

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Draft Minutes for the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2023, 7.30pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall

- Present: Cllr Paley, Cllr Coverdale, Cllr Smith, Six members of the public joined by one other later.
09.05.01 Welcome at 19.32 – Cllr Penfold to join later; Apologies - Cllr Ward.
- 09.05.02 Cllrs to remain in their previous positions, Cllr Paley – Chair, Cllr Smith – Vice Chair, Cllrs Coverdale, Ward and Holtham to remain.
- 09.05.03 Visiting Post Office problems to be addressed in following MOPC meeting.
- 09.05.04 Date of next meeting 14th May 2024
Meeting ended 7.40pm

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9TH May 2023, 7.45pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall

- Present: Cllr Paley, Cllr Coverdale, Cllr Smith, Dorset Cllr Penfold to join later
Six members of the public joined by one other later.
- 09.05.01 Welcome at 19.45 – Cllr Penfold joined later, Cllr Ward apologised for absence
- 09.05.02 Draft minutes for meeting held on 14th March 2023 approved, proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Coverdale
- 09.05.03 Open Meeting
Concerns on closure of visiting outreach Post Office service aired, (contractual problems with administering sub Post Office and Post Office not yet resolved so no progress until resolution). Cllr Paley to contact the PO and our MP again for follow up. Cllr Penfold reported household recycling sites busy and build-up of tourism and highlighted the next round of Dorset Council' s Project Funding Grants is open from 7th May (£1000 to £20,000). She also agreed to follow up Post Office issues with MPs office.
- 09.05.04 Matters to be discussed
- Footpaths update: No update by Dorset Council regarding failed foot path bridge to west of Higher Holt Farm

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- Highways update: 4 Highways problems reported, 3 repairs affected, 1 committed, 2 issues remain to be reported. Mr Dallas informed Cllr Paley, additional digestate pipeline capacity is now active so reduction in slurry tanker movements expected.
- Play area update: ROSPA audit conducted last week but report not yet returned, Cllr Coverdale to circulate as and when available.
- Post Office services: covered above.
- Reading Room: Cllr Ward sorting out electricity bills with SSE, smart meter now installed, Government rebate now being applied, refund of overpayments being applied, current bills now down from ~£300 to ~£100/quarter, a large part of which is due to high standing charges which is the next issue to be addressed. Work in progress, when sorted viability of retaining Reading room can be discussed. Opinions and potential alternative uses for the Reading room invited from the village.
- Jubilee Copse and Coronation: Cllr Paley confirmed approval from Ilchester Estates (Oliver Adderley). Planting of trees to be delayed now due to nesting etc. Scrub clearing to commence late summer and planting in autumn. No Coronation Events, Cllr Paley to prepare an article for "The Chimes" inviting villagers, if interested, to get involved.

- 09.05.05 Finance update
Current statement £10,178
Draft accounts for financial year 2022/23 reviewed, Proposed Cllr Coverdale, seconded Cllr Smith, approved and signed RP and MS.
- 09.05.06 Planning Applications
Cllr Paley stepped aside re planning application at 1 Greenwood as it's his property. Remaining councillors had no objections. Cllr Paley rejoined as Chair.
- 09.05.07 Correspondence
None additional. DAPTC email account added to new laptop as clerking issues are slowly resolved.
- 09.05.08 No AOB
- 09.05.09 To clarify decisions - Cllr Paley to contact Cllr Penfold and MP re Post Office, and to invite public to join organisations via 'Chimes', Cllr Coverdale to circulate ROSPA report when available.
- 09.05.10 Date of next meeting - Next MOPC meeting 11th July 2023, Annual Parish Meeting 6th June 2023 followed immediately by Extraordinary Meeting to sign off AGAR finances

Meeting ended 8.25 pm

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