

MELLIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mellis Parish Council

6pm Thursday 11th October 2018, Mellis Memorial Hall.

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Barr (Chairman) Cllr C Wilby Cllr T Wilby
 Cllr Paterson
 2 members of the public

- 1 Apologies for absence - to receive and consider acceptance of apologies**
 Cllr Read accepted

- 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 13th September 2018**
 proposed Cllr T Wilby, 2nd Cllr Barr

- 5. To note matters arising from the minutes of meeting 13th September 2018 (for report and not on the agenda)**

19/02/18 13	Defibrillator Tea Party	Cllr Read 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-- Waiting for update from Thanderston after their November meeting.
2018 09 13 6.1	Community Transport route, contact details	Clerk to receive information from Jessica Fleming and enquire.--Information on report attached.
2018 09 13 6.2	Remembrance of the 100th anniversary	A poster will be passed the Clerk to publish on the Parish website.-- Published
2018 09 13 6.2	The junior football nets	Clerk to enquire if the junior football nets may need moving, and who's duty. -- Cllr Barr reported having checked all is fine with the nets
2018 09 13 11	Remembrance of the 100th anniversary	Budget for refreshments after anniversary meeting to be approved. – on agenda

2018 09 13 11	Remembrance of the 100th anniversary	Cllr Read to investigate if a special wreath is available – no update
2018 09 13 12	New Grit Bin process	Clerk to get list of grit heap sites.— on agenda

6. Public Forum

- 6.1 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor
Report for October from Jessica Fleming attached to Appendix,

Passenger Transport – Please let me know if residents are interested in a regular route served by the Stowmarket based Community Transport Service, tel. 01449-614271. We are considering whether there is interest in a service say once or twice a week to Diss or Stowmarket via local villages such as Thornhams or Yaxley. Also the Rickinghall-Botesdale good neighbour scheme is available in this area to take people who are unable to drive to doctors’ appointments etc., phone Mr G Lawrence on 01379 897 109. <http://botesdale.onesuffolk.net/our-village/community-transport-scheme/>

Report for October from Diana Kearsley attached to Appendix,
District Cllr Kearsley was asked if there was any community support available for bereavement and counselling for suicide support.

- 6.2 To receive comments from members of the public in attendance
It was reported that during school sports day a coach was parked on the carpark despite signs on the carpark and request directly to the school. It has been asked the Parish Council contact the school and request the carpark is only used by cars and bikes. The Messenger, news letter has requested the Parish add a regular report to the newsletter.
It has been requested to find out if the large yellow container in the carpark of the Mill @ Mellis requires planning consent, District Cllr Kearsley offered to take a picture and contact planning department.
The Memorial Hall are looking for volunteers to help run the ‘making the Memorial Hall Bloom’ in a poppy making workshop.

7. To consider Planning

7.1 Applications received

DC/18/04161 Cottonwood Yaxley Road Mellis Eye Suffolk IP23 8DP
Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - Restoration, reduction and reshape of plum tree. **No comment**

7.2 Planning decisions

DC/18/03767 Crooked Cottage Church Row The Common Mellis Eye Suffolk IP23 8EE
Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area - (T1) Ash – Fell **DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT**

DC/18/03810 Whitegate Farm Earlsford Road Mellis Eye Suffolk IP23 8DY
Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - 1No. Eucalyptus and 1No. Cedar - Fell to ground level and treat stump **DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT**

DC/18/03362 Land At White House Farm The Common Mellis Suffolk
Discharge of conditions application for 0338/14 - Condition 5 (Foul and Surface Water Drainage) Condition 6 (Archaeology)

8. Finance
8.1 Payments

Daniel Roth	30/09/18	September payroll	£201.40
Daniel Roth	10/11/18	September Expenses	£19.80
Came & Company	10/11/18	Insurance	£291.20

Proposed Cllr Barr 2nd Cllr Paterson

8.2 Budget Preparation

Following training at SALC the Clerk offered to pass on the learning points for the budget preparation, Cllr Paterson offered to arrange.

Cllrs are going to prepare information of items that they would like to see in the 2019-20 budget.

