

Minutes of the Mellor Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 7th October 2021 in St Mary's School, Mellor, commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Marsden, Hymas, Venables, Johnson, O'Grady, Walmsley, Crooks, Brunskill, Mellor & Colborn. Cllr Walsh (RVBC) and 5 members of the public.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies: Clerk, Cllr Schofield, PC Tattersfield

2. To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interest.

Cllr Venables declared an interest in item 8a as a relation works for the contractor involved.

3. Adjournment for Public Session (Max 5 minutes per person)

A group of residents raised concerns regarding the amount and speed of traffic in Whinney, querying why the national speed limit applied and not a lower limit. MPC supported their concerns, although noted that MPC powers to act were highly limited. Agreed that MPC would write to LCC Highways regarding the situation and encouraged residents to take every opportunity to raise the matter with their elected representatives.

Concerns were raised regarding Hodsons' coach parking in Mellor Brook. Noted that options were limited if the bus was not parked illegally.

4. To resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd September 2021

Minutes of 2nd September meeting were agreed

5. Any Matters arising from the minutes not covered on this Agenda

Cllr Hymas had written to the Enforcement Officer RVBC & Tree Officer regarding the development at Victoria Terrace, Mellor Brook and received response. As a result, the Tree Officer visited the site and found nothing being felled against consent. Enforcement Officer raised the issue of mud on road with developer. Noted that Victoria Terrace no longer being used for access. No further action appropriate at this stage.

Noted the objections submitted to RVBC regarding the proposed wellness center at Pendle View.

5. To consider any response to be made to Planning Applications and any other Planning Matters

Noted the revised proposal for Windmill application at Mellor Brook. Agreed to write to SRBC again expressing objections to development and concerns for safety and wellbeing of residents of Branch Road.

6. To consider and approve any Training

Members to respond to Chairs' email if they wish to take up training opportunities.

7. Financial Matters and Accounts

To approve:

Bank balances as at 26th August 2021

Current Account	£78438.07 note about money for hall floor
Investment Account	£74.52

To confirm, consider & approve; Invoices for payment since 02.09.21

EON War Mem lights	£ 14.58
Royal British Legion	£ 50.00 (wreath)
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Parish Clerk Salary Sept	£ 440.70

Mellor & District Com Assoc
PKF Littlejohn LLP

£ 10.00 (Mtg in Village Hall)
£ 360.00 (Professional Fees AGAR Audit)

Bank balances and invoices all approved.

8. Updates on Work in Progress

- a. **Reinforced matting at small gate to play area** – Agreed Cllr Venables should proceed to accept on behalf of MPC the quote received.
- b. **Newsletter** – draft circulated prior to meeting Cllr Hymas approved as per draft.
- c. **Trench across Car Park at MCA for EV points** – Cllr Venables write back to contractor and require them to sort the problem directly.
- d. **Telephone Box, Mellor Lane** - Awaiting response from newsletter regarding future usage

9. Update on speeding and traffic issues in the Parish

Noted PC Tattersfield did speed checks recently in village. MPC to consider acquiring a community awareness pack. Chair to contact Nigel Evan re local infrastructure in light of Salmesbury developments.

10. Update on the Role of Clerk to the Parish

Chair in communication with Clerk.

11. Matters affecting MPC and MCA

- a. Proposed use of car Park by Country Fried Mobile Chip van – Cllrs Hymas and Venables paper circulated prior to meeting. Agreed to progress and leave to interim acting clerk and VC as they see fit. Report back to next mtg.
- b. To empower chairman and vice-chairman to hold discussions with MCA regarding main hall roof. (Money from floor possibly could be used elsewhere) – Agreed and any outcome to be brought forward for consideration
- c. Noted that Cllr Venables attended the MCA AGM, sadly only 5 residents present. No issues to report back to MPC

12. Update on Dog Theft Awareness campaign

Cllr Marsden noted more posters on noticeboards.

13. To receive reports from;

- a. LCC - none
- b. RVBC – Noted Queen’s Platinum Jubilee plans,
- c. RV Parish Liaison - Cllr Mellor, Sport England, emphasis on being active, money to encourage activity not to build facilities, Cllr Mellor to investigate the possibility of MPC being able to get subsidy of 25% for CCTV equipment from RVBC
- d. Police - PCSO at Mellor Brook Hall 9th October

14. Consider the development and implementation of a Social Media Presence

Previously circulated proposal for a working party agreed. Members to be Cllrs Colborn, Mellor & Venables.

15. Matters brought forward by members (for information only)

- a. Noted the Anti-social behaviour at the children’s’ playground, more frequent police visits after dark have been requested
- b. Noted that the Working Party looking at the Green now had a letter to go out to local residents.

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th November, 7pm

Meeting closed 21.05.