

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 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 Bryn Walker, Councillors; Channon, Hudson, Pearson, Pollard, Roberts and Thompson. Clerk - Samantha Hatwell.

1. **Apologies - None.**
2. **Request for dispensations, declarations of interests, gifts and hospitality. - None given.**
3. **Public session - No members of the public were present.**
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 18th February 2021:** The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true record. The minutes will be passed to the chairman for signature at his home and passed back to the clerk for publication.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 18th February 2021.**
 - a) **Spring clean letter -** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 regulations it was decided to cancel the proposed spring clean.
6. **Burial grounds:- Old:**
 - a) **Quote to repair the cemetery wall -** Only one quote was received from the four that were sent. Cllr Pearson said he would speak to a member of his family about the cemetery wall tomorrow to see if he was able to quote. It was **RESOLVED** by the Council that if a second quote could not be received then the original quote will be accepted.

Councillor Dan Sames joined the meeting at 19.40pm.

B) Proposed ground works alongside the cemetery wall - Cllr Channon asked Cllr Sames for his view on the suggested footpath and would the funding from the Councillor Priority Fund pay for the works? Cllr Sames said he would speak to the Highways team to see if the proposal for a footpath was feasible.

Councillor Dan Sames reported back regarding the flooding at the Burge/Oddington Crossing. He stated that the ditches were the responsibility of the adjoining land owners which were contributing to the flooding by being full of debris from the hedgerows and fields. Cllr Sames said that one of the options to help alleviate the flooding was to increase the sides of the verges. Cllr Sames is aware that the road becomes un-passable and this is a big issue for Charlton On Otmoor, which has a knock on effect to neighbouring villages. Cllr Pollard asked if it was possible to meet with him on site along with a representative from the Highways team to discuss further.

Cllr Sames left the meeting at 20.01pm.

7. **Playground/field - Sign for playing field.** Cllr Hudson confirmed that there are a number of temporary no dogs' signs in situ. After much discussion it was agreed that Cllr's Pollard and Hudson will meet at the playing field to see where the signs would be best placed before we purchase anymore.

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Cllr Roberts left the meeting at 20.13pm.

8. **Finance:-** a) No payments had already been paid. B) Payments for approval:-
Kalkwik - renewal of website domain name £26.40, and back up service £72.00,
S Hatwell-pay for March, OPFA membership £42.00 and OALC membership £146.16.
Payments were approved, clerk will arrange for the cheques to be signed.
9. **Allotments** - Cllr Hudson confirmed that the spring fed well will be dug out in the near future to allow for the access chamber to be installed.
10. **Planning - a) Dog bins** - The dog bins that the PC have installed already in the village are 35L. The supplier has two bigger sizes, 50L at a cost of £286.28inc vat, and the 60L is £301.75inc vat. Further discussions were had to decide if we purchase another one and where to put it. As a decision could not be made it will be discussed and decided at the next meeting.
11. **Environment/climate - Flooding at Oddington Crossing.** As agreed at the previous meeting, the clerk will now send out the letter requesting support from the neighbouring villages to get the flooding issue fixed.
Cllr Pollard was pleased to announce that the OXCAM express way has been officially cancelled.
12. **Adoption of policy and procedure - Retention of documents.** It was RESOLVED by the parish council to adopt the said document that had been previously circulated.
13. **Items for further discussion:-** None.
14. **Date of the next meeting** - 22nd April 2021 via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.32pm.



Date: 22nd April 2021

Bryn Walker - Chairman.