

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council meeting 11th July 2019

Present: Bryn Walker – chairman, Samantha Hatwell – clerk.

Councillors – Lynne Roberts, Dawn Channon, Colin Thompson, Terry Pollard.

1.Apologises: Cllr Jack Pearson

No attendance: Cllr Donna Han.

5 members of the public and Lucy Katz.

2.Declaration of Interest: None raised.

3.Public Comments/notices:

4.Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 23rd May 2019.

The minutes were approved by the council members and signed by the chairman.

5.Matters arising from the meeting held on 23rd May 2019.

All matters were included on the agenda.

6.Visit from Lucy Katz, Good Neighbourhood scheme. Lucy is a member of the scheme from Merton and raised the positive points on setting one up in our village. She suggested that a steering group be set up, to see if there is a demand for it. Lucy will email the clerk with the advert that has been compiled which will be put up on the website and the Otmoor Review, (before the deadline of 15th July for the OR). She also suggested a letterbox drop for those who do not receive the OR or has access to the website.

7.Playingfield/ground: It was reported that the new swing seats have been fitted.

8.OXCAM – Cllr Pollard reported on the ongoing discussions and also said that BBOWT had just announced a press release on the proposed road that will have a negative effect on the wildlife. This will be put up on the website. Cllr Pollard suggested that to endorse our objections to the expressway that we write a letter to our local MP.

9.School –

a) Hazard signs – The clerk has still not received any communications from the Highways team, despite numerous emails.

b) Percy Collett room – Cllr Thompson reported that the meeting had taken place but no figure has yet been given for the usage of the room. It was agreed to invite the new headmaster to attend the October meeting to discuss further. The clerk will action.

The clerk had received communication from Mrs Herbert regarding setting up a community hall committee with a representative from the school, church and PC, she is happy to continue with being the treasurer.

10.Finance

a) Payments for approval – (i) Clerk remuneration for July and expenses, Longmoors – service/repairs to mower.

ii) Financial regulations – To be discussed further.

b) Payments already paid/approved – Viking direct – office supplies, M R Cross – grass cutting, clerk – remuneration for June, Hags-Smp Ltd – swing seats.

11.Burial grounds – New Price increase – Research still ongoing. **Old** – Cllr Pollard had walked round to check on any loose headstones, and found them to be all safe.

12.Planning – 6 Ray View – single storey extension and The Old George & Dragon – electric point – Both these plans had not yet been passed back to the clerk, although the Cllr's present stated that no objections had been raised.

13.Allotments – Cllr Pearson was not present so could not report on the other parish council's provision on water supply. It was decided that the clerk will contact the previous contractors to see if their quotes are still valid with a view to having the water hole cleared and fenced.



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14. 'Magic envelope' – The clerk had read an article that suggested that parish councils should have an envelope which will hold all passwords/codes in case of the clerk having a long-term illness/death. All Cllr's thought this was a good idea. It was suggested that the chairman will hold the envelope with a review at every Annual Parish Council meeting on who holds the envelope.

Cllr Dan Sames arrived at 20.45pm.

15. Environment/climate change – Cllr Pollard proposed that we reduce the cutting of verges to help save wildlife, but it was noted that the Parish Council had been undertaking this for a number of years, he will do more research into the validity. Cllr Pollard also would like this heading on every agenda from now on. Cllr D Sames has a liaison meeting with the MOD three times a year and is happy to raise our concerns with them

16. Items for further discussion:

A suggestion to purchase a gift for Mr P Barlow to thank him for carrying out our internal audit was agreed. The clerk will look into a suitable present.

It was noted that the lower branches of the oak trees on Mill Lane had been removed.

The chairman of the council asked Cllr D Sames why we don't get notifications of local road closures that have a knock-on effect to our village, the chairman had looked on the website to find any notifications but could not find them. Cllr Sames will look into the matter and in future will send us any future road closures.

Cllr Thompson left the meeting at 21.02pm.

The chairman also asked who was responsible for the poor condition of Panshill? Cllr Sames said that it is Buckingham County Council.

The clerk asked if Cllr Sames could look into the reason why we have not had any response from the Highways team in regard to the solar hazard signs. Cllr Sames he would look into it. He also suggested that we contact Denis Price from Islip PC with regard to the 'Community Speed Watch' and he will also look at getting rumble strips on the entrances to the village to help reduce the speed of vehicles, especially pass the school.

There being no further discussion, the meeting closed at 21.22pm. The next meeting will take place on the 5th September 2019 in the Percy Collett room at 7.30pm.



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Cllr Bryn Walker – chairman.