

# MELBURY OSMOND PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

**Venue:** Reading Room

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Time:** 19:30

**Present:**

**Council:** Jon Burden (Chair), Anna Roxburgh, James Evans, Martin Smith, Michael Kowalewski, Pete Coverdale, Lindsay Reeve (Clerk)

**WDDC** Mary Penfold, Cllr from Frome Valley Ward, Matt Hall WDDC Cllr

**Public:** 4 members of the public were present

### 1. Open Meeting:

John Senior commented on certain parts of the village looking untidy specifically the overgrown track down The Meads, the overgrown style on the playing field and the tree blocking the footpath across the stream near Pig Lane. JB agreed to write to Ben Jones to see if the style and tree was their responsibility or WDDC Footpaths. JS also commented on the playground seesaw and fort still being broken and AR said they were in the process of being repaired but it might need better equipment i.e. a digger to finish the job.

Ros Senior requested more notice when the next village 'Clean-Up' happened to give more residents a chance to participate.

JS stated the Fete & Flower Show had been a great success this year.

### 2. Apologies:

Charles Swallow, PC Alex Bishop.

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Matters Arising

The Chairman presented Barbara Waine from the Village Hall committee with the council's promised donation cheque of £250 and she thanked the council.

The Chairman confirmed that the annual insurance premium had been reduced by £328

### 5. Tennis Club Trees

The formal quote of £1140 plus Vat was discussed for the tree work. JB felt it would be disproportionate for the PC to pay for the work with so few residents members of the Tennis Club. JE said he felt also there were other priorities. RS on behalf of the Tennis Club said they did not have the funds and were paying themselves for the new root barrier but needed to establish with the Tree Officer that this would have no adverse effect on the trees.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Tree Officer to ask about this and that the Tennis Club would write formally to the Estate and the PC to see if they would be willing to contribute.

### 6. Highways

JE stated he was waiting for Highways to confirm the extension of the double white lines at Drive End. He stated that he Cllr Hall and Cllr Penfold had walked the lane to inspect the damaged surface. Cllr Hall said it was he felt the worst road in his entire area but that it was not down for repair in this or next financial years

list of jobs. He felt some damage could be caused by drain damage and that there were funds available for this. Cllr Hall said he would make it a priority to try and get Highways to look at this but Highway finances were severely reduced and criteria for repairs very strict. He said it was possible to report issues on the Dorset for You website which would help.

JE Asked if the Estate could be contacted re cleaning the passing points along Holt Lane before winter. JB agreed to write to Ben Jones.

The damaged Melbury Osmond sign at the entrance to the village was discussed and Cllr Penfold confirmed WDDC would not pay for a new one, PC said it was not possible to repair and the Clerk quoted the cost of a new one to the council. PC proposed a replacement be bought at £172 plus VAT and MK seconded this.

**7. Audit** – was signed off.

**8. Policy Documents** – the council confirmed they approved the documents on the new website.

### **10. Any Other Business**

PC and AR confirmed that new swings were being purchased at £350 which was approved by the PC

AR confirmed she would look into the costs of a digger to speed up the repairs at the playground

AR commented on dog fouling in the main street.

JE said he had asked for items to go on the main agenda and they had been moved to AOB so could not be discussed. JB stated that the two relevant items for discussion (finances and Council expenditure) would go on the November meeting's agenda.

**Next meeting** - Monday November 14th in the Reading Room at 7.30pm