation but it is not known what format this will be.

07.01.21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

None submitted

08.01.21 MATTERS ARISING

- i. **Superfast Broadband:**
- ii. **Condition of grass triangle – Bottom Lane:**
- iii. **Website:**
- iv. **Telephone box – painting:**
- v. **New Community Trust:**
- vi. **Footway by quarry:**
- vi. **Play area extension:**
- vii. **Improvements to Vobster Cross bus shelter:**

09.01.21 HIGHWAY ISSUES:

- i. **Flooding by Vobster Quays:**

10.01.21 PLANNING

i. New Applications:

2021/0002/TCA: 5 fell – ash stems, remove canopy of 2 large ash trees to leave pollards/habitat stems at approx. 6 metres (crown break) – Holes Lane to Tents Hill

2020/2549/HSE: Erection of rear infill extension and raising of flat roof – Wadbury Fort Cottage, Elm Lane to Park Hill

ii. Mendip decisions:

2020/2313/CLP: Application for a proposed lawful development certificate for creation of a new access track – Hatherleigh Cottage, Somers Hill to Mells Green – Approved

2020/2293/CLE: Application for a certificate of lawful existing development for extending development by 1m in breach of (2016/0049/CLP) – Refused.

iii. Other planning matters:

11.01.21 CORRESPONDENCE:

i. Citizens Advice Bureau – request for a grant:

ii. Mendip Community Transport: Thank you for donation

12.01.21 ACCOUNTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

i. Payment of Accounts:

Clerk's Salary (December)		£253.25
Phone line rental	5.50	
Utilities	<u>4.00</u>	
	£9.50	
HMRC PAYE (Period 10)		£63.40
C Rowe – War memorial hedge cut		£75.00

ii. Receipts:

iii. Barclays mandate:

iv. Approval of 2021/2022 budget:

v. Setting of precept for 2021/2022:

13.01.21 ITEMS TO REPORT / ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

14.01.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7.15pm which will be held remotely via Zoom at 7.30pm. Details of how to join the meeting will be available on the next agenda.

Meeting closed at **9.20pm**

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Printed name: _____