

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 18th February 2021 at 7.30pm virtually 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: Chairman Walker, Cllr's Hudson, Roberts, Channon, Thompson, Pollard
S Hatwell - clerk.

Two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Pearson - (unable to join via zoom).
2. **Requests for dispensations, declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality -** None.
3. **Public comments/notices -** Mr Craig spoke about his planning application to have a replacement uPVC window to the top floor of his property. He is aware that his house is in the conservation area of the village and is a listed building. He said that the current window is made of wood and is difficult to maintain because of its location. He confirmed that he has not heard as yet from CDC on whether he has had his application permitted. Chairman Walker thanked him for attending. Mr Craig left the meeting.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 14th January 2021.** 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 14th January 2021.** A) H5 bus route - The Parish Council had received a response from Oxfordshire County Council stating that there are no plans for the bus to divert through and stop in our village and Oddington at this time but it would be kept under review. B) Flooding at Oddington Crossing - Cllr Thompson had compiled a letter that had been previously circulated. It was approved and will be sent to the neighbouring parish councils of Merton, Fencott & Murcott, Ambrosden and parish meeting of Oddington who are all affected by the road closure when it is flooded. Clerk to action after the March meeting. C) **Village Spring clean** - The letter had been compiled and previously circulated. It was approved but the Parish Council decided to keep on hold until easing of Covid19 restrictions had been lifted. It was reported that members of the village had been picking litter up which Chairman Walker would like noted and our thanks go to them.
6. **Burial Grounds OLD:** a) **Quotes to repair old cemetery wall** - As Cllr Pollard had not yet managed to join the meeting, the clerk reported that she had not received any quotes. b) **proposed ground works alongside the cemetery wall** - Cllr Channon had taken some pictures and suggested that a footpath be put down. Reservations were made about it making the road narrow for farm machinery. It was decided that Cllr Channon and Hudson would meet and take measurements to see if it was possible and report back. It was also suggested that the pavement from the end of Fencott Road be extended to the Charlton On Otmoor sign to make it safer for walkers. This would also be put in the application to the Councillor Priority fund. C) **Bench** - Chairman Walker reported that part of the bench would need to be replaced. Cllr Hudson said he has oil ready for when the repair was made and when the weather is dryer.

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7. **Playground/field** - Grass cutting - The clerk reported that an email had been received from Mr & Mrs Cross. They are suggesting a price increase from £175.00 per cut to £185.00 for the following season. The clerk will check that our current contract had ended as we had a two year agreement with them, before we go ahead and accept. New quotes will be sent out to contractors in November. *Cllr Pollard joined the meeting.*
8. **Finance** - a) Payments already paid - Mr R Lambert - £921.00 maintenance of new cemetery. b) Payment for approval: S Hatwell - pay for February. The payment was approved. The cheque book will be circulated for signatures for a cheque to be signed.
9. **Allotments - Letter and agreement** - The letter and agreement had been previously been circulated. It was RESOLVED by the Parish Council to accept. The clerk will post out to current tenants.
10. **Planning** - a) 21/00250/F - 1 The Tchure - New bay window added to side elevation - As the PC do not receive any drawings, the chairman suggested the councillors go on line to view them. b) **Dog bins** - As Cllr Pearson was unable to join, we were unable to find out from CDC the break down of charges/times for emptying the bins. Cllr Hudson suggested that we purchase a bigger bin than we currently have, so that it doesn't become full too quickly. Clerk will look at our previous purchases to find out the size and whether a bigger one is available and the cost. The clerk read out the prices for dog poo bag dispensers. It was agreed that we will wait until we find out the other costs before we look into supplying these. As this issue is an ongoing problem with no improvements in the prevention of dog mess being left on walk ways even though the Parish Council are giving the village the resources, Chairman Walker suggested some posters be made to put up around the village, requesting that dog owners pick up the dog mess and dispense of it responsibly.
11. **Items for further discussion:** Cllr Roberts asked when the leftover branches would be removed from the new cemetery. Cllr Hudson reported that he would be sorting it out as soon as the weather was dryer for it to be burned.
12. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish which will be held on the 18th March 2021 at 7.00pm, followed by a Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm. Both meetings will be via Zoom unless Covid 19 restrictions allow us to meet in person, in which case the meeting will be in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.28.



Chairman.

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