

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council held on 9th December 2021

Present: Byn Walker - chairman. Cllrs - Channon, Thompson, Pearson, Pollard, Roberts
S Hatwell - clerk.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Hudson.
2. **Requests for dispensations, declarations of interest's gifts and hospitality-** None given.
3. **Public session** - None in attendance.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 28th October 2021** - The Council RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, they were then signed by the chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 28th October 2021.**
 - a) Queens Platinum Jubilee - Cllr Roberts & Channon reported that a provisional date of 4th June 2022 is set for celebrations that will be held on the playing field, with everyone invited to bring their own picnic in the day, then a pig roast and music for the evening which will be a ticketed event.
 - b) Member's allowance - It was RESOVLED by the Council not to accept or make any claims.
6. **Burial Grounds - New** - NTR. **Old** - Cllr Pearson noted that he has been removing ivy that is penetrating and climbing over the cemetery walls, potentially causing future damage. It was agreed that Cllr Pearson will speak to the home owners of the houses that surround the cemetery to remove any ivy on their sides.
7. **Playground/field** - Recent fundraising has meant that funds for new equipment have been reached. It was agreed to invite the Playground group to the January meeting for a further up date of proposals.
8. **Finance** -
 - a) **New bank account** - It was RESOLVED by the Council to set up a new business account with the NatWest.
 - b) **Draft budget** - After much discussion it was agreed to increase the precept from £9,300 to £10,800. Clerk to action with Cherwell District Council.
 - c) **Payments already paid** - SHatwell - pay for November 2021. Cherwell District Council - dog bin emptying £180.43. Mr L Cooper - repair of sign - £25.00.
 - d) **Payments for approval** - S Hatwell - pay for December 2021 - Payment was approved and a cheque was signed.
9. **Allotments** - Chamber and riser - Cllr Hudson was not present to report.
Cllr Channon reported that we still have two plots available. Clerk to put advertisement in the Otmoor Review and on the website.
- 10 **Planning** -
 - a) **Application 21/03179/F - Barn Cottage, High Street** - Creation of new kitchen and family room -removal of existing mezzanine bedrooms and conversion of garage. *Application has been permitted.*

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- b) **21/03896/TCA - Village Farm, The Broadway** - Fell and remove; 1 holly, 1 maple & 1 sycamore trees. Comments need to be in by 14th December 2021. It was agreed by the Council to look at the application further before making a decision.
- a) **Trees on Mill Lane** - Cllr Walker to lop off some of the lower branches.
- b) **Cherwell District Council Planning Policy Consultation - Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**. The deadline for comments has now passed and the PC had no comments to make.
- c) **The Crown Pub** - Cllr Roberts reported that the pub should have an ACV put on it as she has received comments from the residents of the village that the pub is not supporting the community. After much discussion it was agreed that the PC will write a letter to the landlord. Cllr Thompson will draft for approval.
- 11 Adoption of: Procedures for complaints and Procedures for Dispensations** - It was RESOLVED by the council to adopt the policies.
- 12. Environment/climate change** - Nothing to report.
- 13. Electricity supply** - Cllr Thompson had drafted a letter to SSE complaining about the recent power cuts to the village which he passed around. It was agreed by the councillors to read and make any comments before sending to SSE.
Cllrs Pearson & Thompson left the meeting at 9.00pm.
- 14. Good neighbourhood scheme/Emergency planning** - After further discussions it was agreed to contact Sally McQuillan again. The emergency planning is already in place.
- 15. Items for further discussion** - Parking restrictions/Double yellow lines outside the school.
- 16. Date of next meeting** - 6th January 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next meeting will be on the 6th January 2022 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.

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Bryn Walker - chairman.