

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

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

- 09.07.01 Present: Cllr Paley (chairman), Cllr Ward (temp clerk), Cllr Smith, Cllr Coverdale, one member of the public
Apologies: Dorset Cllr Kippax
- 09.07.02 The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2024 were approved by all councillors.
- 09.07.03 Open meeting:
- The Meads footpath gate has been mended. The lower half of the Meads has been fenced and sheep are grazing in there. The footpath across the Meads still requires clearing of overgrowth.
- 09.07.04 Matters to be discussed:
- Play area - motion to approve additional spending to improve the play area surface by laying down safety matting- Proposed Cllr Coverdale, Seconded Cllr Martin. PC to confirm and arrange with D Greenslade the resurfacing of the play area with permanent rubber matting (plus reseeding the grass borders) at a quoted cost of £2,200.00. This will negate the need for the annual resurfacing of the play area with wood chip (cost c.£1,000). The possibility of sinking the swing supports was also discussed.
 - Neighbourhood watch signage - motion was approved to place one on the Village sign on the main road, plus a sign on the corner post near to the Village Hall.
 - Footpaths update - (see the Meads notice, above). RP has photographs of Lewcombe Bridge and Higher Holt Bridge, both of which require repair. Dorset Council have been informed.
 - Highways update – some potholes have been filled, but others remain. Dorset Council Highways department have been informed.
 - Reading Room – MS to contact SSE about the possibility of revising the standing charge.
- 09.07.05 Finance update:
- Current financial statement – Current Account stands at £6,827.51
 - Motion to approve the audited accounts for financial year 2023/24 was approved unanimously.
 - Motion to approve the annual governance and accountability return for 2023/24 was approved unanimously.

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09.07.06 Planning applications:

The owners of School Cottage have put in a planning application to alter windows. Councillors are to study the application before the deadline and return comment if wanted.

09.07.07 Correspondence:

Reminder received from external auditors for AGAR. (Post meeting note – AGAR returned the next day after approval).

There are forestry works being carried out on the estate, notices have been posted and added to the website affected.

09.07.08 AOB:

None

09.07.09 To clarify decisions:

PC to contact Darren Greenslade re completing the agreed work on the playground, and to attain an extra quote for sinking the swing supports.

MS to contact SSE with a view to investigating / altering our current electricity contract for the Reading Room.

09.07.010 Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 10th September 2024

Meeting closed at 20:01