

MELLIS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Ms Jane Challis

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I hereby give notice that a meeting of **Mellis Parish Council** will be held in **Mellis Memorial Hall** on Thursday 23rd April 2026 commencing at 6.30pm.

Councillors are summoned to attend. The Press and the Public are invited to attend.

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J Challis
Parish Clerk
17th April 2026

AGENDA

- 1** Chair's welcome and to consider and approve apologies for absence
- 2** To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items
- 3** To consider requests for Dispensations on agenda items
- 4** To resolve the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th March 2026 are a true and correct record
- 5** Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor
- 6** Public Participation Session (10 minutes set aside)
- 7** Chair's Report
- 8** Clerk/RFO's Report
- 9** To discuss updating the Mellis Emergency Plan
- 10** To consider Mid Suffolk District Council's Neighbourhood Plan funding offer
- 11** To consider Suffolk Preservation Society Neighbourhood Planning workshop
- 12** Environmental issues, including:
 - NSIP and large-scale energy projects update
 - Biodiversity Action Plan
 - Mellis Common
 - Mellis Garden including consideration of metal storage shed
 - Reinstating wellhead
- 13** Traffic and highway concerns including VAS installation update
- 14** Parish Council noticeboard risk assessment findings
- 15** Updated quotation for works to Memorial Hall car park
- 16** Donation requests
 - Mellis Parochial Church council
 - The Mellisians
- 17** Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting
- 18** Planning
 - To Consider:
 - DC/26/01413 - The Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015: Application pursuant to requirement 16(2) to amend working hours to include Saturday - Sunday (07:00 - 19:00) from 01st May 2026 to 30th April 2027 (Weekend extended hours). National Grid Yaxley 400kV Substation, Leys Lane, Yaxley, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 8DX.

To Receive an Update on:

- DC/26/01031- Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1 Cherry T2 Conifer T3 Sycamore. All to be reduced back to hedge height. Whitegates Bungalow, Earlsford Road, Mellis, Eye Suffolk IP23 8DY.
- DC/26/00301 - Householder Application - Conversion of existing garaging and single storey rear extension to provide ground floor accessible bedroom and bathroom, with associated works. Mallard House, The Common, Mellis, Eye Suffolk IP23 8EE
- DC/25/05579 - Approval of Details reserved by Requirement 22 pursuant The Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015. The Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015.
- DC/25/02824 Regener8 Power Red House Farm - Planning Application - Construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System, together with related infrastructure, access, drainage, landscaping and other associated works. Land West Of A140, Red House Farm, Yaxley, IP23 8BH.
- DC/25/03257 Regener8 Power Stone Cottages - Planning Application - Construction of ground mounted solar panel arrays and associated infrastructure which will have the ability to export 49.9MW (AC) electricity. Construction of new vehicular access. (EIA Development). Land At Stone Cottages, Bury Road, Botesdale, IP22 1QH.
- DC/22/00416 - Application for Outline Planning Permission (All matters reserved) - Erection of petrol and electric charging facility with associated shop; roadside restaurant with drive through facility; E(g) (formerly B1) and B8 starter units; HGV lorry parking facility for rest area and drivers' facilities as a phased development. Land Adjacent North Roundabout A140, Ipswich Road, Brome Part in The Parish of Thrandeston, IP23 8AW.

19 Finance

- i) Confirmation of Barclays bank account balance
- ii) Review and authorisation of payments presented
- iii) To confirm internal auditor 2025/26

20 Date and time of the next meeting