

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting on Monday 13th November 2017,
7:30pm at the reading room

Welcome: Councillor Kowalewski, Councillor Smith, Councillor Roxburgh, Councillor Coverdale, Councillor Wells, Councillor Swallow, Mr. Roger Caesley, Jodie Carter (Clerk) and District and County Councillor Penfold.

13.11.01 Apologies:

None

13.11.02 Draft minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2017:

Approved and signed with two amendments, one – to replace the bollard not remove. Two – to change the neighbourhood watch report to read ‘**shed break ins**’.

13.11.03 Welcome to our new councillor:

A welcome was given to Roger Caesley on becoming Melbury Osmond’s new parish councillor. He has handed the relevant paperwork to the clerk.

13.11.04 Holt Mill/Lane Mirrors:

The clerk to contact Paul Thatcher and request information from highways that can be emailed to all councillors, this must include the protocol and information about the mirrors i.e. where they can or cannot be placed, how high etc. To send a map to the estate of the proposed site and request information if denied. In the meantime, it has been suggested that people drive with a window down, so they are able to hear any oncoming traffic.

13.11.05 Precept and Finances

- a) Principal Authority Services – Dorset County Council will now no longer be tending to all the maintenance within the village, what isn’t done will have to be done by the parish council. The councillors are to send lists of maintenance jobs they feel need doing to the chairman so that a figure can be agreed for the precept. The chairman to officially ask Evershot Parish Council what they have been charged for maintenance work so far.
- b) Precept cap 2019/20 – There is no cap to date, but it could be implemented in 2019/20.
- c) Clerks salary increase in April 2018 – The clerk is employed by the parish council, she currently has no contract, the Chairman to address this issue immediately. The raise in salary is to be discussed via email between the councillors excluding the clerk from this. Clerk to investigate if the insurance covers employer’s liability.
- d) Caravan club income – the clerk has spoken to them regarding a regular visit, this cannot be guaranteed every year.
- e) Website income – the outgoings are now more than the income, the chairman to contact the webmaster and discuss a way forward.
- f) Tennis Club trench boards expenditure – a donation of £450 to be made, invoice now received and been paid.

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- g) Justification and explanation of precept increases – a general meeting will be called, here it can be discussed with the public why/if there will be an increase. This will be done once the precept has been set.
- h) Financial Statement – bank balance currently at £1865.42.

13.11.06 BDO Audit – Agreed and approved.

13.11.07 Open Meeting – members of the public are pleased that the precept is going to be discussed with them. Brake Hill – the gulley is flooded/overflowing, Meads Cottage – telecom drain, they need contacting, North side of Barton Hill – needs clearing due to flooding. The roads have returned to their previous state after being resurfaced this year. Barton Hill – people need to slow right down, the speed limit is 60mph, but this limit cannot be reached at this corner. The hedge cutting has been better this year. There will still be a village tidy up even if maintenance workers are hired, possibly a Saturday next year? Possibly regular weed killing? Another organisation that needs help will be the Church.

District and County Council report – still nothing from the unitary authorities, there will be two, but this may not be until 2019. Land charges have been dropped. The Dorset meeting was well turned out.

13.11.08 A.O.B – None

13.11.09 Correspondence – None

13.11.10 Date of the next meeting

Monday 8th January 2018 at the reading room, 7.30pm