

# MELLIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mellis Parish Council

6pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Mellis Memorial Hall.

**Present:**

Councillors: Cllr Barr (Chairman)                      Cllr C Wilby  
                   Cllr Read    Cllr Cunningham  
                   Cllr Paterson    Cllr T Wilby

**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

**4. To approve draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Proposed Cllr Cunningham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Paterson

**5. To note matters arising from the minutes of meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December 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 in new year.
2018 07 26, 10.1	Cutting verges May 2019	Clerk to liaise with Thanderston PC re cutting the verges in May 2019 Cllr Barr is to supply a contractor's details.
2018 10 11 6.1	Community support available for bereavement and counselling for suicide support	Cllr T Wilby is booked on a training session and will update.
2018 10 11 6.2	Parish report to the Messenger.	Cllr Barr to supply. Including request for support for Community Speed Watch and to investigate static speed watch equipment.
2018 11 08 13	Road Safety speedwatch group	Cllr Barr to include in Messenger article request for volunteers and contact Diana Kearsley regarding funding
2018 12 13 8.1	Payment request	Cllr Barr to follow up with Eye Volunteer Centre regarding funding request

## 6. Public Forum

6.1 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor  
Report for December from Jessica Fleming attached to Appendix I

- 1 **Application for A140 Roundabouts near Eye**
- 2 **Sizewell C Stage 3 Pre-Application Consultation Open 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 29<sup>th</sup> March**
- 3 **Consultation on Proposed Changes to Citizens Advice (CAB) Grant Funding**
- 4 **Progress Power**

5 Also you may be aware that there is a Gypsy and Traveler encampment just off the A140 at the Yaxley/ Castleton Way cross road. There have been complaints of dogs loose and dangerous. A case review meeting with the Norfolk & Suffolk Liaison team, Mid Suffolk DC, the police and others (including myself) next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at Eye Police Station to decide what steps to take as they were supposed to be tolerated until the New Year. I will keep you informed. The Parish Councilors will contact Jessica directly with details of known incidents.

Report for January from Diana Kearsley in Appendix II and apologies for not attending tonight's meeting.

6.2 To receive comments from members of the public in attendance.  
No comments.

## 7. To consider Planning

### 7.1 Applications received

**DC 18 05525** Erection of a single storey rear extension, 6 Robinsons Close, Earlsford Road, Mellis, Eye Suffolk IP23 8DJ

**No objections**

### 7.2 Planning decisions

**None**

## 8. Finance

### 8.1 Payments

January 2019			
Daniel Roth	31/12/2018	January Payroll	£201.40
Daniel Roth	10/01/2019	December and January expenses	£14.40
S Barr	10/01/2019	Poppy Wreath	£30.00

Proposed Cllr T Wilby 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Paterson

Request from Eye Volunteer Centre submitted a request for funds to support their work but no amount included, Cllr Barr to contact and request further details.

### 8.2 Budget and Precept

Budget and Precept discussed and options for projects for next year. Options for reducing precept to take into account of extra funding being requested by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Council accepted the 2019/20 Budget Appendix III and a precept of £7900 for 2019/20 Appendix IV giving reduction of about 5.46% for a band D property from 2018/19, subject to final calculations by Mid Suffolk DC.

Proposed Cllr T Wilby 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Paterson, no objections.

**9. Review training needs**

Clerk to book onto election Training session with SALC on January 21<sup>st</sup>

**10. Reports**

**10.1**

Clerks report and correspondence received  
Suffolk Flood risk Guide to Riparian Ownership  
Realignment of Progress Power, power lines  
Eye Airfield Highways scheme  
Adult care user research  
Rectory Road - Mellis - Road Repairs - January 2019  
SALC bulletins.  
Police reports, Equine burglaries

**11. To approve Standing Orders July 2018 (England)**

The Standing Orders were reviewed and adopted.  
Proposed Cllr Read, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Patterson, no objections  
Parish web site will be updated.

**12. New grit bin applications**

The process is underway report from clerk next meeting.

**13. Road Safety**

Following a poor response for volunteers for a community speed watch scheme the parish will investigate other possible solutions, including a static Vehicle Activated Sign and contacting the Safer Neighborhood Team.  
Cllr Read will investigate some carparking options for parking at the school.  
Cllr Patterson will prepare a pamphlet to possibly be distributed with the Messenger to include road safety and a Speed Watch Scheme in Mellis.

**14. Spring Litter Pick**

This year Mid Suffolk District Council are promoting a month of Spring Litter Pick March 22 to April 23. The District Council will arrange delivery of bags and collection of the litter after the pick. It is believed there are some litter pickers in the Memorial Hall.  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of March was decided upon for the litter pick 10am to midday, with tea and cake in the hall to be available.  
Advertising online and Messenger and Cllr Patterson's pamphlet.

**15. Mellis Enews**

Following the disappearance of the online Mellis eNews Facebook page and the Mellis eNews web page not linking it was agreed there is a need for more 'instant' communication within the parish and a Facebook page called Mellis Parish Enews would be set up and administered for the community and residents of the Mellis to be kept informed on an electronic news board of events and items of interest in and around Mellis.

**16. Tree planting and replacement**

Cllr Patterson is concerned that many of the trees in Mellis have come down over the years and that Suffolk County is one of the counties with the fewest trees overall. He would like to see a program of tree planting with in Mellis, having spoken to some of the land owners there may be a possibility of some tree planting alongside of the roads, but any relevant rules and regulations will have to be looked into.  
There are many opportunities from organisations that can donate the trees of various varieties and they may be in the form of whips of standards.

