

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting on Monday 11th March 2019, 7.30pm at the Reading Room

ACTION COLUMN

Present – Councillor Smith, Councillor Roxburgh, Councillor Caesley, Councillor Coverdale, Councillor Wells, Jodie Carter (clerk), District and County Councillor Penfold, 3 members of public.

11.03.01 To accept apologies
No apologies.

11.03.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2019
Approved and signed.

11.03.03 Open Meeting

Following the Open Meeting the Public will be encouraged to remain but shall not take part in subsequent discussions unless expressly requested by the Chairman.

There has been no response regarding the defibrillator classes so I will be going ahead by myself. The stile over the brook has been broken for over a year, is this the Estates or Footpath officer's job? Clerk to email Barbara Waine and discuss. Area around the salt bins need clearing – to be done on the village clean. The concrete road by the Mellings – the gate is breaking – to be mentioned to the Estate. It was noted by a resident that in their opinion the tractor drivers have been remarkably slower of late. Pete Coverdale would like to thank Bob Blandamer for his help with putting up the bollard.

District and County report – we are currently bringing county and district together, business is as usual. They are trying to liaise with parishes and keep in touch via newsletters. Got to look at the pressures on the budget.

11.03.05 Matters to be discussed:

- **To discuss the traffic situation throughout Melbury**

An official application was put in to Dorset Highways for a 20mph speed limit from the A37 to Brakes hill, this was declined as we do not rank high enough for a reduction. A letter is to be written to Sir Oliver Letwin requesting his help and advice in this matter.

- **To discuss the application for the Higher Holt Farm to Fuzzy Ground footpath**

Councillor Caesley gave a briefing on the topic, it has been proposed that the parish council continue to support the application, proposed by councillor Caesley, seconded by councillor Wells.

- **Nomination packs**

The Clerk confirmed that Parish Councillor election packs were now available. Councillor Roxburgh confirmed that she did not wish to stand again but is happy to carry on with neighbourhood watch. Information to be put on the website.

- **To discuss a date for the village clean**

It was agreed the village clean will be **4th May, 10am meeting @ village hall.**

- **To select a sub-committee to review the standing orders**

It was agreed that councillor Smith, councillor Coverdale and the clerk will review the standing orders and send a draft out to all Councillors before the next parish council meeting.

Clerk to email
Barbara.

Clerk to write to
Oliver Letwin.

Clerk to put info on
the website.

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- **To discuss management of Reading Room** It was agreed that the clerk will take external bookings from now on and Barbara Waine will open the door for these when requested bookings. It was noted that regular users of the Reading Room, such as village committees generally had keys.
- **Clerks hours**

It was agreed that the clerk will provide her overall hours at every meeting for the previous month. In order to give a record for discussion when reviewing the Clerk's hours in future.

11.03.06 Financial Statement

- To note the financial statement

Noted.

- Arts Reach support

It was agreed to give a one-off donation of £50, agreed by all.

- Village Hall Donation

It was ~~also~~ agreed to give the village hall a donation of £450 as budgeted.

- Neighbourhood Watch Notice Board

Councillor Roxburgh has requested that we purchase a 'neighbourhood watch sign' for £28, proposed by councillor Wells, seconded by councillor Smith.

11.03.07 Correspondence

Noted.

11.03.08 To clarify decisions made during the meeting

- To donate £450 to the village hall.
- To give a one-off donation to Art Reach of £50.
- To purchase a 'Neighbourhood Watch sign' for £28.
- That the clerk will take external booking for the reading room.
- The standing orders be reviewed by the next meeting.
- The village clean will be on 4th May.
- The parish council continue to support the Higher Holt Farm to Fuzzy Ground application.
- A letter to go to Oliver Letwin regarding the speed reduction.

11.03.09 Date of the next meeting

AGM – Tuesday 7th May 2019

APM – Monday 10th June 2019