

Melverley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 8.00pm at Melverley Village Hall

1. Members of the Public Address the Parish Council.

No members of the public were present.

2. Present

Mr. B.C. Edwards (BCE, Chairman), Mrs S. Herbert-Jones (SJH), Mr. M Davies (MD), Mr. S. Clarke (SC), Miss C.A. Jones (CAJ), Dr. A.J. Bater (AJB, Clerk), Councillor Matt Lee (ML), Mr. C. Iremonger (Oswestry Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team, CI)

3. Apologies – None received

4. Declarations of Interest

None were declared. The members present initialled statements in accordance with code of conduct.

5. To Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

6. Actions and Matters Arising

- Actions: AJB provided an update on actions agreed at last meeting
- Matters arising
 - Roads and transport. There was much discussion about the poor state of many of the village roads, with several having deteriorated significantly in recent months. SJH had gathered photographic evidence of some of the worst, and AJB agreed to collect more. There meeting decided that further representation to the highways should be made department including this evidence.
 - Litter picking. SHJ the reported the success of the event held over the Easter Bank Holiday.
 - Replacement of stiles with kissing gate between Bontain and Melverley. SC informed the meeting that the ownership of the land whereupon the stiles in question are situated was uncertain. This was established after some discussion and SC is to communicate this to the relevant council department for action.

7. Finance

- Bank Account Changes: AJB reported that this was still ongoing. BCE and MD needed to complete personal identification forms and have them certified by Barclays Bank. These are needed to accompany the application form.
- AJB presented the annual statement of account which was duly signed off.
- Receipts: Precept £1200.00
- Payments: None

8. Planning

PLANNING REFERENCE: 17/05472/FUL: The meeting noted that this planning application had received full approval.

9. Reports

- Police
 - CI provided a detailed report of policing initiatives in this area. He also reported on several incidents which had occurred in or near Melverley.
 - A Melverley property was broken into, but the householder disturbed the perpetrators who ran off.
 - An empty property was broken into, but nothing appears to have been taken.
 - A property for rent had a rear window broken.
 - A field gate was stolen after the padlock was snapped off.

- A motorcycle rider came off his machine due to mud on a country lane.
- An aircraft made a forced landing in a field after a bird strike. Both engines needed replacement.
- Several reports had been made of vehicles behaving suspiciously. All registration numbers supplied were traced back to the travelling community.
- Shropshire Council
 - ML reported on council initiatives. Two items were significant.
 - Road repairs. ML agreed that the state of rural roads was a significant issue. He reported that Shropshire County Council had been given several million pounds specifically to address the pothole problem. He asked that all the evidence gathered on the damage to roads in Meverley be forwarded to him so that he could pass it on to the most appropriate person. AJB to do this.
 - Rural Broadband. ML reported on the success of Shropshire County Council's initiatives in neighbouring communities although he did accept that this had not helped Meverley so far. He noted that many residents now had satisfactory internet access through the scheme launched by SWS Broadband but accepted that this was not a solution for everyone.
- Local Joint Council
 - ML reported that this body had not met for some time although it was technically still in existence

10. Parish Matters

- Following on from comments by ML about neighbouring parishes who had installed defibrillators, the meeting determined that this should be investigated for Meverley also. SJH agreed to take this forward.

11. Correspondence

- No correspondence of note has been received since the last meeting

12. Any Other Business

- None raised

13. Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday, 4th July 2018, 8PM

Signed

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