

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council

2nd September 2021.

Present: Bryn Walker - chairman, Cllrs; John Hudson, Dawn Channon, Terry Pollard, Jack Pearson, Colin Thompson. Samantha Hatwell - clerk.

2 members of the village & Mrs Wykes.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Lynne Roberts.

2. **Request for dispensations, declarations of interests, gifts and hospitality.** None.

3. **Public session.** One member of the village complained about the parking on pavements in the village, especially in the Broadway. It was agreed by all councillors that it is a problem, although as a Parish Council we can only advise as it is a police matter. Chairman Walker stated that a letter had been sent to all households of the village requesting drivers not to park on the pavements.

4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 22nd July 2021** - The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as true record of the meeting, they were then signed by the chairman.

5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on the 22nd July 2021** - None.

6. **Burial Grounds - OLD:** Cllr Pollard reported that repairs to the cemetery wall were under way and should be completed next week.

Cllr Channon reported that as of today's date she had not heard from Cllr Callum Miller regarding the proposed path alongside the cemetery wall.

7. **Playground/field** - Mrs Wykes reported on the current state of the proposed playground upgrade. Three bids of the same brief are needed for the grant application, one of the bids hasn't been received yet and is being chased up. Once all the bids are in then the grant can be applied for from Viridor. A village consultation will be arranged, 15% of the village community need to vote on the preferred design. Viridor will choose the lowest quote, they have applied for £50,000 of which the group need 10%, currently £6500 has been raised but they would like to raise a further £3500 so that the grant of £60,000 could be achieved. The closing date is 31st October 2021. Mrs Wykes would like to sit with the PC to go through the grant application process.

8. **Finance** - a) **Payments already paid** - M R & J S Cross, grass cutting £444.00, S Hatwell pay for August. b) **Payments for approval** - S Hatwell - pay for September and home allowance. Payments requested since the agenda had been approved - Playsafety £103.20, M R & J S Cross - grass cutting £444.00. All payments were approved and cheques were signed.

9. **Allotments:** Chamber and riser - Cllr Hudson stated that he would be looking at installing on Wednesday 8th.

It was noted that some of the allotments have not been attended too and an increasing number of weeds have been left to re-seed causing extra work for the tenants who have been attending theirs. Cllr Channon had looked at the said allotments and it was agreed to send a letter to them. Clerk to action.

10. **Planning** - Mr G Kelly - Village Farm, Church Lane - relocation of field entrance and reinstitution and extension of private farm track to allow access to farmyard from relocated entrance - Resubmission of 20/02577/F. *As of today's date, no decision has been received from CDC.*

c) **Dog bins, fouling and poster** - It was agreed that a poster in the village to deter dog walkers from leaving dog waste on the ground should be put up. Clerk to re-circulate what had already been proposed for approval.

d) **Parking on pavements** - A letter had been sent to all residents of the village. It was also suggested we contact our Community Police Officer. Chairman to action.

e) **Trees on Mill Corner** - It was brought to the Council's attention that some of the branches need lopping. Cllr Hudson said he is happy to help the chairman.

B. J. Hudson

28-10-2021.

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f) **Cherwell District Council Planning Policy Consultation- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).** Cllr Thompson had read through the paper and noted that there are a few developments in the surrounding area, but nothing to note in our direct location. Chairman suggested we look into creating a Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk will ask other Parish's and OALC for assistance.

g) **Symmetry Park - North Oxford, Junction 9.** The application had been received from the developer - A proposal of 54000 sq ft of warehouse buildings. - It was agreed by the Parish Council to oppose the application. Chairman will draft a reply.

11. **Environment/climate change.** A) **Flooding at Oddington Crossing** - Cllr Thompson was heartened to see that we had received a reply from the communities officer Alice Pitt-Pitts reported that the County Council has a number of drainage assets at this location in the form of kerb inlet gullies and drainage 'grips' cut in the verge all draining into road-side ditches. She will ask on of her officers to investigate to confirm the condition of those assets. B) **Thames Water - road closure at Oddington.** The Parish Council had sent a letter stating our dissatisfaction of not being notified of the works. Cllr Thompson suggested we send a copy to Cllr Callum Miller.

Oxford Conservation Group will be meeting next month, Cllr Thompson reported that he had received a survey on rare moths on the MOD land. Sad news that Turtle doves were not seen on Otmoor this year. There are now three species of white Heron which have been colonising. Also, a baby has Crane been born for the first time in 6 years.

12. **Items for further discussion.**

The Clerk had previously circulated a letter from HSBC regarding the charges that they are going to implement on our account. The clerk had explored other banks and found that NatWest have a Community Account that does not charge for any transactions. All members agreed for this to be discussed further at the next meeting.

13. **Date of next meeting - 28th October 2021.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30pm. The next meeting will be held in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm



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28th Oct 2021

Bryn Walker - Chairman.