

MINUTES of the Full Council of Melksham Without Parish Council held on Monday 20th October 2014 at Crown Chambers, Melksham at 12.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Richard Wood (Chair); Cllrs. John Glover (Vice-Chair), Gregory Coombes, Paul Carter, Steve Petty, Pat Nicol, Ian Tait, Cllr Terry Chivers

Apologies: Cllr. Alan Baines, Rolf Brindle, Jan Chivers, Mike Sankey, Mike Mills.

Welcome & Housekeeping: Cllr Wood stated that a fire drill was not planned and the escape route would be down the main staircase.

250/14 **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

251/14 **Play Areas Working Party:**

Cllr Wood proposed creating a working party to discuss and organise either repairs or replacement of play equipment at Shaw Play Area. He asked if the Shaw and Whitley Councillors: Cllrs. J. Chivers, Tait, Coombes and Wiltshire Cllr T. Chivers, to be on this working party. Cllr Nicol also volunteered to sit on the working party. Cllr Coombes suggested involving members of the public. The council could ask for volunteers via Shaw Village Website and Facebook in order to co-op 2 residents onto the working party.

Resolved: 1. The Council set up working parties for all of its play areas when needed.
2. The Councillors on each working party co-op 2 volunteers from each community area to sit on the relevant working party.

252/14 **Delegated Powers:**

The Clerk reported that Standing Order 37 ruled that any working party could make a recommendation only with regard to any money that may need to be spent, it would be unable to have delegated powers to spend money. A discussion took place with regard to extending delegated powers to cover all play areas for non-emergency issues that could have a financial implication, as with the delegated powers for Bowerhill Sports Field.

Resolved: The Full Council give delegated powers for working parties to seek estimates, but not quotes or put out to tender.

253/14 **Highways:**

a) Community Days: The Clerk reported that Stuart Renfrew had reported that Parish Councils were only asking for smaller jobs to be carried out within the Parish rather than larger ones that required the use of the Unimog, and therefore Community Days may disappear in the New Year.

Jobs identified within the Parish were:

i) Ditch Clearance in Shaw and Whitley was a priority.

ii) Continued clearance of the Redstocks footway.

iii) Pavements in Holebrook Vale. After installation of fibre optic cables some years ago there is now an issue of subsidence and the state of the pavements here was very poor.

iv) The ditch outside the front of Shaw School, which extends from the school car park to the front of the church, has a pipe running along it that is full of mud. This needs to be cleaned out to allow the flow of water.

v) In the entrance to Berryfield Park there are leaves blocking the drains that need to be cleared.

b) Concrete Bus Shelter at Semington Road: The Clerk had received a request from a resident asking for this bus shelter to be removed. The Council considered this but felt that it should be adding to its portfolio not removing bus shelters.

Resolved: 1. The Council check whether the roof substance of this bus shelter is made of asbestos. 2. This bus shelter is added to the repair or renewal list and goes out for quote with other maintenance jobs.

c) 1 Tonne Salt Scheme: The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council were running a 1 tonne salt scheme whereby parishes could keep a tonne of salt in their communities for use in bad weather. The Clerk had queried this quantity and as a larger parish Melksham Without would be able to claim additional supplies.

Resolved: 1. Cllr T Chivers offered to speak to Shaw Primary School about holding salt in their carpark. 2. Grit bins to be put into the budget for next year.

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Consultations:

The Council noted that they could respond on an individual basis to the following consultations:

- a) Wiltshire Police Consultation on the use of Community remedies to tackle low-level offenders.
- b) Wiltshire Council Consultation on proposed changes to education Transport for post 16 students, grammar school pupils and the “continuity transport” policy.
- c) Network Rail – Great Western Route Modernisation – electrification programme: Invite to view plans and give feedback. Tuesday 21st October 2014, 12.00pm – 6.00pm at County Hall.

Meeting closed at 12.33 pm

Chairman, 8th December 2014