Minutes for the meeting on Monday 10th May 2021,

7.45pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Wells, Cllr Smith, Cllr Coverdale, Cllr Paley, Jodie Carter (Clerk), 3 members of public, Cllr Mary Penfold.

10.05.01 To accept apologies.

Cllr Caesley.

10.05.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2021.

Approved and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Smith has queried why his comment regarding IT issues have not yet been added to the September minutes - this has been addressed and was just awaiting publication on the website.

PMN Website updated 12.05.21.

10.05.03 Open Meeting

Members of the Public

Report from Dorset Council Cllr Penfold

**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.**

Village Hall Chair requested that a filing cabinet be stored in the reading room for the village hall files. **This was agreed by all Councillors.**

There was a query raised on the state of various copses around the village – these are owned by the Estate, but these are currently becoming overgrown, and the trees need looking at particularly where they overhang roadways. **It was agreed that the council will raise this with the Estate and Cllr Wells would draft a letter.**

Defibrillator – Cllr Paley noted that he had found the door open and that the contents were found to be wet although now dried out (thanks to Barbara Waine for doing this) also, whether a further course of instruction could be arranged for residents. **Clerk / Cllr Paley to discuss with Lindsay Reeve.**

Dairy Unit – A query was raised as it appeared something was being built by Ilchester Estates at the Dairy Unit. A large crane had been seen and a lot of trucks carrying scalping’s have been going in and out. **Cllr Wells to contact the Estate to query this.**

Linked to the above a comment was made regarding traffic congestion at the A37 Junction and Cllr Wells confirmed he had been in recent discussions with the Estate and had also contacted PCSO Alex Bishop for advice. **Cllr Wells to continue liaising with the Estate and Clerk to speak to SC Marsh.**

Cllr Penfold reported the following:

Number of Covid cases in Dorset are now low.

Community and Cultural Project Fund is available from Dorset Council – for any charities or parish councils that wish to apply for Capital Project funds works must be done within 12 months. Contact Ian Wells, 01305224307, 20% must be provided towards the cost.

There is lots of litter around the county which is costing a large amount of money – Parish Councils to be aware.

10.05.04 Matters to be discussed:

* Update on Telephone Kiosk and Complaint to the LG&SC Ombudsman (Cllr Wells)

Kiosk was removed without permission in 2020 without any contact with the PC although the Council had confirmed that it should remain. Dorset Council refused to replace it even though they had not passed the information to BT. This has now been taken to the Local Government Ombudsman and we are now waiting for a response.

* Update on Covid-19. (Cllr Wells)

Meetings can now return to normal, but it was suggested that the next several meetings be held in the village hall due to larger space including the Parish Meeting (29.06.21) and the next Parish Council Meeting (12.07.21). **Agreed**

* Update on MOPC response to proposal of a Dorset National Park (All)

Following receipt of a letter from Chris Loder MP it had been agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would support this proposal. It was noted that this could result in housing development occurring immediately outside of the boundary area but that planning inside the area should be more controlled. It was noted that Mr Loder had commented that Dorset District councillors had looked at the proposal and only 1 out of 23 supported it which was surprising. Cllr Smith to liaise with the Clerk regarding the actual boundaries as it was noted that Melbury Osmond was just within the area under consideration.

* Proposal to renew Boules Court Furniture - discussion and review of quotation / costs. (Cllr Wells)

A letter had been sent to the Clerk from James Evans following a discussion with Cllr Caesley regarding the purchase of new benches and a table for the boules court and for the general use for residents, this quote was around £1400. After discussion it was agreed to vote on the purchase of either one or two benches initially. The majority decision was to purchase one bench and review in 6months – as required under voting rules. It was noted that the Tennis Club was intending to also purchase a new bench for the Tennis Court and Cllr Coverdale (Club Committee) would make a proposal that the bench should be of similar design **Cllr Caesley to respond to Mr Evans.**

10.05.05 Finance

* To approve the financial statement

Approved by all members and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

10.05.06 Planning Applications

No current applications.

10.05.07 Correspondence

* DAPTC E-News 12th March '21
* DO0108 Melbury Osmond Parish Council - 2020/21 AGAR external auditor instructions
* DAPTC E-News 26th March 2021 - Virtual Meetings Update
* ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, TEMPORARY SPEED LIMIT, A37 STOCKWOOD TO HOLT LANE
* Letter from Chris Loder MP – Virtual Meetings
* DAPTC Training e-news April 2021
* DAPTC E-News 9th April 2021
* Guidance on the Death of HRH The Prince Philip – UPDATE
* DAPTC E-News 16th April 2021
* DAPTC E-News 23rd April 2021

10.05.08 To clarify decisions made during the meeting.

Highlighted in bold.

AOB – It was noted by Cllr Paley (and also reported by Cllr Caesley) that there has been a dead deer opposite the A37 junction for some 4 weeks and this had been reported to Dorset Waste Partnership without any action. Cllr Penfold to query with DWP.

10.05.09 Date of the next meeting

*Tuesday 29th June – APM & Finance meeting.*

*Monday 12th July – Melbury Osmond Village Hall.*

*Meeting finished at 20.47*