Cllrs are going to consider producing a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan and possibly have a questionnaire for the parishioners.

Clerk to prepare budget first draft for next meeting.

Precept needs to be approved by the latest at the January 2019 meeting, therefore proposals agreed in December meeting.

9. Review training needs

None

10. Reports

10.1 Clerks report and correspondence received

White House Farm information about work vehicles accessing via the carpark next to the carpark.

Information sent out regarding CIL round 2 and PIIP documentation.

Press enquire about Drones over Mellis, replies the PC had no comments and the 'issue' had not come before the PC, it was commented that the front cover of this months copy of the Messenger had a drone picture of Mellis.

IOC registration documentation had been received.

100 year anniversary of the 11th of the 11th had been received and posted to the website.

11. Remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the war

As agreed at the last meeting a payment of £100 was made to the Memorial Hall to cover the costs of refreshments and surplus donated to the Royal British Legion, cost breakdown to be supplied to the clerk.

No update has been received from Cllr Read re the poppy wreath.

12. New grit bin process

It was established from Suffolk Highways that there are no grit heaps in Mellis, the Cllrs thought that there were or should be two in Mellis, one at the end of the long straight on Mellis Road towards Gislingham and the other near the post box on the bend. To investigate if grit bins could be established at these locations.

It was thought that there was a grit bin historically on the bends near Dam Lane, a list of current grit bins in Mellis to be requested.

- 13. Road Safety**
Palgrave PC have unused speed watch equipment that can be borrowed and contact details has been passed to the Cllrs on October 11th.
- 14. Items to be considered for the next agenda**
Budget Preparation, Overgrown footpath, Trees planting and replacement, Well reinstatement.
- 15. Date of next meeting – 8th November 2018 Parish Council Meeting 18.00 – Memorial Hall**
Dates of further meetings – Second Thursday of Month

Summary of action points

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2018 10 11 6.1	community support available for bereavement and counselling for suicide support	Cllr T Wilby will contact Community Action Suffolk and Eye Volunteering Service to find out if they can offer any support.
2018 10 11 6.2	Coach parking in the carpark	Cllr Barr to contact the school.
2018 10 11 6.2	Parish report to the Messenger.	Cllr Barr to supply.
2018 10 11 8.2	Cllr Budget briefing	Cllr Paterson
2018 10 11 8.2	Budget first draft	Clerk to prepare
2018 10 11 12	New grit bin	Clerk to contact Highways about two new bins
2018 10 11 12	Existing grit bins	Clerk to request list of grit bins from Highways



County Council Report for Mellis Parish Council

October 2018

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Opportunity to Comment on new Suffolk Design Guide – The Suffolk Design Guide is being updated and the Council invites members of the public to comment. The [survey](#) closes on Wednesday 31st October, it asks people to offer opinions about new development projects in Suffolk, such as building style, quality, layout and access. It is anticipated that the Design Guide will be a material Consideration in future planning decisions across the County and will help steer developers toward good design at an early stage of projects. A link to the survey can be found on: <https://www.hemingwaydesign.co.uk/suffolk-design-guide/>

Suffolk's 2019/ 2020 Budget Consultation is open - and can be accessed by visiting www.suffolk.gov.uk/budget2019 Hard copies will be available from libraries. The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 16 November.

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Beccles Southern Relief Road Opens - The new 2km long route from London Rd (A145) to Ellough Rd (C969) was officially opened by Vice Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Robert Rous on September 25th. The road was built by Jacksons Civil Engineering on time and in budget for the main purpose of reducing HGV's in Beccles by providing an alternate route around the town.

Schools Application Deadline - The deadline for applications to secure a place at a Suffolk secondary school for 2019/ 20 is 31st October 2018. For primary schools it is 15th January 2019. Secondary schools include high and upper schools and primary schools includes infant, junior and middle schools. Note that the new school transport policy offering service for new students only to the nearest suitable school will commence in September 2019. More information about the changes is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

There isn't too much local news this month to report on but I have reported on some of the work being done within your District Council.