**17. Well reinstatement**

The original well was from the 1870's on the Carnser. Cllr Paterson is going to investigate the feasibility of reinstating a well head with the possibility of reenabling it to be a functional well. Taking into account the safety and insurance implications.

18. **Items to be considered for the next agenda**  
Village Directory sign board
19. **Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Parish Council Meeting 18.00 – Memorial Hall**  
**Dates of further meetings – Second Thursday of Month**
20. **Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting will be closed to the public and press to consider matters.**  
Clerk's Grade and Salary award. Postponed to the next meeting.

#### Summary of action points

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2018 11 08 12	New grit bins	Clerk to follow application process and get approval from overlooking properties.
2018 12 13 8.1	Payment request	Cllr Barr to follow up with Eye Volunteer Centre regarding funding request
2019 01 10 13	Road Safety	Cllr Barr to include in Messenger article request for volunteers. Clerk to contact the Safer Neighborhood Team regarding a static Vehicle Activated Sign Cllr Read to investigate parking options near the school
2019 01 10 14	Spring litter pick	Advertise the date, poster, online and in pamphlet.
2019 01 10 15	Mellis Parish Enews	Set up facebook page for the community
2019 01 10 16	Tree planting	Cllr Paterson to investigate rules and requirements and produce a plan.
2019 01 10 17	Well reinstatement	Cllr Paterson to produce plan.

**County Council Report for Mellis Parish Council****January 2019**

By County Councillor Jessica Fleming, Hartismere Division, Suffolk

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**Application for A140 Roundabouts near Eye** - The application can be viewed and comments made on the Suffolk planning register: <http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/>. Details on the scheme layout can be found here: [https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/a140-eye-airfield-  
junction-improvements-and-link-road/](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/a140-eye-airfield-junction-improvements-and-link-road/)

**Sizewell C Stage 3 Pre-Application Consultation Open 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Following Stage 3 EDF will prepare and submit an application for development consent for the two 'UK EPRs' (European Pressurised Reactors) to the Planning Inspectorate, taking into account the consultation responses and lessons learned from Hinkley Point C. This is a very large energy project for Suffolk which along with other major offshore wind projects will need new connecting on and off shore infrastructure.

Please visit the [project website](#) for all Stage 3 documentation, and details on how to respond.

**Consultation on Proposed Changes to Citizens Advice (CAB) Grant Funding** - Suffolk County Council is carrying out a consultation about possible effects of a proposal to phase out grant funding to local Citizens Advice Bureaux. The consultation runs from Mon 17 Dec until Wed. 23rd Jan. Comments made through the consultation will be used to help inform the final decision on the council budget, which is due to be made by cabinet and full council on 14 February 2019. A link to the survey can be found at: [https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-  
elections/consultations/local-citizens-advice-cab-consultation/](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/local-citizens-advice-cab-consultation/)

**Progress Power** – Please note the following recent planning submissions to Mid Suffolk DC  
<https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

- Provision of landscaping, DCO requirement 4
- Ecological management plan, requirement 10, 19-(2) and 4-(g) (European protected species)
- Detailed Design, requirement 3-(5) and Amendments Under Requirement 22-(1)

## Mid Suffolk District Councillor's Report - January 2019

*Happy New Year to everyone in the Gislegham Ward* - due to the Christmas break and some urgent work on budgets etc., there is not too much to update you on this month.

2018 has been a busy year, with many challenges, but we've made it to 2019 with just as many achievements and that is in part thanks to the work and help from our Parishes. Mid Suffolk DC is always appreciative of the hard work and commitment put in by the Parish Councillors,. So I would like thank you on their behalf and look forward to working with all throughout 2019.

*Cabinet votes to consult on Communities Strategy* - At the Cabinet Meeting on Monday, 7 January, the Cabinet voted to put Mid Suffolk and Baberghs' Joint Communities Strategy out for consultation. The strategy is the councils' response to the big community-related challenges the districts will face in coming years, and lays out the councils' vision for the kind of future we would like to see for our communities over the next two decades. More details will be sent to you, but you can find the draft Strategy as part of the Cabinet Committee Papers available [online](#).

*Work begins on analysing responses to Homes Strategy* - thank you to everyone who took part in the BMSDC consultation on our Housing Strategy and the

Homelessness Reduction Strategy. The consultations closed on 7 December 2018 and the councils are now working to fully analyse all of your responses.

The full results will be made available on our website shortly, and work is already underway to amend the draft strategies to take into account the feedback received. In particular the Homes Strategy will include a focus on the relationship between housing and the environment, while the Homelessness Reduction Strategy will be more explicit in its role in combating rough sleeping in our districts.

### *Hot topics on social media*

- Tree for Life scheme
- Planning Committee decision to refuse permission for housing scheme in Debenham
- Christmas Tree recycling
- Waste Collection over the Christmas period

*Best wishes*

*Cllr Diana Kearsley*

*District Councillor representing*

*Mid Suffolk District Council, Gislegham Ward*

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Phone Box	0.00	
Village Maintenance	<b>1,440.00</b>	
Contingencies	<b>500.00</b>	
Community Transport fund	<b>100.00</b>	
General reserve	<b>0.00</b>	5,000.00
<b>Payments</b>	<b><u>10,110.78</u></b>	<b><u>10,898.00</u></b>
expected funds in bank end of 18/19	15,405.62	
Receipts 19/20	9,100.00	
end of 19/20 funds in bank	14,394.84	
18/19 unspent reserves	10,898.00	
expected uplift in reserves 19/20	1,500.00	Newsted Land, Car Park