

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Agenda for the meeting on Wednesday 7th March 2018, 7.30pm at the Reading Room

Present: Councillor Kowalewski, Councillor Coverdale, Councillor Swallow, Councillor Smith, Councillor Roxburgh, Councillor Wells, Councillor Caesley, District and County Councillor Penfold, Jodie Carter (Clerk)

07.03.01 Apologies
None

07.03.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018
Approved and signed

07.03.03 Open Meeting
County and District - After April 2019, district and county will cease to exist as they will become a unitary authority. There is still a lot of unknowns regarding funding, but plans have been put into place. The electoral boundaries will be published in late autumn, the areas and who will be covering them are still unknown. A joint committee has been put in place. There will be no overlap due to no district or county. A major concern of the parish councils is what will happen to the planning committees. 600 senior places within the county and district are to go.

07.03.04 Matters Arising:
Cost of the sewage and water rates for future camping events
The parish council had discussed the costs of sewer and water costs currently being covered by the village hall during caravanning events and decided that they would contribute £2 per night per caravan, due to this it was decided that the cost to the caravan clubs would be inflated to cover costs. It was also discussed how often the clubs should be invited each year, the councillors agreed maximum of twice per year.

Village event
The council discussed having a village event, it was agreed that they would monitor the budget and review in 6 months.

07.03.05 Financial Statement
Presented.

07.03.06 Correspondence
Letter from the chairman of Corscombe, Halstock & District Parish Council
Arts Reach Grant – Councillor Smith to forward to clerk, benefits and facts should be presented to the council for the next meeting.

07.03.07 Date of the next meeting
Monday 14th May (APM & AGM), 7.00pm at Melbury Osmond Village Hall

To exclude the press and public:

ACTION COLUMN

Clerk to investigate more caravanning clubs.

Clerk to put on back on the agenda in 6 months.

Clerk to approach Arts Reach and ask for relevant information.

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07.03.08 Preparation for the public meeting

Councillor Swallow gave a preview of the presentation for Friday 16th, all villagers have been invited.

To invite the press and public to re-join the meeting.

Meeting finished at 21.35.