

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 15 July 2025, 7.30pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall

- 15.07.01 Attendees: Cllr Paley (chairman), Cllr Ward (temp Clerk), Cllr Smith, Cllr Coverdale. Apologies received from Dorset Cllr Kippax
- 15.07.02 Draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2025 were approved
- 15.07.03 Open meeting
No parishioners were present.
- 15.07.04 Matters to be discussed
- Footpaths update: The Meades footpath is overgrown with garden hedges and difficult to navigate. MS to speak to hedge owners requesting cutting them back.
 - Highways update: MS has contacted Dorset Highways to register the fact that the road leading to Melbury Dairy is lifting and requires repair.
 - Play area update: PC suggested acquiring longer chains for the swings in the playground. MS suggested going to Mole Valley for them. PC to sort out payment for gardener Dave Woollacott regarding the work that he has done around the Village Hall and the playground.
RW pointed out that a large pot hole has appeared in the Village Hall car park and expressed concern regarding cars being damaged if drivers fail to navigate the obstacle carefully. Liability for potential damage to vehicles was discussed.
MS suggested filling the pot hole with scalpings which he will arrange to do.
 - Reading Room: A request to use the Reading Room to store presents received in the upcoming wedding due to take place at the parish church with the reception at the Village Hall was discussed. Concerns were expressed regarding liability and whether insurance cover for the village hall also covers the Reading Room. RP to relay these concerns to Marg Hayter who is liaising with the wedding party.
 - Electric vehicle charging: Erecting a charging point in the Village Hall car park was discussed following a request from a parishioner. It was felt that the Village Hall committee was best placed to deal with this matter and RP would pass on the request to the chair of the Village Hall committee.
- 15.07.05 Finance update
- Current financial statement: MOPC bank account is holding £7,269.56
 - Proposal to support Village Hall fund: RW proposed giving the Village Hall £3,000 as part of its centenary fund-raising effort. The Village Hall committee is hoping to raise £30,000 to fund repairs and upgrades to the VH facilities. MS seconded the proposal and the all councillors agreed with the level of funding.

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- 15.07.06 Planning applications
- P/HOU/2025/03281 -Meadow Lea: No objections were raised
- 15.07.07 Correspondence: None
- 15.07.08 AOB: RP proposed a new wipe clean board to be prominently placed by the Village Hall and used to announce the dates for future meetings. All councillors agreed that this was a good idea as it would provide clarity for interested parishioners.
- 15.07.09 Clarifying decisions
- RP to liaise with Village Hall chair regarding electric charging point.
- RP to liaise with Marge Hayter regarding insurance liability cover for using the Reading Room to store wedding presents.
- MS to repair the pot hole in the Village Hall car park.
- MS to contact hedge owners bordering the Meads footpath.
- PC to research new swing chains for the playground.
- PC to contact gardener Dave Woollacott regarding future payments.
- RW to transfer payment of £3,000 from the MOPC Lloyds account to the Village Hall committee to support their fund-raising efforts.
- 15.07.010 Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 9th September 2025

Meeting closed at 20:30