

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting on Monday 14th September 2020, 7.30pm via Zoom

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

Cllr Smith had technical difficulties, therefore was unable to comment on any agenda items.

09.03.01 To accept apologies

None.

09.03.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th March 2020 and 27th August 2020

Approved and signed by the chairman. Agreed by all.

09.03.04 Open Meeting.

No members of public present.

Cllr Penfold - we are up to date with meetings, all virtual. On target with reducing the amount of waste for landfill. The libraries are reopening. Have ordered more electric car charging points.

Looking at climate change.

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.

09.03.05 Matters to be discussed:

- Fibre Broadband provision - Cllr Caesley to update.

As of today, notification was received that Melbury Osmond and Stockford for the rural GB broadband, they now want to go ahead. We will need to get enough people to sign up to get the installation. Was hoping to have a session to get Wessex internet out to discuss with the public but due to the latest guidelines, this cannot go ahead. Down to the council to promote this to have the access to reliable broadband. Enquiring about a briefing pack from Wessex Internet. Having spoken to Mr Townsend and getting his support, nothing has been received from the Estate (Oliver Adderley). Suggested that County Councils will add money to support this scheme, have asked Cllr Penfold if Dorset are part of this scheme and if we are eligible for this. **Cllr Caesley to pursue.**

- BT Telephone Kiosk removal - Cllr Wells to update.

As you are aware, Dorset council did not pass our comments to BT, so therefore they have removed the kiosk. Dorset Council have said that they cannot do anything, further aspect as a life safety issue, we now have to rely on having a mobile phone. We could approach Ofcom as this is a breach. There is also an option to get a landline put into the Church and Village Hall. **Cllr Wells to pursue.**

- Resident's comments on traffic through the village - Cllr Wells to update.

Couple of calls regarding traffic throughout the village. A resident would like us to approach the CEO of Ilchester Estates and have a meeting, **it was agreed not to pursue this and to pass on the resident's concerns.**

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- Playground maintenance – Brief summary of works carried out and work needed. Cllr Coverdale to update.

After the Rospa report, we have put more bark on it and replaced a swing seat. He has said there is no point in repairing and quoted a high amount for replacing. Agreed to put some paint on it and long term, cutting the legs and resetting it. More than 5/8 years, we will have to rethink the play area. It is a good asset that is well used. To be left with Cllr Coverdale.

- Village response to Covid -19 - Open Discussion.

We were incredibly pleased with the village for rising to the occasion, Anna Roxburgh and Lindsay Jones for their help, excellently orchestrated by the neighbourhood watch database. Looking at another spike, residents have taken the decision to self-isolate. **Cllr Wells to put a thank you note in the chimes.**

- Camping 2021 – Clerk to update *

An enquiry has come through for October 2021, Cllr Wells proposed £12 per night per unit, seconded by Cllr Coverdale. **Clerk to liaise with the Village Hall to put an instruction sheet in place.**

- Footpaths – Cllr Caesley

Higher Holt footpath, I do anticipate that Ilchester Estate will object, waiting for Dorset Council to put up the notice. **Cllr Caesley to pursue.**

09.03.06 Finance

- To record the submission of the 2019/20 AGAR

The clerk has confirmed that an acknowledgement email has been received.

A.O.B

Footpaths – Cllr Paley to contact Barbara Waine regarding the stiles.

Bollard – this has been hit again, **Cllr Coverdale to replace/fix.** Long term proposal to have gates with signs stating ‘pedestrians, please slow’.

09.03.07 Correspondence

Daptc Newsletters

Covid-19 updates

09.03.08 To clarify decisions made during the meeting

Highlighted in bold.

09.03.09 Date of the next meeting

9th November 2020 (Venue TBC)

Meeting finished at 20.38.