

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 7th November 2019.

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

Cllrs: Jack Pearson, Lynn Roberts, Dawn Channon, Colin Thompson, Terry Pollard.

Public: 2 members, Mr Griffin, and Mrs Herbert.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Cllr Pollard – Oxcam and Chairman Walker – Pavilion/playing field.
3. **Public comments/notices:** It was reported that the car park ground has been aggravated due to the bad weather and building work that has been carried out on houses at the back of Ray View. It was suggested that a contribution be made by the workforce to have the ground put right. This will be discussed further under item 10.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 3rd October 2019.**
The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting held, which were then signed by the chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on the 3rd October 2019.**
 - a) New parish website - Cllr Channon reported that the member was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but suggested that she would attend next month's meeting.
 - b) Kidlington & District Community Forum – It was agreed to put the information leaflets in The Crown and the church.
6. **School –** Percy Collett room Mr Griffin, the headteacher of Charlton On Otmoor school was in attendance. Cllr Thompson stated our position on the Parish Council using the room for meetings and that we shouldn't be charged under Local Government act 1972, section 134(1)-(3). Mr Griffin asked if we could provide a copy of the legislation so that he could show the schools' finance committee. The clerk will action.
7. **Community hall committee –** Mrs Herbert stated that the committee needs six members, she recommends that one should be a Parish Councillor. All other parties who have an interest in the hall she will contact, asking them to nominate a member. Mrs Herbert is happy to continue as the treasurer.
8. **Good Neighbourhood scheme –** It was agreed to contact Islip Medical Practice to confirm that we are interested and to send further information.
9. **OXCAM –** Cllr Pollard reported that the proposed six routes have been suspended due to the General Election and Oxfordshire County Council have opposed the road. We are still awaiting Cherwell District Councils decision.
10. **Playing field/ground –** Further discussions were made regarding the state of the car park and what action needs to be taken. It was decided to write a letter to the householders concerned. The clerk will draft a letter for approval.

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11. Finance –

- a) Payments for approval – The clerk, remuneration for November, M R Cross, grass cutting £210.00 for October.
- b) Payments already paid – M R Cross, grass cutting for September £210.00, Kallkwik – hosting of website £90.00, Cherwell District Council, dog bin emptying £360.36.
- c) Budget – The clerk brought this to the attention of the councillors.

12. Burial grounds: Old: – Cllr Pollard reported that it had been brought to his attention from a householder whose house borders the cemetery that a crack has appeared and is looking unstable. Cllr Pollard will investigate.

New:- Chairman Walker reported that the hedge will be trimmed this year.

13. Planning – a) Grit bins – Discussions were made on whether we should purchase two or three for the village. It was decided not to purchase at this time.

14. Allotments-Cllr's Pearson, Channon and the clerk had started a working party to look into supplying water to the allotments. We have measured the route from the water main to the entry point in the allotments. The clerk has looked under Thames Water's approved suppliers for quotes to lay the pipe work and sent letters to three of them. Cllr Channon will contact CDC Community Infrastructure Capital and Cllr Dan Sames for possible grants to go towards the cost.

15. Environment/climate – Cllr Thompson had attended a meeting who included members from the MOD and RSPB. It was reported that it had been a good year for the birds, lapwing, redshank and curlew have had their best breeding year. Unfortunately, the Fen violet has not done well due to the dry conditions in past summers.

16. Unrecorded Rights of Way – Cllr Pollard will take up this matter.

17. Items for further discussion – Chairman Walker stated that he will put together dates for next year's meeting which will be agreed at the next meeting which will have to be changed due to the General Election taking place because the Percy Collett room will be used for polling. The clerk had checked with the school and confirmed that we are able to move the meeting to the 11th December.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th December in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall to commence at 7.30pm.



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Chairman – Bryn Walker