

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 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 COVID 19 coronavirus crisis.

Present: Bryn Walker - chairman, Councillors: Colin Thompson, Dawn Channon, John Hudson Jack Pearson, Terry Pollard. Samantha Hatwell - clerk, Mrs Bustin - clerk to Fencott & Murcott PC and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Roberts.
2. **Requests for dispensations, declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality.** None received.
3. **Public Comments/Notices** - Mrs Bustin reported that the County Council contemplated putting a bridge over the current one, but it was deemed as expensive as having a new one built. The County Council will inspect the foundations once the floods had receded to see how it was originally built. The landowners are happy with the current situation. The bollards will stay in place for the next 18 months. The PC thanked Mrs Bustin for the update and she left the meeting.
 The member present objected to the Parish Council's time spent on two issues that were raised by members of the village on the use of a paramotor (previously thought to be a microlight) and the proposed re-registering of the pub to an Asset of Community Value.
 The PC had reported on these issues as they had been brought to the PC by a number of villagers who were concerned about them.
 Councillor Dan Sames joined the meeting at 19.40pm. He spoke about his involvement in Otmoor Bridge, having liaised with the clerk from Fencott & Murcott PC.
 We raised the issue of the recent floods at Oddington that had prevented access to the road leading to Islip and beyond. Floods had also been reported at the bottom of New Pond Lane, Mill Corner (sewage) and the village of Murcott. Cllr Sames said that he would look into it again, as this hadn't been resolved from last year and would report back.
 Cllr Sames had walked round the village to check on pot holes and noted that some of them had not been filled in, also the layby and parking outside the school. Cllr Sames left the meeting at 19.53pm.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 3rd September 2020.** The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true record and would be signed by the chairman at this home and passed back to the clerk for publication.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 3rd September 2020** - All matters were covered by items on the agenda.
6. **Otmoor Bridge** - See above - Public Comments/notices.
7. **Playground/field** - We had received a price for the two replacement swing seats from Wicksteed of £347.20 ex vat. It was **RESOLVED** by the council to accept the price and place an order. The clerk to action.
 It was noted that no paramotors (microlights) had been using the playing field as a take-off and landing site.
8. **Burial Grounds:** Cllr Pollard will check on the cemetery wall and liaise with Cllr Channon.
9. **Tree Safety** - The oak trees on the corner of Mill Lane were planted in 2000 to celebrate the millennium. Cllr Pollard will catalogue the trees on PC land. Currently Cherwell District Council reported 'that they do not maintain any trees in the village'. Mr Osenton suggested we contact Oxfordshire County Council. Mr Lederer (Oxfordshire County Council) contacted the clerk to map the trees in the village and pass them to him so that he could determine whether the trees are the responsibility of OCC. Cllr Pearson will contact him for further information.
10. **Finance** - a) **Payments already paid** - M R & J S Cross £420.00 grass cutting, Cherwell District Council - £360.36 dog bin emptying, S Hatwell - £312.00 home allowance.
 b) **Payments for approval** - S Hatwell - pay for Sept/October, (not including pay increment). Wicksteed (swing seats) and Drainage Superstore (access chamber/cover)
 It was **RESOLVED** by the Council to approve the payments.

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11. **Allotments** - It was reported that the water connection has been completed by Thames Water.
- a) Spring Fed Well - The clerk had obtained three quotes for the access chamber. It was RESOLVED by the council to go ahead with the supplier who had the suitable size chamber at a cost of £159.40 and cover £17.50 (ex.vat) and delivery charge.
 - b) Allotment tenancy agreement - Cllrs Channon and Pearson had now measured the plots and will liaise to create a new agreement and bring to the council for approval.
12. **Planning** - Mr & Mrs Tucker - 20/02579/LB. Woodbine Cottage - Removal of existing external canopy, construction of porch to front elevation. It was RESOLVED that *No Objections* be reported to Cherwell District Council from the PC. Clerk to action.
- The chairman reported that another planning application had been received (see below) after the publication of the agenda and suggested the councillors look at the plans on line as we no longer receive paper copies of plans
- Mr G Kelly - 20/02577/F. Village Farm, The Broadway - Relocation of field entrance and reinstitution and extension of private farm track to allow access to farmyard from relocated entrance. We have until the 05/11/20 to submit our comments.
- Village Wood - Cllr Pollard reported that not much interest was shown in creating a wood so he decided that the idea would be dropped.
13. **The Crown PH** - After much discussion it was decided that Chairman Walker and Cllr Pearson would arrange to meet the current landlords to discuss their plans on the re-opening of the pub. Cllr Channon (and in the absence of Cllr Roberts) wanted to minute that they are displeased with this outcome, that the PC should be making the pub an ACV in the light of it not re-opening and made into a dwelling.
- Cllr David Hughes joined the meeting at 20.20pm. The PC reported to him of us now having water at the allotments and raised the issue again of the flooding. The PC asked him for advice on tree safety and he will get details of the current arborist and pass them onto the clerk. Cllr Channon raised the issue of a Remembrance service which normally takes place at the old cemetery. Cllr Hughes suggested she contact the Democratic Services at Cherwell to see how they can help with possible social distancing services. Cllr Hughes is still the chairing meetings at Cherwell and reported that a full council meeting (via Zoom) will take place next week, details on all meetings are on their website.
14. **Items for further discussion**; Cllr Hallchurch had contacted the PC about possible sites for Blue Plaques.
- Hand sanitiser - Supply to the Percy Collet room of the Community Hall.
15. **Date of next meeting**: The date of the next meeting is 12th November in the main hall of the Community Hall with social distancing and safety measures or online via Zoom. It was RESOLVED to have the meeting on line via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.47pm.



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Bryn Walker - Chairman.