Minutes for the meeting on Monday 13th January 2020,

7.30pm at the Reading Room

Present – Cllr Wells, Cllr Smith, Cllr Coverdale, Jodie Carter (Clerk), 6 members of public

13.01.01 To accept apologies

Cllr Caesley, Dorset Cllr Penfold.

13.01.02 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th November 2019

Approved and signed by the chairman with two amendments (A resident had mentioned the broadband and the clerk was to investigate planning).

13.01.03 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.**

A resident raised an issue regarding the well head, which is believed to be on land owned by the Estate. Work is being carried out by the Estate which has resulted in a Porta loo being placed on the well head and is blocking access. Could the council please contact the estate and ask the contractors to move the porta loo to a more suitable place? **The council agreed to contact the Estate regarding this.**

A resident noted that theyhad upgraded their internet service and are now with PlusNet and have a speed of over 30 download speed.

A resident confirmed that they had sent a letter to the clerk on Thursday last, questioning why the precept was raised in 2019/20 which included £900 for election costs and they were interested to know what this money has been spent on.

Cllr Wells stated that the precept did include £900 in readiness for the 2019 elections but that this was subsequently not required as the number of candidates precluded an election. It was confirmed that any allocated money will remain in the budget for that use in the future. It was noted that the letter had further queries, and these could not be discussed at this meeting as the agenda had already been set. **However, the clerk will respond in time that the resident could raise any further queries in time for the next meeting.**

For reference the Chairman confirmed that the precept for 2020/21 had now been set which included for community projects and inflation.

A further query was raised about the entrance to the Rec and whether the Parish Council was dealing with this? The Chairman informed the meeting that the driveway into the Rec is in the village hall lease and it will need to be discussed between the PC, the village hall and the Estate to agree how to proceed with this.

A resident, representing the Village Hall, had received a letter from Mr Adderley, on behalf of the Estate regarding the entrance to the Rec and a meeting has been set for 2.30pm on Monday 17th February. Cllr Smith to attend on behalf of the PC.

VE DAY – Although currently there were a limited number of ideas it was confirmed that it was intended that the village hall would be available, and residents would be encouraged to bring food to share with no associated cost. The Chairman confirmed that limited funds had already been allocated to help with initial expenses.

The Chairman noted that Richard Paley was in attendance at the meeting and had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council as a Councillor.

It was noted that the website is not up to date, and it was recognised that this needs to be addressed.

In conclusion of the Open Meeting it was noted that if items need to be added to the March agenda they need to be with the clerk before the 25th February.

13.01.04 Matters to be discussed:

* To receive an update on VE Day Anniversary May 2020

Still welcoming ideas from residents.

* Village hall entrance repairs update (PW)

A meeting will be held with the Estate and Cllr Smith in February to discuss future plans.

* Update on the collapse of retaining wall at Barton Hill (JC)

The Estate have been contacted twice, no response. This is the Estates responsibility. **Clerk to try and call Oliver Adderley.**

* To receive an update on the broadband speed throughout the village (RC/JC)

Cllr Caesley was not in attendance for this review. However, Cllr Smith commented that there are several types of broadband and if there is a problem in the first instance to contact the provider.

13.01.05 Finance

* To note the financial statement.

Noted.

* To discuss the clerks working days

The clerk has decided to allocate certain days to specific parishes with Melbury Osmond being a Tuesday. This will mean that generally minutes, agendas, paperwork and correspondence will be dealt with on this day. All councillors in attendance confirmed they were happy with this.

* To receive the clerk’s monthly hours (Oct-Dec)

Noted.

13.01.06 Correspondence

* Information Request from Mr James Evans
* Small Councils Committee election
* DAPTC E-Newsletter - No. 19 November 2019 - Version 2
* DAPTC E-Newsletter No. 20 - December 2019
* AMENDED Minutes from DAPTC WA meeting held on 21 November 2019 - correct dates for 2020
* Dorset council Parish engagement event 3rd February 2020
* Possible training available on 'Negotiating a better outcome in Planning’

13.01.07 To clarify decisions made during the meeting

Highlighted in bold.

13.01.08 Date of the next meeting

**Monday 9th March 2020 at the Reading Room**

Meeting finished @ 20.40