

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Annual General Meeting Monday 14th May 2018, 7.30pm at The Reading Room, Melbury Osmond

Agenda

Present – Councillor Kowalewski, Councillor Swallow, Councillor Caesley, Councillor Roxburgh, Councillor Wells, Councillor Smith, District and County Councillor Penfold, Jodie Carter (Clerk), 8 members of public.

14.05.01 Welcome – A welcome was given to all attendees.

14.05.02 Apologies – Councillor Coverdale.

14.05.03 Election of Officers – Councillor Kowalewski stepped down as chair. Chairman – Councillor Kowalewski, proposed by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Wells. No nominations for vice chair.

14.05.04 Any Other Business – None.

14.05.05 Date of the next meeting – **Monday 13th May 2019.**

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14.05.01 Apologies
Councillor Coverdale.

14.05.02 To approve the draft minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday 7th March 2018
Approved and signed.

14.05.03 Open Meeting

Two stiles that belong to Ilchester Estate are in need of repairing or replacing, one has been missing for five months now, councillor Caesley to forward the images to the clerk and she will contact Ben Jones regarding this.

For a few weeks now, driving into Yetminster there was a lot of rubbish, this has now been cleared and we feel a letter of thanks must go to Yetminster council for arranging this.

A resident raised a personal issue they have with a landlord regarding road surfaces and vermin issues, the clerk is to investigate if this is a highways issue and report back to the councillors before writing a letter to the landlord.

ACTION COLUMN

Councillor Caesley
to send photos to
clerk.

Clerk to email
Yetminster Council.

Clerk to speak to
Highways.

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District and County report

At the moment there are two unitary authorities, Christchurch are very unhappy. There will be a shadow council and boundary reviews. This will all come into effect from April 2019 but until then it will be business as usual. A survey has been sent around regarding Dorchester market as there has been a decrease in income. The shire hall is now open to the public. The District Council have now got a ban on helium balloons and Chinese lanterns. It is currently mental health week, this is to raise awareness for mental health issues which can include stress. There has been an increase in fly tipping that needs addressing.

14.05.04 Matters Arising:

To discuss the lease for the reading room and recreation ground – the leases have now been located, a letter will be drafted for the Estate. The parish council have been allowing the Post Office to use the reading room for a small contribution towards costs, but it states in the contract this cannot be done. The letter must explain that the Post Office is a crucial and vital necessity to Melbury Osmond residents.

To discuss hiring a maintenance service for devolved services – the clerk will find 3 quotes and the discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

14.05.05 Finance

To approve the 2017/18 accounts – it was agreed that the parish council will speak to the societies about donation towards the running cost of the website at the APM. The accounts were approved, proposed by councillor Caesley, seconded by councillor Smith.

To note the financial statement and approve the payments totalling £393.74

Noted and approved.

To consider the grant application for Arts Reach

It was decided that because it was not in this year's budget, the council were unable to provide a donation this financial year.

14.05.06 Planning applications

WD/D/18/000463 MAGPIES, BRAKES HILL, MELBURY OSMOND, DORCHESTER, DT2 0NA – No objections.

14.05.07 Correspondence

Noted.

14.05.08 Date of the next meeting.

Monday 6th August 2018.

ACTION COLUMN

Councillor Wells to draft a letter.

Clerk to enquire about 3 maintenance quotes.