

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting on Tuesday 15th January 2019, 7.30pm at the Reading Room

Present – Councillor Smith, Councillor Roxburgh, Councillor Caesley, Councillor Wells, Councillor Coverdale, District and County Councillor Penfold, Jodie Carter (Clerk), 6 members of the public.

15.01.01 Apologies

None.

15.01.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2018
Approved and signed.

15.01.03 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.

The playground looks amazing, but I am ashamed to live in a village with barricades of dustbins and cones that people have put on their drives, it is very unwelcoming, why so unfriendly? The septic tank is about 12-15 feet back from the road. There are also bollards placed half way up the hill – letter to be written to the Estate. I don't like putting up a barrier, but we have been nearly knocked down by drivers, they need to slow down, we need to try and slow this down. Possibly slow signs? Clerk to contact Paul Thatcher in respect to this. The defibrillator was used just before Christmas, another training session would be useful. The village hall insurance will also cover the defibrillator. The tarmac going into the village hall is wearing away quite badly, would the parish council consider helping? Also, thank you for clearing the drains.

Councillor Penfold – there has been no reports on potholes within the village. A newsletter has been released from the new council.

15.01.05 Matters to be discussed:

Play Area -

The quote has come in from the work done, higher than expected, from now on we are to ask for fixed quotes only. Also, to tell A&R Services that they have done a good job. An email was sent to the Estate to ask if they would be happy with a metal frame instead of the wooden, they have said no as the wood is innkeeping with the village.

Bollard repair -

1 bollard needs repairing, Councillor Coverdale is to do this.

Neighbourhood Watch notice board –

Councillor Coverdale and Councillor Smith will put the notice board in the village hall next Tuesday (22nd January).

Report from traffic meeting -

Councillor Smith has not yet made comments on the report, once done so these will be approved and published on the website.

Bank Account –

Councillor Smith is still waiting for confirmation that his signature has been accepted. Once this has been done, we will put the clerk down as a signatory. Internet banking is

ACTION COLUMN

Clerk to contact Paul Thatcher regarding slow signs.

clerk to write a letter to A&R Services.

Clerk to meet with councillor Smith regarding the traffic meeting.

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available for parish councils, it was agreed by all councillors that the clerk investigate this. Councillor Smith has also given the clerk the cheque books.

Clarification on voting via email –

It was agreed that if matters had been agreed at the previous meeting, the mechanisms of this can be agreed or discussed further via email and that a response will be needed from all members of the council.

15.01.06 Councillor vacancy

15.01.07 Financial Statement

- To discuss and agree the 2019/20 precept

It was agreed by all councillors to raise the precept to £6500, proposed by councillor Smith, seconded by councillor Caesley.

- To note the financial statement

Noted.

15.01.08 Correspondence

Noted.

15.01.09 To clarify decisions made during the meeting

- To raise the precept to £6500
- That the mechanisms for paying items agreed at the previous meeting can be discussed via email
- Councillor Coverdale and Smith to install the neighbourhood watch board
- The agreed traffic meeting notes be published on the website
- Councillor Coverdale to repair the bollard
- To pay A&R invoice but ask for fixed quotes from now on.
- Contact Paul Thatcher regarding slow signs

15.01.10 Date of the next meeting

11th March 2019, 7.30pm @ the Reading Room

Clerk to investigate internet banking.

Clerk to put in precept request.