- 1) The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** came into force this year with first round bids being invited and submitted after May 1st 2018. The process is a result of much work to prepare for a strategy that would cover all aspects of CIL funding with a degree of national government input. Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council officers with both external and member consultation published their CIL Expenditure Framework Communications Strategy at the beginning of April – a schedule of the timing of the stages of the process was also published. Following the first round of bids, the £156k allocated for infrastructure spending in Mid Suffolk has now been agreed. Funds collected via CIL on new developments have been allocated to six bids in Mid Suffolk, totalling £156k. These bids, in Stowmarket, Botesdale, Laxfield and Stowupland include bus stop improvements in Stowmarket and Laxfield, enhancements to Stowupland Village Hall and Sports and Social Club. Regretably, although a bid from the Gislingham Silver Band was validated, it was pulled from round 1 – we hope to be successful in round 2 in February next year.

These funds were collected from property developers under CIL to invest in infrastructure projects that benefit communities in Mid Suffolk. Allocation of CIL funds take place twice a year if you want to know more, please go to the Mid Suffolk website

- 2) Gang and Drug Trafficking**

One of the most serious issues being tackled in our region is the 'gang & drug' problem or as it is known countrywide 'County Lines'. The Police & crime Commissioner together with the Suffolk Chief Constable consider this problem of major concern and a priority in our county. The PCC has contributed a sum of money to assist with the this and have put in a bid to national government who announced that they were making funds available for the 'County Line' problem. Suffolk has had some success in arresting lead members of the gangs, who have been jailed etc. But this isn't in any way near to getting rid of the problem. The danger and fear is that these despicable people are infiltrating our smaller towns and villages and children as young as 11 or 12 are being targeted. All parents are being urged to speak to someone if they suspect their child is being influenced by anything unusual or suddenly has more money than expected, because these are just some of the signs that they are becoming involved. Dealing with these cases could also reduce violence against men and women in Suffolk, curb hate crimes and protect those at risk of radicalisation or extremism. More information is on the PCC website.

- 3) Lullaby Concerts** - I think this is perhaps the thirteenth year that Mid Suffolk has worked in collaboration with the City of London Sinfonia to produce the 'Lullaby Concerts'. The popular Lullaby Concerts, performed by the City of London Sinfonia and facilitated by Orchestras Live, will be returning to Stowmarket this month. The concert, entitled The Musical Puzzle, is intended for children ages 2-7 years, as well as their parents and carers, and has been warmly welcomed in the town in past years.

Two Concerts are planned for Friday 26 October in the United Reform Church, Stowmarket. The young audience will be at the heart of a musical puzzle in an exploration of shapes, puzzles and orchestral music.

For ticket information contact Stuart Bruce, Partnership Manager – Orchestras Live, on 07831 272123 or stuart@orchestraslive.org.uk.

4) **Business Rate funds** -Funds retained by the council under the Business Rates Retention Pilot have now been earmarked for use in key schemes. The funds, totalling £980k, have been divided between six key projects, including £300k for the development of Needham Lake Café/Visitor Centre and £240k for the Town Centre redevelopment of Stowmarket. The decision was taken by Cabinet at their meeting on 8 October, and is available as a result of Suffolk being one of 10 areas across the country to take part in the 2018/19 pilot scheme allowing 100% of business rates growth to be retained by local authorities for use in their districts. You can find the full report considered by Cabinet [on the MSDC website](#).

5) **Strategic Property and Land Investment Fund approved** - Mid Suffolk's Cabinet has allocated £3m to the Strategic Land and Property Fund, intended to allow the council to act swiftly and efficiently when opportunities to acquire key properties in the district arises. The decision, made at the Cabinet Meeting on 8 October, will make funds available to secure properties that represent outstanding opportunities for the council and community before they are purchased by private bidders. You can find the full report considered by Cabinet on the website. As part of the strategic work to acquire land and premises, Mid Suffolk DC has acquired former Aldi building in Stowmarket. This was formerly occupied by food store chain Aldi, including its car park on Gipping Way. The acquisition forms part of the Stowmarket Vision for Prosperity – a wider five-year action plan, which aims to revitalise the town centre with the aim of attracting more businesses and visitors. The council will now be administering the parking on the site, which was previously unmanaged and had seen some vehicles trapped by double parking.

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