

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council meeting on 22nd March 2018.

Present: Bryn Walker (BW), Dawn Channon (DC), Bruce Tremayne (BT), Terry Pollard (TP), Lynn Roberts (LR), Christine Herbert (CH), Jack Pearson (JP), Samantha Hatwell (SH)-clerk.

B Honour, D Han and C Harris.

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declaration of Interests:** None.
3. **Public Comments/Notices:** None raised.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting 22nd February 2018.**
The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman, Bryn Walker.
5. **Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 22nd February 2018.**
 - a) Allotments –on the advice of Bruce Honour. It was decided not to get the hedge cut but reports by the neighbouring farmer of the hedge trapping large amount of litter would be investigated and remedied.
 - b) Water supply – The PC had previously looked at getting a quote from Thames Water in June of 2010 but the decision was made not to continue with the quote. Herewith comments from the meeting held on the 24th June 2010;
‘Jack Frost attended the meeting and gave out a written statement about the water supply being made available to the allotment tenants. The trees and weed have been removed and the hole has been dredged with hand tools, Jack explained that the water hole and the rain fed tanks are easily accessible for all the tenants and the need for a new tap water supply could be cancelled. It was agreed by the members to hold back on the new supply quotation from Thames Water for a year.’
6. **Finance:**
Payments for approval; clerk – salary and expenses, OALC -membership £135.06, OPFA – membership £42.00, OGBN – membership £15.00, Wickstead – new swing seat £109.80, OCC – hire of the Percy Collet room £67.50. Payments were approved and cheques were signed. SH raised the issue of attending a financial course that is being organised by OALC at a cost of £80.00 +vat. Members agreed that the clerk should attend. SH to book a place and raise an invoice.
7. **Burial Grounds**
OLD: - The gate is now working ok and the cemetery is looking beautiful with the spring flowers.
NEW: It was noted that the bee orchids will soon be in full bloom.
8. **Playing field/ground:** A new baby swing seat needs to be purchased. LR to check on funds in the Playing field community account.
9. **Planning:**
Mr M Stuart – 4 Mill Close, - Single storey side extension to bungalow. - *No objections*
Mr E Tezel – Ivy Dene, High Street, - Extend existing conservatory by 1.7m – *No objections*
10. **May Elections** – SH handed out nomination forms to the present councillors and two members of the village.
11. **Items for further discussion:** As we have not yet received communication from Claire Mitchell – Conservation Officer as to when the proposed meeting would be taking place. It was agreed for SH to contact her for confirmation.

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting will take place on the 26th April 2018 in the Percy Collet room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm

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Chairman