

Melbury Osmond Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting on Monday 8th July 2019, 7.30pm at the Reading Room

Present – Councillors, Smith, Wells, Caesley and Coverdale. Jodie Carter (Clerk), 7 members of public, Dorset Council Councillor Penfold.

08.07.01 To accept apologies
None.

08.07.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019
Approved and signed.

08.07.03 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.

Defibrillator – there is a reserve fund for this, another course would be appreciated. Clerk to investigate sessions, possibly an evening or Saturday morning in October. This must be broadly advertised, in the chimes, website, notices.

The cones outside Meads Cottage are very close to the roadway and are a distraction, there is also overgrown verges which makes visibility poor. As this is an Estate owned house a letter to be sent to Ben Jones.

Tractor movements seem to have been more considerate lately.

Dorset Council Councillor Penfold – a few meetings have been held; we are looking at work plans for each committee. There is currently no information regarding devolution, this is being looked into and I will keep you informed.

08.07.04 Matters to be discussed:

- To discuss the traffic situation throughout Melbury (all)

A meeting was held with Michael Potter from Dorset Council, he informed us that it could be possible to have a community funded scheme, however the process would be the same as if the council were applying. The total cost for implementing a 20mph speed limit in Melbury Osmond could be in the region of £7000-£10,000, with no guarantee it would be accepted and approved. If this was to go ahead, the amount would have to be funded by the precept, which would mean it would have to be doubled for two years. Cllr Wells to write to Oliver Letwin with an update.

- VE Day Anniversary May 2020 (RC/PW)

This was raised at the parish meeting. the parish council are looking for feedback from the residents and societies. The tennis club thinks there should be something, film, food, drinks? It was agreed that Cllr Caesley and members from the other societies would form a steering group, they will bring ideas to the next meeting which will include a final date for the event. All councillors agreed to initially donate £100 to the event.

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- Reading Room Roof (RC)

Cllr Caesley and the clerk met with Bob Stenhouse, he had agreed that the repairs would be done within two weeks, this has not happened. Clerk to chase them.

- Meads to the Street footpath (RC)

Cllr Caesley has been trying to chase the footpaths officer. The Estate were approached, and they do own the land but not the path. A letter is to be sent to the residents to politely ask them to cut back the hedges.

- Entrance drive to the Rec and Village Hall (RC)

(Cllr Caesley declared and interest)

The entrance to the village hall needs some work as the surface is deteriorating. They have approached the PC to ask them to contribute 50% towards the total cost. The parish council have agreed that they will need to see some quotes before they can agree to this.

- To receive an update on the play area (JC)

Clerk still to meet with A&R Services. Rubber surfacing is being investigated by Cllr Coverdale, clerk to email the Estate to inform them that the surface may be changing.

- Co-opted Members - Requirement and suggested roles (Discussion) (PW)

This was raised at the parish meeting; we need to formally agree who has what responsibilities. To be brought to the next meeting.

08.07.05 Financial Statement

- To discuss the clerk's pay scale

The scales have changed with NALC, Cllr Wells proposed that the clerk's new scale be LC1, point 5 as of 1st April 2019, seconded by Cllr Coverdale.

- To approve the 2018/19 annual accounts

Approved, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Wells.

- To approve the 2018/19 governance statement

Approved, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Coverdale.

08.07.06 Correspondence

Noted.

08.07.07 To clarify decisions made during the meeting

* Clerk to arrange for another defibrillator training session

* Agreed to donate £100 towards VE day anniversary.

* Cllr Wells to contact Oliver Letwin

* Clerk to email Bob Stenhouse

* Cllr Wells to write to residents regarding hedges (PMN Cllr Caesley met with DCC Footpaths Ranger who would write to residents.

* Clerk to meet with A&R Services asap.

08.07.08 Date of the next meeting

Clerk: Miss Jodie Carter

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Monday 9th September 2019, 7.30pm @ the Reading Room.

Dates of following meetings –

Monday 11th November (Precept meeting)

Monday 13th January (2020)

Monday 9th March (2020)