

Street Parish Council - Past Clerks

HARRY MELLANBY

1974 - 1989

Harry Mellanby was the Clerk of the former Street Urban District Council prior to the formation of Mendip District Council and Street Parish Council in 1974. He then became Assistant Chief Executive of the District Council and Clerk of the Parish Council.



LINDA RUFF 1989 - 2023

Linda Ruff was appointed as the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer of Street Parish Council from 1st April 1989. She retired on 30th April 2023 after 34 years of service.

Linda had previously worked for nearly 10 years as a committee officer at Mendip District Council. Initially she worked part-time from home with meetings being held in the Library. In 2005 the Council decided to lease Room 20 on the first floor of the Crispin Community Centre for meetings and as an office. It was later agreed to purchase the Parish Rooms and the Council operated from that building from December 2010 following extensive refurbishment. In 2018 the County Council proposed to close Street Library and after careful consideration it was agreed to move the Library to the ground floor of the Parish Rooms. The Parish Council office and meeting rooms were moved to the first floor and further alterations were carried out to the building in 2020.

Over the years Linda worked on a wide range of projects and events for the Council including the following -

- Street Skate Park
- Street Parish Rooms including Library
- Merriman Park -2 new play areas, outdoor table tennis table, path and lights across the park
- Ringolds Way Park - new play area - owned by Mendip District Council
- Horse Trough at The Cross
- New War Memorial and Plaque in Garden by United Reformed Church
- Bus Shelters in Glaston Road and by the Crispin Hall
- Clock, Banners, Flower Baskets, Seats in High Street
- Murals, seating etc. in Library Garden - owned by the Library Trust
- Christmas lights in High Street and at Parish Rooms and Greenbank Pool
- Street Festive Market and Older Persons Tea Party
- Merriman Park Fun Day
- Remembrance Parade and Service
- Grants to Outside Bodies including Greenbank Swimming Pool, Strode Theatre and Mendip Citizens Advice Bureau
- Highways issues including new parking restrictions and speed indicator devices
- Planning applications including more significant proposals for various stages of Clarks Village, Clarks warehouse, housing on land west of Somerton Road
- Operation of the Council during the Covid 19 Pandemic and Lockdown.

