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MELLS PARISH COUNCIL (mells-pc.gov.uk)

Minutes of Mells Parish Council held in the Barn on Tuesday 9 September 2025

- 01.09.25** **PRESENT:** Cllr John Earl – Chair, Cllr Jan Seewooruttun, Cllr Alan Brady, Cllr Steve West (7.40pm onwards), Cllr Claire Freeman, Cllr David Seviour, Cllr Vince Turner
In Attendance: Joy Book – Clerk,
Members of the public: None
- 02.09.25** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr John Henderson – Vice Chair, Cllr Clare Asquith, Cllr Barry Clarke – Somerset Councillor
- 03.09.25** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
- 04.09.25** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
- 05.09.25** **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2025**
Previously circulated. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 06.09.25** **SOMERSET COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**
- i. **AI Road Safety Cameras (Frome Bypass):** Following six fatalities on the A361 Frome Bypass in five years, Somerset Council and Avon & Somerset Police are trialling AI cameras to detect dangerous driving. Installed in August for six months, the cameras identify behaviours linked to the “Fatal Five”: speeding, seatbelt non-compliance, distraction (e.g. mobile phones), drink/drug driving, and careless driving. Offenders will initially receive warning letters and educational materials.
 - ii. **Fire Risk from Gas Canisters:** Somerset Council has issued a warning following a near-serious fire at a recycling facility caused by gas canisters being placed in blue recycling bags. The risk of explosion when crushed is high. Residents are urged to take small canisters, vapes, lithium-ion batteries and devices to recycling sites for safe disposal. Only empty aerosols may go in blue bags.
- 07.09.25** **MATTERS ARISING**
- i. **Pavilion lease and future of recreation ground:** Awaiting further discussion between the Estate and the Directors.
 - ii. **Fallen tree across path:** The tree has been removed.
 - iii. **Litter bin by bus shelter:** The location of the bin has not been decided yet.
 - iv. **Frome Missing Link (cycle path):** The application for the grant has now been submitted.
 - v. **Traffic in the war memorial area:** This is an ongoing issue which would be very difficult to resolve.
 - vi. **White bridge – netting:** This has been repaired.
- 09.09.25** **HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES:**
- i. **Speeding vehicles in Vobster:** Clerk to apply for the survey to be undertaken and will advise Highways to consult with Cllr West regarding the issues. The issue is worse around 7am and 7pm making it very hard to exit the driveways that open directly onto the main road through the village and unsafe for pedestrians.
 - ii. **Park Corner:** Clerk to ask Highways when the rumble bars are due to be instated.
 - iii. **Layby by Vobster bus shelter:** Awaiting Cllr West's proposal for the works. Clerk to request for the layby to be cleared out properly prior to its infill.

10.09.25 PLANNING

i. New applications:

2025/1597/TCA: Row of conifers – fell – Top Lane. For Tree Officer to decide.

ii. Other planning matters: None

11.09.25 CORRESPONDENCE: None

12.09.25 ACCOUNTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bank account: Lloyds as at 12 August 2025 - £10,246.29

Barclays as at 20 August 2025 - £12,912.26

i. Payment of accounts – August

Clerk's Salary & expenses (August) £334.88

HMRC PAYE (Period 6) £80.40

Grist Environmental (P250631) bin emptying £69.58

Easy website monthly fees (hosting & support) £39.60

Cloud Payroll (CS-S26-06243) £6.00

Shaun Robinson – litter /dog waste bin emptying (Inv 1) £117.00

ii. Receipts: None

iii. Quarterly accounts check: Cllr Brady has completed his checks. The accounts will be passed to Cllr Henderson next month for his approval.

13.09.25 ITEMS TO REPORT / ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

i. Trees in Fairview: These were lopped last year. Although they are still quite tall, they are not considered an issue by most residents despite the leaf fall at this time of year. Any concerns should be directed to Somerset Council

14.09.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 7.15pm in the Barn.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Printed name: _____