

Mellor Parish Council Minutes

Local Government Act 1972

Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7.00pm.

Mellor St Mary Primary School Brundhurst Fold Mellor BB2 7 JT

In attendance - Cllrs Venables- Chair, Barnes-Vice Chair, Colborn, Mellor, Brunskill, Walsh, Fletcher, Proctor. Cllr Dickinson – Gater arrived at 7.27 pm

Six members of the public, LCC – Cllr Alan Schofield, Rennie Pinder and assistant.

2. Apologies from Clr O’Grady, accepted.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

None declared

4. To resolve & approve the minutes of the July Parish Council Meeting dated 7th July 2023 and the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting dated Thursday 13th July 2023.

Resolved

5. Matters arriving from those minutes

None raised

Note – order of meeting re-arranged. Spid presentation brought forward .

6. Presentation by Rennie Pinder ref SPids for our Parish

Rennie shared data on screen of the type of data the cameras can record, also gives total vehicle count on the particular road whilst the camera is in action, records every vehicle that goes past and the speed it goes at.

There is a cap on the display screen so anything under 25- 40 in a 30mph zone so doesn’t track full speed, so doesn’t become a game for people racing cars

Police used this data to then do their own speed checks on the road after the info was submitted. Tells them the times that regular vehicles go through above the speed limit so they can prioritise when and where they then put in place speed checks.

Data is not real time, downloaded after loan period ends.

Cost - £150 per machine per installation between 8-10 days , will be out within 24hrs if any break down, include cost of downloading data. Wouldn’t recommend using it for longer than 10 days and then can’t have it back for 6 weeks in the same site.

MPC thought Mellor Lane would be a good area to start with, no footpath, busy rat run, which Paul Connell has confirmed and then roll out a programme including all suitable areas within the Parish.

Resolved -Unanimous decision to go ahead with spid outside village hall as soon as possible.

7. Meeting adjourned for public session Members of the public are reminded this is the only time they can address the meeting.

Member of public as owner of failing working farm in Mellor informed us of incredible positive support for a coffeeshop which is one of the things he'd like to build within his 25 acres of land and was looking for our support in fighting for allocation of housing. He said putting in a planning application would cost him 200/300k so not in his interest,

Having developed 7 houses on Mellor Brow to high standard, says we will be at risk of having generic houses, should this 1 off offer away be taken away and sells to the highest bidder; already been approached by national house builders who want to build 1,300 low cost homes in Mellor, for cheap rentals and DSS.

Chairman MV advised until we have seen something in black and white, we can neither agree or object to anything, he must go through the proper channels to do this.

Member of public mentioned TPO on noticeboard & asked if any Cllr involved and a possible breach of covenants.

Cllr Colborn mentioned the TPO was not an agenda item although correspondence received from RVBC.

Chairman Cllr Venables explained the TPO was not an agenda item although correspondence received from RVBC & he would call an EGM at the earliest possible date.

Cllr Mellor – raised a motion that quotes for legal advice was sought appertaining to breach of covenants.

Resolved that Cllr Mellor – obtain 3 quotes

Member of the public raised concerns that the gate to the play not fixed, requested the bench & play tower repositioned further back from the road & roof removed.

8. Presentation by PC Matt Hartup/ Sarah Wells RVBC reference CCTV for our Parish -connection to electricity meter.

Not present - Cllr Venables to follow up & re-arrange date.

9. Local Parish Road Safety Information including the increasing use of the roads around Mellor for racing. Cllr Venables.

RVBC ask for each Parish to prepare a report looking at all needs regarding for road safety.

Cllr Fletcher -- needs to be complete by end of this month.

10. Reports from members not covered in the agenda

Overgrowth near bus stop on Preston New Road/ Mire Ash – Cllr Venables has contacted land owner

Training –for Cllrs & Clerk– LALC Trainer checking details with LCC

Cllr Barnes – Confirmed Road sign at Abbot Brow has been replaced

Cllr Venables reported missing 30 mph road sign via App Love My Street , case recorded as closed although sign still missing LCC - Alan Schofield contacted relevant department, sign now repaired and app updated .

11. Land Mellor Lane/Church Lane Cllr O Grady

Deferred as Cllr absent.

12. 2020 Footpath update Cllr Fletcher.

Footpaths identified and walked- LC PROW website. Broken styles reported to PROW> £500 grant in reserve.

Cllr Dickson-Gater to provide further details on footpath condition.

Cllrs' Fletcher /Dickson -Gater to prepare report – identify paths with no signage – and get quotes.

13. The option to purchase the old telephone box Branch Road. Email sent to members 03/08/23 Cllr Venables

Resolved - All in favour of purchasing – Advisory leaflet to be designed and delivered to local residents for feedback on usage.

14. Communications and Social media policy Cllr Barnes

Proposing _ Jennifer

Seconder- Robin

Resolved -All in favour of adopting fb & subject revision of policy & Cllr Barnes to be moderator.

15. Planning a) Update regarding Stanley House/The Glass House. Cllr.Brunskill

No planning for the marquee – current applications expires 2024

For information only

b) 3/2023/0580 Lower Abbot House Farm

c) 3/2023/0608 95 Mellor Lane

d) 3/2023/ Quarry Bank Abbott Brow

e) 3/2023/0615 4 Branch Rd

f) 3/2023/0608 85 Mellor Lane

No observations & deadline expired out to Autumn break.

g) 3/2023/ 0564 Spread Eagle

Certificate of lawfulness application – no observations

16. Policy and procedures update -

Defer to next month

17. Grassed Area WP update-

Playground annual inspection invoice received – date for inspection to be confirmed – Cllr Venables.

18. Finance

a) Balance £67148.00 (31/08/23) £65241.46

b) Easyweb DD £33.60

c) Chq V Daniels £60 Scholarship Fund

d) Chq HMRC PAYE £88.88 – defer payment until payment book received.

e) Internet banking

Up and running

f) Kings Coronation Grant

MPC awaiting for updated application

g) Bio Diversity Grant

Currently unspent

h) RVBC Concurrent Grant

Staff on holiday

AGAR internal external audit update.

Cllr Venables to contact for an update

19. Clerk Vacancy Discussion on this agenda item will be without members of the press and public present.

MPC are pleased to announce the appointment of Michelle Root as Proper & Responsible Finance Officer who will be joining us shortly.

Date of next meeting Thursday 5th October 2023