

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting on Monday 8th March 2021,
7.30pm via Zoom

Please contact the clerk for access details

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

08.03.01 To accept apologies.
None.

08.03.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021.
Approved and signed by the chairman.

08.03.03 Open Meeting
Report from Dorset Council - Cllr Penfold

Many council staff are still working from home. Vaccine roll-out is continuing across the County. There has been a large number of comments received on the Dorset Council Local Plan which remains open until the 15th March. Dorset Council is still holding virtual meetings.

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

08.03.04 Matters to be discussed:

- Footpaths – Cllr Caesley/Cllr Smith/Clerk
 1. Still no response regarding the footpaths, one damaged bridge on the path from Higher Holt and another deteriorating pathway across the Meads, therefore **Clerk/Cllr Penfold to contact David Ackerley.**

- Village Covid Update - Cllr Wells

Vaccine roll-out continues for village residents. Anna Roxburgh has re-invigorated the village help-line working through the Neighbourhood Watch group. The Village Hall is hoping to re-open as soon as restrictions relax with a number of initiatives throughout the Summer and has been fortunate in obtaining a grant from Dorset Council to help during this period. Although the Playground has remained open through the current lockdown the Tennis Court is currently closed but will re-open as soon as possible when circumstances allow.

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- Telephone Kiosk complaint to DCC - Cllr Wells

Following a nearly a year of fruitless communication with Dorset Council an official complaint was made in December 2020. After no response in 6 weeks a further email was sent with a wait of another 4 weeks. Following a further email reminder an email string was received from Dorset Council re-iterating previous information. The Parish Council agreed that a formal response be requested from Dorset Council in letter form confirming the council's position in order that this can be taken to the Local Authority Ombudsman. **Cllr Wells to continue to pursue.**

- Verge Damage through village - Cllr Wells

There was damage to the verge outside the properties as you enter the village, the Estate have already emailed to say this will be rectified.

- PC AGM 2021 - All (Discussion)

It was agreed this meeting will be on Monday 10th May followed by a PC meeting.

- Annual Parish Meeting 2021 - All (Discussion)

It was agreed this meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th June pending covid restrictions.

08.03.05 Finance

- To approve the financial statement

Approved by all.

08.03.06 Planning Applications

- No applications.

08.03.07 Correspondence

- DAPTC E-News 12th February '21
- Cllr Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group meeting notes and other information
- DAPTC E-News 29th January '21
- DAPTC E-News 26th February '21
- ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, TEMPORARY 30MPH SPEED LIMIT, A37 BETWEEN WEIRS ROUNDABOUT AND SOMERSET BOUNDARY

08.03.08 To clarify decisions made during the meeting.

Highlighted in bold.

Melbury Oak – Cllr Paley had contacted Oliver Adderley but is still waiting for a response.

September minutes to be edited stating Cllr Smith had IT issues during the meeting so was unable to comment verbally.

08.03.09 Date of the next meeting

Monday 10th May 2021 (AGM) via Zoom.

Meeting finished at 20.37.