

MELLIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mellis Parish Council

6pm Thursday 26th July 2018, Mellis Memorial Hall.

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Barr (Chairman) Cllr C Wilby Cllr T Wilby,
 Cllr Read Cllr Cunningham Cllr Paterson
3 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence - to receive and consider acceptance of apologies

None

2. To consider co-option of new Parish Councillor

None

3 To note Declarations of Interest

3.1 To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on agenda items

None

3.2 To consider any requests for dispensations with regards to declarations of interests

None

4. To approve draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting 7th June 2018

proposed Cllr Read, 2nd Cllr Paterson

Cllr C Wilby and Cllr T Wilby joined the meeting

To approve draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting 14th June 2018

proposed Cllr Cunningham, 2nd Cllr Paterson

5. To note matters arising from the minutes of meeting 14th June 2018 (for report and not on the agenda)

19/02/18 13	Defibrillator Tea Party	Cllr T Wilby is arranging speaker and training, date to be arranged.
2018 05 03, 18.1	footpath between Chapel Lane an Earlsford Road	No letter required at moment as no further comments have been made, to investigate if a sign can be put up,

6. Public Forum

6.1 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor

Report from July from Jessica Fleming attached Appendix and apologies received, Parking at school is a concern as emergency vehicles are getting blocked.

Apologies from Diana Kearsley, report attached.

6.2 To receive comments from members of the public in attendance

Advice regarding footpath signs. Bookings for the Memorial Hall can be seen on their web site. Item 12 Remembrance of the War service will be held in the Hall on the 11th November along with the School and Church will be involved. Request for a grant for the Hall as per item 11. The Hall committee will arrange repair to the man hole cover on the edge of the

car park as it part of the septic tank system. The PC was advised that the carpark requires a larger sign Cars and Cycles only and after discussion the Hall may source.

7. To consider Planning

7.1 Applications received

None

7.2 Planning decisions

DC/18/02606 The Forge Barn The Common Mellis Eye Suffolk IP23 8EB
Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area - (T1) Macrocarpa - Fell, (T2) Yew -
Reduce by approx 30% Decision: **DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT**

8. Finance

8.1 Finance year to date

Payments year to date and expenditure to budget were examined.

8.2 Bank reconciliation carried forward to next meeting.

8.3 Payments

Memorial Hall	03/07/18	Hall Hire Jan to June 18	£84.00
Garrod Construction	26/06/18	Carpark works	£6342.00
Daniel Roth	30/06/18	June payroll	£342.20
Daniel Roth	12/07/18	Expenses	£10.80
Daniel Roth	26/07/18	Expenses	£19.80
Daniel Roth	26/06/18	July Payroll	£201.40
SALC	16/06/18	Clerks Networking	£20.40

Proposed Cllr Barr 2nd Cllr Read

9. Review training needs

none

10. Reports

10.1 Clerks report and correspondence received

Email from resident re blocked road delaying emergency traffic and overgrowing hedge along Mellis Road towards Yaxley, all in Yaxley and emails forwarded to Yaxley clerk and action taken. Thranderson PC are asking local farmers for quotes to cut the verges in May 2019 and if Mellis would like to come to an agreement where the two parishes meet. Clerk to liaise with Thanderston.

Mellis PC are now members of Suffolk Preservation Society

Network Rail advised the PC thinking it was parish land that trees are overhanging the fence line adjacent to the pond at Abbots foot crossing and are due to be cut back.

Communication from a parishioner regarding the Exercise of Public Rights Mellis Parish Council although they did not want to exercise their rights there were several questions that

were answered. At this time, we are not aware if the External Auditors will want to take any action either this year or next year or have any extra charges for their work.

The PC has requested the clerk keeps an informal record of time spent on parishioner correspondence.

