

**MELLS PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the meeting of Mells Parish Council on  
Tuesday 11 July 2017 at Mells Barn**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr E Costelloe – Chairman, Mr J Earl – Vice Chair, The Countess of Oxford & Asquith, Mr J Poynton, Mr S West, Mrs A Moir, Mr V Turner, Mr C Tye, Mr D Seviour, Mr A Brady  
**In Attendance:** Joy Book, Clerk No members of the public
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mrs J Seewooruttun
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Vince Turner declared an interest in planning application 2017/0163/FUL and took no part in the discussion or vote.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - none
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED 13 JUNE 2017** 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:** No further information.
  - b) **Barn Lease:** Chairman and John Earl have arranged to meet the solicitor on 25 July.
  - c) **Traffic on Selwood Street and car parking:** Sub-committee will meet with the manufacturer of the parking signs to finalising design and sizing. Clerk has contacted three contractors for a quote for the ongoing maintenance of the Recreation Ground car park but no quotes have been forthcoming. The stone for the car park has been very kindly donated by the quarry and grateful thanks were extended to David Weeks.
  - d) **Old Telephone Exchange:** No response from District Councillor or Enforcement. To be monitored.
  - e) **Adoption of BT telephone kiosk:** The school is keen to use the kiosk. Grass on island needs cutting. Clare Asquith to action.
  - f) **Dog waste bin – Rectory Corner:** Clare Asquith to action.
  - g) **Bridge – Station Road:** Highways have received several phone calls and are aware of the recent accidents. Alan Brady has spoken to Highways and they are looking at installing warning signs.
  - h) **NHS – Free health checks for residents:** Clare Asquith will act as the contact for the day. Bus has been booked for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August and will be situated outside the Post Office from 9.30am onwards.
  - i) **Dumped cars – Fairview:** No further information.
7. **PLANNING**  
New applications  
**2017/1656/HSE & 2017/1657/LBC** New single storey outbuilding to be constructed in existing enclosed courtyard – Rectory Stables, Gay Street – for approval. PC would like to see reinstatement of the standard lamp on the existing brackets.  
**2017/1537/FUL** Construction of new B2 (general industrial unit) Block 6 within an existing industrial park – Lakeside Park, Longfield to Vobster Cross – Concerns raised regarding the visibility splay as the unit is on the road edge.

*Vince Turner removed himself from the following discussion.*

**2017/0163/FUL** Erection of new production building with concrete batching plant – Mells Road Works, Vobster Cross. For refusal. In principle the PC is supportive of increasing employment opportunities in the parish however this application appears to be doubling the production works. The road infrastructure is inadequate for the current weight of traffic without the inevitable increase this development will bring (this does not appear to have been addressed in the amended plans). There are several pinch points on the access roads which already cause problems for the large vehicles. PC supports the Environmental Protection Officer's request to restrict the vehicular movement hours to 8am-6pm (Monday-Friday) and 8am-1.00pm (weekend). The proposal currently states the movement hours will be 6am-10pm week days and

6am-1pm on the weekend. The PC would also like to see bunds as well as planting to reduce the site's visibility and reduce noise. Alan Brady will notify Kilmersdon and Coleford PC's of the application. 9 voted for refusal. 1 abstention.

*Vince Turner returned to the meeting.*

Mendip Decisions

**2017/1258/HSE** Proposed new single storey rear extension – Hatherleigh Cottage, Mells Green – Approved.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL** - none

9. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL** - none

10. **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE** - none

11. **PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance as at 28 June 2017 – £18,319.23. Barclays £5,191.63.

a)	J Book Clerk's Salary & expenses (June)		£246.29
	Travel to Mells (@ 45p/mile)	3.60	
	Phone line rental	5.50	
	Utilities	<u>4.00</u>	
		<u>13.10</u>	
	HMRC PAYE (Period 4)		£38.60
	Greenman – vegetation clearance, Recreation Ground		£1,176.00
	Mr J Earl – keys for noticeboard		£10.00

Approved - all in favour.

b) Receipts: None

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) **Dangerous dog:** Several people have reported a large dog terrorising their dogs and attacking cats. Clerk will report to the Dog Warden. *(Post meeting note: Another dog has been reported as being poorly controlled. Clerk will also report to the Dog Warden).*
- b) **Large puddle – entrance of the Barn:** John Earl reported that the Barn's car park surface was due to be resurfaced in May but has now been delayed until after the wedding season.
- c) **High fencing – Fairview:** No action.
- d) **Whatley quarry:** Noise interference has greatly reduced over the past month or so. The quarry has started going down two more levels.
- e) **Car dumped in Hapsford:** This is out of the parish and the Police are currently tracing the owner.
- f) **Vobster bridge:** No timescale has been given for the repairs. Clerk has written to the Pipeworks to raise awareness of lorries ignoring the weight and length restrictions through Vobster. *(Post meeting note: Repair of the bridge is currently being carried out)*

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 8 August 2017 at 7.15pm in Mells Barn.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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

Print Name.....