

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2020 at 7.30pm online via Zoom as permitted in

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; Lynne Roberts, John Hudson, Dawn Channon, Colin Thompson, Terry Pollard, Jack Pearson. Samantha Hatwell - clerk.
1 member of the village.

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Requests for dispensation, declaration of interest, gifts and hospitality.** None given.
3. **Public Session/Notices** - None raised.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting 15th October 2020.** 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 15th October 2020.**
 - a) Blue plaques - Cllr Pollard was still looking into whether any should be installed in the village.
 - b) Hand sanitiser for the Percy Collett room - It was **Resolved** not to purchase any extra as the school have their own provider.
6. **Policies for adoption (previously circulated)** a) Freedom of Information Scheme - the PC **Resolved** to accept this policy. b) Dispensations procedure guide and request form - Modifications were required - clerk and chairman to discuss.
7. **Playground/field** - Chairman Walker had circulated the ROSPA report on the playground equipment. Councillor Thompson would like a breakdown of any work that would need to be carried out. Clerk to action.
Cllr Pearson joined the meeting at 19.42
8. **Burial Grounds** - It was noted that the hedge in the new cemetery had been cut, a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr John Honour. Cllr Pollard suggested we put a general letter of thanks in the next issue of the Otmoor Review for all the volunteer work that is carried out in the village. Chairman to action.
Cllr Pollard had looked at the old cemetery wall and concluded that repairs will be needed. Cllr Pollard and the clerk will liaise to get some quotes.
9. **Tree safety** - Cllr Pollard had compiled a list of all the trees in the village that are the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr Pearson will contact Andy Lederer to get a survey done.
10. **Finance:** Payments already paid - Wicksteed - swing seats £416.64
Payments for approval - M J & J S Cross - grass cutting £210.00, Kalkwik hosting of website £96.00, SLCC membership £78.00, S Hatwell - pay for November. It was resolved to approve the payments.
Councillor's allowance - to be discussed further.



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11. **Allotments** - a) New agreement - Cllr's Pearson and Channon to arrange a zoom meeting to discuss further. b) Water hole - Cllr Hudson had erected a 'danger of deep water' sign. He expects works for the chamber and lid to be carried out in December. Cllr Pollard noted that a few of the allotments are looking unkept. Cllr Channon will see which tenants are not following their obligations.
12. **Planning** - a) Mr G Kelly - 20/02577/F - The parish council have objected to this application. b) Working group against the Great Wolf Resorts appeal - An email had been received from the chair of Weston On The Green PC asking for our support in objecting to Great Wolf's appeal for the plans at Chesterton golf club. It was resolved to write with our support, Cllr Pollard to draft a letter. c) The Crown PH - The chairman and Cllr Roberts had spoken with the landlords of the pub and were happy with their response. The landlords were looking to open in the New Year, but the PC would have liked it to be open over the festive period, subject to Covid19 restrictions permitting and the landlords being able to accommodate the risks involved. Regarding registering as an ACV, the PC can action this in the future if found to be necessary.
13. **Items for further discussion:** 1- Cllr Thompson will report on the Otmoor Group's activity. 2 - Councillors Allowance.
14. **Date of next meeting** - 3rd December 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.14pm.



Bryn Walker - Chairman.

Date: 3rd December 2020