- 10.2 MellisEnews had been in the past sponsored by the Parish Council but this year no request for funds was made to the council and just before a PC meeting a private individual decided to pay the invoice although funds had been budgeted for this year. In the past the Enews and Parish Council have worked very closely and this is likely to continue with individual members of the council. But now the Enews web site has distanced itself, the Parish Council would not be looking for regular updates on the agenda.
11. **Grant request to Mellis Memorial Hall** The Hall has had a unexpected repair bill for £420 and requested a grant this year. There is an allocation of £550 in the budget. The PC approved a payment of £500 to the hall. Proposed Cllr C Wilby 2nd Cllr Barr
12. **Remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the war**
Would like to support the events on the day and will fund the refreshments after the meeting in the Memorial Hall, costings to follow a Memorial Hall committee meeting, Cllr Read will investigate if this year there may be a special wreath available to make the anniversary.
13. **Items to be considered for the next agenda**
14. **Date of next meeting – 13th September 2018 Parish Council Meeting 18.00 – Memorial Hall**
Dates of further meetings – Second Thursday of Month
15. **Meeting closed to public, Clerks additional remuneration**
The clerk and public left the meeting, the PC discussed an overtime payment for the clerk from start of working for the parish to the submission of the external audit report. Approved Cllr Barr and 2nd Cllr C Wilby.

Summary of action points

19/02/18 13	Defibrillator Tea Party	Cllr T Wilby is arranging speaker and training, date to be arranged.
2018 07 26, 10.1	Cutting verges May 2019	Clerk to liaise with Thanderston PC re cutting the verges in May 2019
2018 07 26, 12	Remembrance of the 100th anniversary	Cllr T Wilby to advise budget for refreshments after anniversary meeting
2018 07 26, 12	Remembrance of the 100th anniversary	Cllr Read to investigate if a special wreath is available

CLlr Diana Kearsley – Report to Gislingham Parish Council 26th July 2018

Mid Suffolk demonstrates over six years of housing land supply

Mid Suffolk District Council has published its Annual Monitoring Report, demonstrating a Housing Land Supply of 6.5 years – meeting the government’s requirement of 5 Years. On Wednesday 11th July the Council announced that they are now able to demonstrate a ‘5-year housing land supply’. This is a significant development to the whole of Mid Suffolk and will play an important part in the future applications for housing in rural Mid Suffolk. This means that Mid Suffolk can prove that there is enough deliverable land to meet the number of homes they need to be built over the 5-year period to meet housing needs. The Council will be in a stronger position to refuse inappropriate proposals for housing development. Up until now the Council has been unable to demonstrate this land supply, but now with a proactive approach to delivery the updated figures have made this possible.

Former Needham Market Council office

Mid Suffolk District Council’s Cabinet has given the go-ahead for a planning application to be drawn up to develop 99 new homes at the site of their former offices in Needham Market. [Read more in our press release.](#)

Stars of Mid Suffolk

Please spread the word to encourage people to make their nominations.

There are 17 categories in this new awards scheme, which was launched in Brome. These are split between community awards and business accolades including five business awards, five community awards and seven individual community awards. [Full details can be found in our press release.](#) To nominate your Stars of Mid Suffolk, visit the East Anglian Daily Times website and complete the online nomination form: <http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/nominate-your-community-heroes-for-the-new-stars-of-babergh-and-mid-suffolk-scheme-1-5544117>

The closing date for nominations is midnight on 28 September and a glittering award ceremony will be held on Thursday 18 October at St Mary’s Church in Hadleigh.

CIFCO

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils’ property investment management company, CIFCO Capital Ltd, has made six acquisitions in its first year which are generating an annual return of £1.4million. Each of the two councils has invested £25million and has a 50 per cent shareholding in CIFCO, which reports to two holding companies, Babergh District Council (Suffolk Holdings) and Mid Suffolk District Council (Suffolk Holdings). At the end of the first year’s trading, a total of £23,572,000 has been invested by CIFCO in six assets, generating a total of £1,410,466 in annual rental income. [Read more in our press release.](#)

Council launches new online payments system for land charges searches

A new online payments system has been introduced for those buying homes in Mid Suffolk. The new system allows those requesting a Local Land Charge Search – which carries with it a search fee – to pay quickly and easily online, via credit or debit card. Most Land Charge Service customers are solicitors and agents delivering conveyancing services to those buying a house although anyone can request this service regarding any property. [Read more in our press release.](#)

Boundary Commission for England

The commission intends to report its final recommendations on the parliamentary constituency boundaries to the Government on or shortly before 5 September 2018, in order that they have every chance to lay the report in Parliament before the party conference recess begins on 13 September. Once the Government has laid the report in Parliament, the commission will publish our final recommendations on our website

