

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 24th March 2022

Present: Chairman – Bryn Walker, Cllrs: Lynne Roberts, Terry Pollard, Jack Pearson, Colin Thompson, and Dawn Channon. Clerk – Samantha Hatwell.
OCC-Cllr Callum Miller, CDC-Cllr David Hughes and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr John Hudson.
2. **Requests for dispensations, declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality** – None given.
3. **Public Session** – None requested
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 10th February 2022** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on the 10th February 2022.**
 - a) **Parking restrictions around the school** – Our concerns had been passed to Cllr Miller who had made enquiries about this with the parking enforcement offices at OCC. They advised that they can only enforce parking if markings were present. If the PC wishes to explore this, they would be a cost to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order and to painting of the markings. Cllr Miller will pass the details to Cllr Pearson. Cllr Channon also raised the issue of the re-surfacing of the road opposite the school which we had previously discussed with OCC. Cllr Miller said he would contact OCC highways team.
Cllr Pollard left the meeting at 7.50pm
 - b) **Dog bin** – It was agreed to have the spare bin placed near the first telegraph pole down Mansmoor Lane. Clerk to instruct Mr Lambert to carry out the necessary works.
 - c) **Cars parked on verge between Islip and Kidlington** – Cllr Miller reported that he had been working with Islip PC to look into the car sales by the A34 on the road to Islip from Kidlington. The police came to inspect but said that there were no grounds for them to act. OCC highways confirmed that the cars are parked on the designated highway. However, they do not have powers to act with car selling. The next step would be to contact Trading Standards.
6. **Burial Grounds:** The clerk had written to CDC regarding to a letter we had received from a resident regarding lopping off some branches from a sycamore tree that are overhanging their drive, as of today's date we had not received a reply to our request as to whether it has a TPO on it. Clerk to chase up.
Cllr Pearson raised his frustration at not hearing from the arborist at OCC. Cllr Miller had followed up with the arborist and has now re-established contact with him and Cllr Pearson. The software that OCC intend to use to record trees is due to be installed in June and he is still be keen for our PC to be a pilot for the recording of trees in the village.
7. **NALC consultation letter** – The NALC has a committee specifically dedicated to smaller local (parish and town) councils. They are interested in any issues we have that they could address that are specific to us that they can help with. The closing date is 30/4/22.

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8. **Playing field/ground:-** Grass Cutting – Only one quote had been received for the grass cutting season of 2022/23. The contract will go to M R & J S Cross. Clerk to instruct them to proceed.

Cllr Pearson left the meeting at 8.20pm.

9. **Finance:**

- a) **Payments already paid:-** OALC - membership £150.00.
 b) **Payments for approval:** S Hatwell – pay for March 2022, Kallkwik – website service £60.00, OPFA membership - £45.00, OGBN membership - £15.00, CDC – brown bin for the Green - £36.00.

The payments were approved and cheques were signed.

- c) **Queens Jubilee –** Cllr Roberts reported that she has applied for a grant of up to £400.00 towards the celebrations from CDC. It was RESOLVED by the PC to provide a shortfall of up to £500.00.

Cllrs Hughes and Thompson left the meeting at 8.50pm

10. **Planning: -**

- a) The Crown Pub – A meeting has yet to be arranged.
 b) H5 bus stop – As reported, the service is now up and running.
 c) Otmoor Lane Bridge - Access to Otmoor Lane will not be possible between 04/04/22 and 14/04/22 due to the bridge being replaced.

11. **Environment/climate change.** Spring clean/litter pick – The clerk reported that the school are encouraging the children to collect 50 bags of rubbish over the Easter break. We had received bags, gloves, litter pickers and high viz jackets from CDC. It was agreed to give the school the bags and any leftover will be used by the PC to do another litter pick in the Autumn.

12. **Allotments: -** We have three allotments available at the moment, we hope to receive more payments from existing tenants.

13. **SSEN –** Cllr Thompson had compiled a letter and a response had been received which was shown to the members present.

14. **Items for further discussion:**

Cllr Miller reported that the County Council is committed to supporting any Ukrainian refugees who seek sanctuary in the county. They are currently trying to get clearer guidance from the government on how their Homes for Ukraine scheme is intended to work. There are a number of considerations in supporting any refugee fleeing conflict to ensure they and their family get the support and public services they need.

Cllr Miller also reported that if we would like to get the 20pmh limit in the village he will give us his support.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm. The next meeting will be held in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall on 19th May which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm.

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Date:

19th May 2022

Chairman