

# Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Present:** Bryn Walker, Lynne Roberts, Dawn Channon, Terry Pollard, Jack Pearson, Colin Thompson.  
**Clerk -** S Hatwell. CDC Cllr Gemma Coton and one member of the public.

1. **Election of a chairman** - Cllr Pollard nominated Bryn Walker, second by Colin Thompson. Bryn Walker signed his declaration of acceptance of office as chairman.
2. **Signing Acceptance of Office for all elected representatives.** All present nominated councillors signed the acceptance of office. It was **RESOLVED** by the council to allow Cllr John Hudson to sign his acceptance at the next meeting.
3. **To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllr Hudson.
4. **Requests for dispensations, declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality** - None.
5. **Public Session** - Newly elected Cherwell District Councillor Gemma Coton thanked everyone who turned out to vote at the recent elections. She apologised that the other nominated CDC Councillor Angus Patrick was not present as he was at another parish council meeting. Cllr Coton is on the committee of personnel and planning; Cllr Angus is on the budgeting and licensing committees.
6. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm.** The minutes were changed under the heading of 'Present' to add the prefix of OCC before Cllr Callum Miller and CDC before Cllr David Hughes. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.
7. **Matters arising from the meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**
  - a) **To discuss and approve the Parish Council application to the Highway Authority (OCC) "20's Plenty for Oxfordshire Campaign"** for implementation of a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph throughout the village. The Council considered the suggestion and **RESOLVED** to agree to submit an application for the 20's plenty project which would apply to the OCC adopted roads in the village. Cllr Callum Miller agreed to support the application.
  - b) **Queens Jubilee** - Cllr Roberts and Cllr Channon stated that there has been good support for the celebrations which will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.
8. **Finance:**
  - a) **Payments already paid** - M J & S Cross - grass cutting £240.00, S Hatwell - pay for April.
  - b) **Payments for approval** - S Hatwell - pay for May. Payment was approved and a cheque was signed. The increment will be included in next month's salary.
  - c) **Insurance** - After a discussion on which Long Term Agreement we should take, it was **RESOLVED** by the council to accept the 5-year LTA at premium of £729.90. Clerk to inform Zurich Municipal.
9. **Planning:** a)-22/01154/F Mr G Kelly - Village Farm, The Broadway- Demolition of sheds and other garden structures; erection of new barn dwelling with garaging, bin store and associated landscaping. - Comments to be received by CDC 25/05/22.  
c) 22/01104/F - The Crown Inn, High Street - Change of use of outbuilding store to C1 one-bedroom guest accommodation, replacement slate tile roof (incorporating the reuse of the existing slate tiles where suitable) The council had no objections.
10. **Burial grounds: Old** - The clerk confirmed that she has still not received any communication from CDC regarding the status of the sycamore tree in the old cemetery. Cllr Coton said she would look into it.

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11. **Playing field/ground:** Discussions were had regarding the keeping of the slide in the new proposed play equipment development. It was agreed to invite the Playing Field group to come to the next meeting to discuss the ongoing plans.  
*OCC Cllr Callum Miller arrived.*
12. **Environmental/climate change - EV charging points:** The Parish raised our concerns that the current infrastructure would not cope with villagers installing EV charging points.  
Cllr Thompson reported that the Otmoor Conservation Group met for the first time in three years and stated that curlews have managed to fledge nine yearlings in 2021, also cranes have fledged. Two cranes were seen flying over the school.  
He also reported that the MOD have had four intrusions on the site when firing was taking place. It was suggested that a notice be placed on Otmoor bridge, giving the government website which states when the MOD would be firing. Although most of the villagers are aware of the firing, it was noted that visitors from outside the area may not. It has been noted in the past that the red flag is not always raised and the beacon can be hard to see in bright light.
13. **SSE resilient communities fund and resources -** Ideas were discussed, but no decision was made about how the PC could use the fund at present.
14. **Items for further discussion:**
  - a) Cllr Roberts said the newly placed dog waste bin in Mansmoor Lane is being used for general rubbish. A notice needs to be put up requesting people to take their rubbish home with them.
  - b) Cllr Roberts reported that the WI would like to plant a tree in the village in celebration of the Queens jubilee. A suitable place to be agreed.
  - c) Cllr Channon reported that as not all of the allotments had been taken up that we should look into making them more presentable.
  - d) Cllr Channon reported that some of the branches of the oak trees on the corner of Mill Lane need to be lopped.
  - e) Cllr Pearson wondered who was responsible for the weeds/wild flowers that are growing alongside the church wall which are bulging onto the path.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm in Percy Collett room of the Community Hall.

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Bryn Walker - Chairman.

Date:

*9th June 2022.*