Keeping 'Fit' in Mid Suffolk

For some time now there has been a great deal of emphasis on how important physical activity is to our health and wellbeing. SCC has launched several initiatives over the past few years and now MSDC have announced a new 3-year joint project with Suffolk Sport- the ACTIVE WELLBEING project is a bespoke approach to help those who are physically inactive into more activity. MSDC have now announced a new three-year joint project with Suffolk Sport – the **Active Wellbeing** project is a bespoke approach to help those who are physically inactive into more activity. Statistics show that inactivity is one of the main causes for dementia, hip fractures, depression as well as other chronic conditions and diseases. **Active Wellbeing** will work closely with identified GP surgeries and Patient Participation Group members to develop partnerships with community organisations such as the Women's Institute, Parish Council, local Churches, 'OneLife Suffolk' and more.

Cllr Diana Kearsley

County Council Report for Mellis Parish Council

July 2018

By County Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk

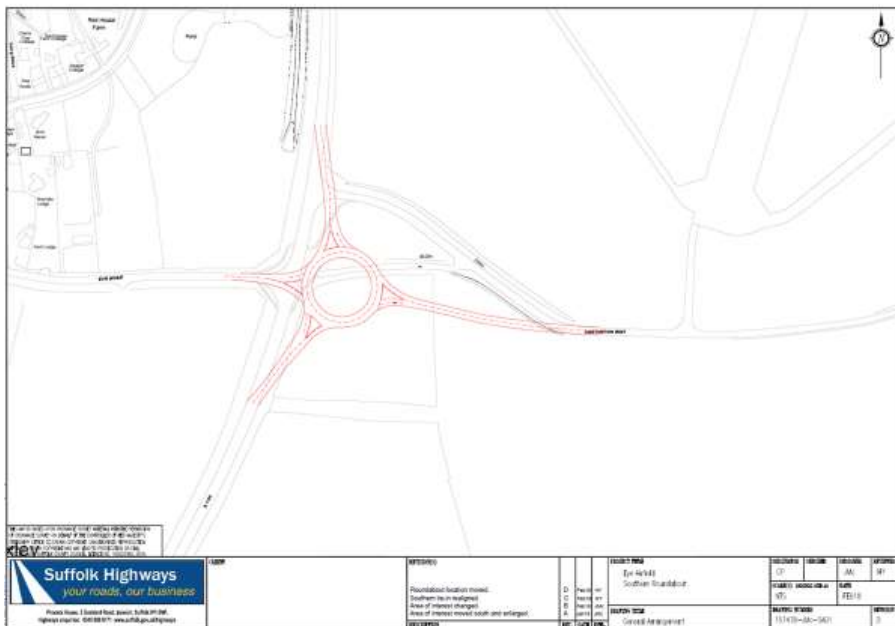
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Home-to-School Transport – Cabinet Decision – The decision-making process about the future of home to school travel made by Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet on 19th June has been considered by the Scrutiny Committee and upheld. The new school travel policy will be phased in starting in September 2019.

Planning – PP Grid Connection Lighting Scheme DC 18/02041- Suffolk County Council has commented on this scheme to effect that it has no objection as the scheme proposes limiting night lighting to maintenance which is likely to be during the daytime.

Highways Programme Review – A major review has been launched of the Suffolk highways programme and budget to ensure best use for maintaining roads, bridges and other assets. A new Highways Improvement and Innovations Board has been established to undertake this work.

A140 Upgrades – The County Council’s plans to install 2 new roundabouts near Eye are under development, the proposed South Roundabout is illustrated below:



Consultation on Specialist Education – The public is invited to comment on options for future special educational provision for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 25, reply by close of business on 7th August. Refer to www.suffolk.gov.uk/SENdsufficiencyeducation

The options propose varying providers from either wholly independent sector, developing new special schools, and/ or specialist centres alongside mainstream schools.

We Are Listening events -Suffolk residents are invited to come and meet with the Leader of the Council, other councillors and senior managers about their concerns and ideas for Suffolk. The following are scheduled for the remainder of 2018:

- Framlingham: Tuesday 18 September
- Bury St Edmunds: Wednesday 26 September
- Haverhill: Friday 12 October
- Ipswich: Thursday 25 October

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