

# Minutes for the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7.30pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall.

Present – Cllr Caesley, Cllr Coverdale, Cllr Paley, Cllr Smith, Dorset Council Cllr Penfold and 1 member of public.

20.09.02 To accept apologies.

Apologies from Jodie Carter and Robert Ward.

Cllr Paley was appointed as temporary clerk for the meeting, proposed by Cllr Caesley, seconded by Cllr Coverdale.

20.09.03 Draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (attached)

- To discuss late amendments

Cllr Smith raised concerns regarding the determinative nature of the sentence “Cllr Caesley is prepared to stand as chair until Easter 2022 under the agreement that the vice-chair takes on the role as of March 2022.” under minute 26-07-01. The council resolved **for the clerk to amend the minutes removing** “under the agreement that the vice-chair takes on the role as of March 2022.” – or to seek advice from DATPC if concerned this is not appropriate. The council noted thanks to Cllr Caesley for stepping in to take on the role.

- To formally agree to minutes

**Minutes for 26<sup>th</sup> July meeting to be amended, agreed and signed at the next meeting.**

20.09.03 To formally co-opt Robert Ward – paperwork to be completed.

Proposed that Robert Ward become a member of Melbury Osmond Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Coverdale, seconded by Cllr Smith, agreed by all.

20.09.04 Open Meeting

Report from Dorset Council Cllr Penfold

Dorset Council are receiving unprecedented numbers of planning applications meaning processing is taking longer (approx. 25% increase in awards), recruitment is ongoing. Significant use is being made of the CAB. The national shortage of HGV drivers is having some impact, mainly on garden waste collection. The council is appealing to private landlords and second homeowners to come forward if they can make accommodation available for the Afghan Relocation Scheme (details available on the council website).

***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.***

20.09.05 Matters to be discussed:

- Update on Covid-19.

No significant update. Given current circumstances the council resolved to continue to use the village hall for council meetings and keep under review.

- Update on MOPC response to proposal of a Dorset National Park

The proposal was not supported by the majority of Dorset councillors and believed to be rejected, but Cllr Penfold believes further application or appeal is likely to be made.

- Playground

The new swing set has been delivered to Cllr Coverdale and will be installed on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> October. Both existing swing sets will be removed and put to one side (potential use for bonfire night).

- Footpaths Officer

Dave Armstrong has officially been appointed.

- To agree on the location of council meetings for the foreseeable.

See above for Update on Covid-19.

- Boules bench

The new bench has been dispatched and will soon be delivered to Mr Evans who has agreed to fix it in place. The council can support fixing costs if required.

- Highway Faults

The clerk has been in contact with the highways department, due to many issues being more common throughout the winter weather, a meeting will be arranged for November/December – Mr Evans and Cllr Paley have kindly volunteered to be present.

- Queen's Jubilee (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June)

So far there has been no response to requests for volunteers for coordinator placed on the website and in Chimes. Current plans include Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, a pub evening in the Hall and a bonfire on the rec (Martin Eastman has agreed to arrange the fire). Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>, a televised showing of the official service with coffee and cakes in the hall. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, a community lunch on the rec or in the hall (weather dependant). Suggested menu options, Coronation chicken or salmon with local veg. Numbers will be required so tickets and charge will be required. The member of the public present suggested it would be good to have a children's food option available. A small surcharge on tickets has been suggested to enable purchase of a more permanent memorial, ideas for what that could be will be solicited through the Chimes. Cllr Paley suggested applying to the Woodlands Trust to obtain native deciduous trees to establish a Jubilee Wood. **Cllrs Paley and Caesley to address feasibility of this (and other potential options) with the Estate.**

- *Dorset Council Community and Culture Project Fund*

Cllr Paley shared details of the forthcoming fund round (Round 2 Round 2 opens 1st Nov 21 with a deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 22) kindly notified by Cllr Penfold several months ago. Parish councils are eligible, the maximum value is £5000 and 20% should be provided locally. New sports equipment (as opposed to replacement or refurbishment) appears to be eligible. The intention is to utilise the space freed by the infant swing set removal, but alternative options are not precluded. All ideas are welcomed. Ideas raised at the meeting were adult outdoor gym equipment, cricket nets, second goal post set, ground level trampoline. **Cllr Coverdale to contact DC and investigate eligibility of sports equipment.**

#### 20.09.06 Finance

- To approve the financial statement  
Balance at £6288 notified and approved.

#### 20.09.07 Planning Applications

None.

#### 20.09.08 Correspondence

Email from Paul Wells regarding publishing of the Chairman's report 2021 (**clerk to action**) and liaison with Velcourt on Estates traffic movements through Allaster Dallas.

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Cllr Paley offered to take on role of point of contact with Mr Dallas. **Cllr Paley to liaise with Paul Wells and to prepare a leaflet for dissemination to relevant households regarding notification of estates traffic fluctuations. Cllrs Paley, Coverdale, and Smith to deliver leaflet drop.**

20.09.09 To clarify decisions made during the meeting.  
**Highlighted in bold**

20.09.10 Date of the next meeting  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm (Venue to be confirmed)

Meeting finished at 21.00