

# Melbury Osmond Parish Council

## Minutes for the meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 7.30pm via Zoom

Present – Cllr Wells, Cllr Caesley, Cllr Coverdale, Cllr Paley, Cllr Smith, Jodie Carter (Clerk), Dorset Council Cllr Penfold.

11.01.01 To accept apologies.  
Cllr Penfold will be late.

11.01.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September & Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.  
Approved and signed by the chairman.

11.01.03 Open Meeting

Report from Dorset Council Cllr Penfold

Still working virtually and meeting with the MP every two weeks. All council staff working from home but social care still working normally.

***Following the Open Meeting the Public will be encouraged to remain but shall not take part in subsequent discussions unless expressly requested by the Chairman.***

11.01.04 Matters to be discussed:

- Broadband update from Wessex Internet - Cllr Caesley to update.

Not longer needed to be on the agenda, Wessex Internet are now supplying properties that have signed up to the voucher scheme. Some people have delayed this so that their current contract can expire. No adverse comments, but if there is an issue please contact Wessex. A thanks was given to Cllr Caesley for all his efforts.

- BT Telephone Kiosk removal - Cllr Wells to update.

An official complaint has been logged online, no response to date. The complaint was submitted on 28.12.20 with no response to date.

- Bank account and additional signatories – Clerk/Cllr Wells to update

All Cllrs have signed the paperwork, this has now been sent off.

- Covid 19 update and village response – Cllr Wells to update.

The tennis court has been closed but the playground is still open. Anna Roxburgh's good neighbour system has been activated again and gives a support network for the village. Lindsay has updated the website with updates on Covid.

- Caravan Club October 2021 – Clerk to update.

The clerk has been in contact with the village hall, they are going to amend and send back to the clerk. She will then email the Caravan Club and state that we will have to make a final decision closer to the time due to Covid updates.

11.01.05 Finance

- To approve the financial statement

Approved by all councillors.

- To discuss and agree the 2021/22 precept (deadline 30<sup>th</sup> January).

Clerk: Miss Jodie Carter

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It was agreed that the precept will remain at £6500 for 2021/22, proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Coverdale, agreed by all.

It was agreed that the council will pay someone to clear the play area on a monthly basis.

It was agreed that with the current Covid restrictions that have prevented income being generated by the Village Hall that the budget for the Village Hall donation would be increased to £750 for 2021/22.

## 11.01.06 Planning Applications

- Sheaf of Arrows (change of use) (WD/D/20/002133) – being changed from commercial to a dwelling. It was noted that the property was outside of the Parish boundary and that MOPC had not been officially contacted for comment.

## 11.01.07 Correspondence

- DAPTC E-News 20th November '20
- DAPTC E-News 7th December '20
- Latest news and information from Dorset Council, 4 December
- DAPTC E-News 11th December '20
- Information from Dorset Council - lockdown, 5 January
- December's C&EE Support Meeting notes and upcoming events
- DAPTC E-News 8<sup>th</sup> January '21

## 11.01.08 To clarify decisions made during the meeting/AOB.

Decisions - Highlighted in bold.

AOB – It was noted by Cllr Caesley that there were some issues with the footpath W33 which extends from the village adjacent Cheney House and links via the Meads to Barton Hill. The path is black topped and was originally put down to give access from Barton Hill to the post office when it was located in Cheney House. The condition of this surface is deteriorating, when we spoke to Dorset Council who are responsible for this would do nothing until the condition became hazardous. **Cllr Caesley to email the clerk with information to be sent to Dorset Highways.** The new Melbury Oak, where it has been planted against the hedge this is now growing into the tree and causing issues. Cllr Paley to contact the estate on behalf of the council to discuss appropriate action.

## 11.01.09 Date of the next meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm via Zoom unless agreed otherwise.

Meeting finished at 20.41.