

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 09 January 2024, 7.30pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall

09.01.01 Present: Cllr Paley, Cllr Ward, Cllr Smith, Cllr Coverdale.
Apologies: DC Cllr Mary Penfold. Absent: Cllr Holtham

09.01.02 Draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023 were proposed by MS and seconded by PC.

09.01.03 Open meeting

Matters to be discussed

Footpaths update: Two bridges still appear to require repair (RP to check on progress)

Highways update: Although some of the major potholes have been filled, there are a number of minor potholes that remain in the road through the village, notifications will continue.

Play area update: PC reported that the supplier selected to install the new play tower and slide requires 50% payment before any work commences. As other remedial work may also be required to upgrade the playground boundary plus the supply and fixing of an additional cargo net. It was suggested that the contractor should be invited to make a site visit to properly assess all the work that will be required then forward a written itemised quote to cover all the work.

£5,500 previously assigned will be supported by an additional sum up to £1,500 for the installation of the new play equipment and additional works. PC will arrange this with the aim of having the play equipment installed and ready to use by the end of March 2024.

09.01.04 Finance update

The MOPC current account with Lloyds Bank stands at £12,229.03
The budget proposal for financial year 2024/25 was reviewed and approved. RW will complete the Precept Request (2024/25) for £6,800.00 and return the form to Dorset Council for processing.

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09.01.05 There were no planning applications.

09.01.06 Correspondence

- i. The Dairy manager has been informed about parishioners' concerns regarding the overnight noise from the Melbury Dairy and indications were made that mitigations are to be implemented. However, following the resignation of the manager, we await further confirmation from his replacement. The parish council would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Dallas for working with us and offer best wishes for his retirement.
- ii. It was reported that some heavy goods vehicles delivering to Townsend Farm Buildings were still missing the left turn onto the concrete track, causing damage, congestion and frustration as they get stuck further into the village. Although it was felt that the direction sign was clearly visible from the road, it was proposed to relay the information to the businesses and see if they could do anything to communicate with suppliers to relay clear directions to their yard as an additional aid to drivers who may be over-reliant on Sat-Nav instructions.

09.01.07 AOB: none

09.01.08 Clarifying decisions:

RP to contact the businesses at Townsend Farm to encourage them to clarify their delivery instructions to their suppliers.

RP to contact the Melbury Estate to ascertain when they anticipate the appointment of a new estate manager.

PC to contact Darren Greenslade regarding a site visit to the playground and to ascertain a time-frame for the work to be carried out.

09.01.09 Date of next meeting: 12th March 2024

Meeting closed at 20:05