

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting on Monday 14th March 2022, 7.30pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall.

Cllr Paley has agreed to act as the chairman for this meeting.

Present – Cllr Paley, Cllr Smith, Cllr Holtham, Cllr Coverdale, Jodie Carter (clerk), 3 members of public, Dorset Council Cllr Penfold.

14.03.01 To accept apologies.
Cllr Ward.

14.03.02 Chairman's Resignation

MOPC would like to thank Mr Caesley for his service as Chairman and councillor. Following his resignation, Cllr Paley has agreed to be the acting chair for this meeting due to re-appointment in the May meeting.

14.03.03 Draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th January 2022 (attached)

- To discuss late amendments

No late amendments.

- To formally agree to minutes

Proposal to agree the minutes as a true record, proposed by Cllr Coverdale, seconded by Cllr Smith.

14.03.04 Open Meeting

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.

Does anyone know the reason of the tractor increase during the last several weeks? **No notice was given, Cllr Paley has agreed to follow this up.**

Does anyone know who owns the drive where the bins are left out? (The Meads Cottage) - There is still an issue with the drive and the bin when traffic passing with tractors as they are causing an obstruction.

Does anyone know why the A37 was resurfaced – did it need it? No reason was given (as far as we are aware), the letter to residents indicated it was for surface sealing and they have applied tar on the surface.

Cllr Penfold – new fund opening for arts, community, and play activities. Dorset is one of the top areas for generating renewable energy.

The government are wanting to open the dumps for free to DIY rubbish due to large amounts of fly tipping, clerk to contact Dorset Waste Partnership.

14.03.05 Matters to be discussed:

- Queen's Jubilee – *Update*

Deadlines for your meal bookings are the 6th May, please contact Barbara Waine asap. The proposal for a copse at the end of the wreck has been approved, 105 trees have been awarded from

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the Woodlands Trust. **It was agreed that the reinstatement of the pond would be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Jason Giladgian for ideas and plans.**

- Highways – Update (clerk)

The clerk has contacted Paul Thatcher regarding the ford, they are happy to come out and relook at signs, but they have had no reports of accidents or incidents and until they do will not take action – **clerk to contact Mrs Wheeler.**

Cllr Paley has an outstanding action from several meetings ago although he has been taking photos of the areas that are in need, but the weather has been relatively dry currently.

- Footpaths

The local enquiry into Higher Holt to Fuzzy Ground will be determined following a local inquiry which is due to be held at 10.00am on Tuesday 20 September 2022 at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ. The inquiry is scheduled to last 2 days. The appointed Inspector will also open the Inquiry as a virtual event on Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 10.00am. A member of the public has pointed out that a fingerpost has broken, **Cllr Smith to report and send info to the clerk.**

- Play Area

Not much to report, decided that the little area that could have a swing will be left for now. Wendy Wheeler is doing some work with weeding and keeping the area tidy – all members happy for this to continue.

- Fundraising

It was agreed at a previous meeting that the PC would fundraise for the play area pending covid restrictions, as these have now been lifted, plans can continue. **Cllr Coverdale and Cllr Holtham have offered to join a team to raise funds. All councillors to liaise and plan an event for Summer 2022.**

- Caravan Club

To discuss ideas and thoughts regarding further visits and widening the village hall entrance – a rough quote would be around £1900, as this would involve removing the telegraph pole. **It was agreed that this was not viable for the parish council and that we could only offer accommodation for the size of caravans that have used it in the past.**

- DAPTC email address.

It was agreed that extra storage at 5GB would be purchased at £39 per annum.

08.01.06 Finance

- Financial Statement

The balance on 25th March 2022 was £4364.31.

08.01.07 Planning Applications

No applications.

08.01.08 Correspondence

- ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 OVERNIGHT TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE A37 GRIMSTONE & STRATTON
- Roger Waine - Thank you
- Latest news from Dorset Council, Friday 4 March
- DAPTC E-News 25th February 2022
- DAPTC E-News 11th March 2022
- ROW/3274679 - Dorset Council (Footpath from Footpath 17 at Higher Holt Farm to Bridleway 15 at Fuzzy Grounds, Melbury Osmond) Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2020

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08.01.09 A.O.B

- The football goal post at the Rec, this is rusty but does get used.
- Defib pads are due to be replaced, **the council are happy to purchase two sets of pads. It was also agreed that we would consider long term financial costs for the repairs/replacements.**
- The minutes that Cllr Smith requested to change have now been amended on the website.
- The recording policy was agreed, and a **statement will appear on the agenda, to be done for future meetings.**

08.01.10 To clarify decisions made during the meeting.

Highlighted in bold.

08.01.11 Date of the next meeting

23rd May 2022 – AGM & Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall.

Tuesday 14th June 2022 – APM, 7.30pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 20.29