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Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2021 at 7.30 virtually as permitted in the

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: Chairman Walker, Cllr's: John Hudson, Dawn Channon, Lynn Roberts, Terry Pollard, Colin Thompson and Jack Pearson.
S Hatwell - Clerk.
Cllr David Hughes, Cllr Dan Sames and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** None
 2. **Request for dispensations, declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality -** None.
 3. **Public Comments/Notices:** A member of the village raised the issue of dogs fouling the footways, owners of dogs using the playing field to exercise them and the dog bins sometimes overflowing with dog waste. Cllr Walker stated that this matter is frequently being reported to the Parish Council. The PC had brought three dog bins for the village and delivered dog bags to each household to encourage dog owners to pick up dog mess. We had also purchased a new sign for the playing field asking people not to exercise their dogs. Cllr Pearson offered to find the report that stated how many times the dog bins are emptied and how much it would cost to purchase dog poo bag dispensers and a new sign for the playing field. Clerk to action.
Cllr Dan Sames joined the meeting at 19.34.
 4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 3rd December 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 held on 3rd December 2020.**
 - a) **Dates for meetings 2021 -** The dates were approved and will published on the website and notice boards.
 - b) **Water leak - Fencott Road -** Cllr Channon reported that Thames Water had been out to look at the problem but the water is still continuing to pour out onto the pavement. It was noted that a blue TW mark had been made on the ground. Cllr Hudson said that Thames Water were coming out again to resolve it.
- Cllr Walker raised the issue again to Cllr Sames of the flooding on Oddington Crossing and the two bungalows at New Pond Lane.
Cllr Sames stated that blocked gulley's can be reported at 'Fix My Street'. He asked that we include him in any communications so that he can monitor it and agreed to chase the flooding problem up if it is not being resolved to our satisfaction.
Cllr Sames responded to our letter that was sent to him and Mr Harrison at OCC regarding the new H5 bus route to the JR hospital, possibly diverting to this village and Oddington.
He reported that it was highly unlikely that Stagecoach would offer this service owing to the state of the road and their schedule would not allow for it, but he would speak to Mr Harrison for his views.

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Cllr Roberts didn't think it was necessary for the bus to come every hour and was concerned that not enough people would use it.

Cllr Sames asked if the grass verge that runs alongside the old cemetery wall was any better since it had been cleared of leaves. Cllr Channon reported that it was not. It was agreed that a new solid surface needs to be put down. Cllr Channon will look into getting another grant from the Councillor Priority fund.

Cllr Sames left the meeting at 20.13 to attend another meeting.

6. **Burial Grounds.** The clerk reported that she had sent the specification to 5 applicants requesting a quote for the work to the walls in the Old cemetery. As of today's date, no quotes had been received.

The clerk reported that the bench in the new burial ground is in a very poor state. Cllr's Walker and Hudson said they would look to see how we can restore it to its former glory.

7. **Finance:** a) **Payments already paid** - Playsafety Ltd £103.20, SLCC - £197.30, Kallkwik -£292.50.

b) **Payments for approval** - S Hatwell - Pay for January.

8. **Allotments.** Cllr's Pearson and Channon had looked at the plots and suggested that we raise the rent by £10 for this year, with any potential increase next year, in-line with charges from Thames Water.

9. **Planning** - 20/01517/F - Appeal APP/C3105/W/20/3260583 -Manor Farm Cottage, Church Lane - Erection of a 1-bedroom studio and conversion of exiting outbuilding. The parish council has not received any correspondence as yet.

10. **Items for further discussion** - Cllr Hudson would like to reinstate the 'Village Spring' clean that was cancelled last year, this was agreed by all councillors. A letter will be compiled to all residents to also include a reminder about the dog fouling, for approval at the next meeting.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 18th February 2021 - virtually.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45pm.



Bryn Walker - Chairman.

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