

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting on 20th 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 26th 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 26th 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 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.

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- Playground

The new swing set has been delivered to Cllr Coverdale and will be installed on Sat 16th 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 (2nd-5th 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 2nd, a pub evening in the Hall and a bonfire on the rec (Martin Eastment has agreed to arrange the fire). Fri 3rd, a televised showing of the official service with coffee and cakes in the hall. Sunday 5th, 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 (up to 450) free 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 7th 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.

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20.09.08 Correspondence

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

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 8th November 7.30pm (Venue to be confirmed)

AOB

Introductions were made with Katrina Holtham (member of public present) who has expressed willingness to join the council. The council is grateful for her interest and **clerk to send joining information to Katrina.**

Meeting finished at 21.00

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Minutes for the meeting on 26th July 2021, 7.30pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall.

Present – Cllr Caesley, Cllr Smith, Cllr Paley, Cllr Coverdale, Jodie Carter (clerk), Dorset Council Cllr Penfold, 6 members of public.

26.07.01 To acknowledge the resignation of the chairman and appoint a new chairman/vice-chair. Due to personal circumstances Paul Wells has resigned as a member of the parish council therefore we must propose a new chairman – we would like to thank him for all his efforts on the parish council and as the chairman over his duration. Cllr Caesley is prepared to stand as chair until Easter 2022.

Chairman – Roger Caesley - proposed by Cllr Coverdale, seconded by Cllr Smith.

Vice-chair – Richard Paley - proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Coverdale.

26.07.02 To accept apologies.

None.

26.07.03 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th May 2021 and the extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 29th June.

10th May – approved and signed by the chairman.

29th June – approved and signed by the chairman with one amendment (Cllr Smith noted that the spend over £100 has not be put on the website since 2017)

26.07.04 Open Meeting

Report from Dorset Council Cllr Penfold

Dorset council still have virtual meetings. There is a delay in land searches as house sales are high. We have help available for people regarding bills if they wish to contact the council or CAB. Low number of covid cases in our area at the moment.

Who is responsible for stiles on footpaths - it was believed that the landowner is responsible.

Footpaths – an article was read regarding landowners and states that any pre 1949 rights of way not registered before 2026 can be shut off, it was suggested that the new officer takes this on board.

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.

26.07.05 Matters to be discussed:

- Update on Telephone Kiosk and Complaint to the LG&SC Ombudsman.

Unfortunately, the ombudsman has declined to get involved as this is not part of his remit. Therefore, as Dorset Council are not prepared to take this further, we are now left without a telephone kiosk.

- Update on Covid-19.

No news to report. The support infrastructure is still there if needed.

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

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We have not heard back from this after our response. No decision has been made to date. Several parish councils and Chris Loder himself are not happy with this. **Cllr Penfold to enquire.**

- Agenda and Minutes (Cllr Smith)

The council and clerk have agreed to the handbook that Cllr Wells circulated regarding the time frame for minutes and agendas. It was also suggested that councillors respond/acknowledge emails within 1 to 2 days as this helps the clerk and other councillors.

- Playground - ROSPA Report & Actions (Review Paper to Be Circulated)

The last ROSPA report stated that the main swings need replacing, Paul Wells came across a company called Caledonia Play – a quote was received for installing the new swings with metal legs for £2045 + VAT. It was suggested that the council remove the two sets of swings and replace with one set with one toddler swing seat and one normal swing seat – **it was decided that providing the work can be done for the cost of £2250 or under (excluding VAT) that this project can go ahead. It was agreed to take a vote, 3 members voted in favour, 1 member voted against. It was also agreed that a fundraiser will be held to raise funds for this – clerk to organise this.**

- Footpaths Officer - Resignation of Barbara Harris & new appointee.

Mrs Harris has resigned as footpaths officer; we would like to thank her for her efforts during this duration. David Armstrong has done a survey of the paths and is prepared to take on the role – **Clerk to contact him.**

- To agree on the location of the September PC Meeting

It was agreed that the meeting would be postponed for a week and will be held on 20th September, being held in Reading Room (pending Covid rules).

- Tennis Club bench – Update

The bench is arriving tomorrow for the tennis club. It was agreed at the last meeting to purchase a bench for the boules although this has not yet happened, the clerk has asked Mr Evans to contact the company for a new quote and forward the details.

- Highway Faults – letter from Mr Evans

Items 1,2 and 3 are closed. Item 1 – they did fill in the hole but failed to remove the debris. 2 and 3 – wrong time of year to complain about flooding although they have been here to remove the grit from the drains. There is a running down Barton Hill which most likely means they are filled with mud – Mr Evans/Cllr Paley will continue to press to sort out the issues.

Regarding the hedges near the Reading Room – it was agreed that the clerk would contact Mr Evans and ask him to contact the landowner or report this online via Dorset Council.

To discuss tractor traffic throughout the village – the clerk has spoken to Oliver Adderley regarding traffic, he has kindly offered to contact the clerk when traffic is likely to increase – **it was agreed to put this on the website, Cllr Coverdale and Cllr Paley to do a leaflet drop to the entire village and ask them if they wish to be informed to contact the clerk and information will be provided via email.**

The clerk would like to make residents aware that any items can be reported to Dorset Council – the more reports, the better!

26.07.06 Finance

- To approve the financial statement

Approved and signed.

26.07.07 Planning Applications

No applications received.

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26.07.08 Correspondence

- DAPTC E-News 25th June 2021
- Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group meeting notes from 16 June and next meeting information.
- DAPTC E-News 2nd July 2021
- Latest news and information from Dorset Council, Friday 02 July
- Notes from extraordinary meeting - 04/07/21 – Letter from Mr Evans
- DAPTC E-News 9th July 2021
- DAPTC 2021 Annual General Meeting
- Oliver Adderley – letter regarding trees

26.07.09 To clarify decisions made during the meeting.

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26.07.10 Date of the next meeting

20th September 2021 (venue to be confirmed due to Covid restrictions)

Agenda items –

Queens Jubilee

Meeting finished at 21.14