

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd September 2020 at 7.30pm online via Zoom as permitted in the *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime {panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations") due to the COVID19 coronavirus crisis.*

Present: Bryn Walker – chairman, Councillor; Colin Thompson, Lynn Roberts, Jack Pearson, Terry Pollard. Samantha Hatwell – clerk. 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Hudson and Channon.
2. **Requests for dispensations, declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality.** – None received.
3. **Public Comments/Notices** – Members of the public were concerned about the bridge on Otmoor and microlights that have been flying around the village.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 16th July 2020 via Zoom previously circulated.**
The council RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true record and would be signed by the chairman at his home and passed back to the clerk for publication.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on the 16th July 2020** – All matters were covered by items on the agenda.
6. **Playground/field** – Chairman Walker had chased up Wickstead for the price of the two swing seats. They will look into getting a price to us as soon as possible.
Microlights; have been seen and heard in the village, no requests have been made to use the playing field as a take-off and landing site, no sightings had been noted on the playing field. It was thought that the adjoining field was being used. Cllr Pearson will look into the law and regulations and report back at the next meeting.
7. **Burial Grounds** – Old cemetery wall – It was reported that the damage to the wall has not deteriorated any further. Cllr Pollard will monitor and report back on any changes.
8. **Tree safety** – Chairman Walker suggest we get a catalogue of all the trees in the village that are on Parish Council land. Cllr Pollard to action. The clerk will confirm when the oak trees on the corner of Mill Lane were planted and for what reason.
9. **Finance** – a) Payments already paid – S Hatwell – pay for August and M J & J S Cross-grass cutting £420.00.
b) Payments for approval – S Hatwell – pay for September to include the latest NALC increase in hourly rate.
10. **Allotments** – It was noted that the water connection is imminent. The spring fed well will be made safe by installing steel access pipes to include a cover. The clerk will obtain quotes.
11. **The Crown PH** – Charlton on Otmoor – The previous Asset of Community Value had expired. Chairman Walker will consult with the landlords on reregistering.
12. **Bridge – Otmoor Lane** – Oxfordshire County Council had been carrying out safety checks on the bridge and confirmed the following: *"The bridleway rights are currently unaffected by the damaged bridge and proposed measures. OCC are working with affected parties to limit the impact of this issue and safety measures which have been imposed"*.
13. **Items for further discussion** – Cllr Pollard is still interested in creating a wood in the village.
14. **Date of the next meeting** – 15th October 2020 in the main hall of the Community Hall with social distancing and safety measures or online via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Bryn Walker – Chairman.