

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd March 2023 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman - Bryn Walker, Councillors: Roberts, Thompson, Hudson and Pollard. Clerk - S Hatwell. County Councillor Callum Miller, Cherwell District Council Gemma Coton, 3 members of the play group committee and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr's Pearson and Channon.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** None.
3. **Public Session** - Cllr Miller reported on a number of items from County Council, one being the policy of the grass verges, they are considering graduating of the cutting back rather than leaving them.
The Merton Road will be closed from 24th April until 19th May - SH noted that the PC had not received any notification of the closure, only the Murcott road closure for one day on the 29th March, also that this comes just after the opening of the road through Ambrosden after the works to the A41 which caused the villagers a lot of inconvenience. This will impact on the bus service which is used regularly by some villagers. Cllr Miller said he will look into where the bus will be re-routed.
The public now have the opportunity to report any heavy goods vehicles (not delivery) coming through the village on Oxfordshire County council website
He will chase up the verge being repaired that runs alongside the old cemetery wall.
Cllr Coton reported that Ian was going to arrange a site visit with Cllr Channon with regard to why CDC has refused permission for the large sycamore tree to be felled and replaced with another more suitable tree. As Cllr Channon was not present the PC could not confirm if the visit had taken place.
The new Local Plan will be available in July 2023.
Cllr Coton suggested we obtain the grant as soon as possible from CDC for the Kings Coronation festivities. Cllr Roberts reported that she was having difficulties in downloading the form. Cllr Coton said she would send one direct to her or Cllr Roberts can go on the CDC website to obtain it.
It is now mandatory to have photo id to vote, this can be a driving licence, passport or bus pass.
Chairman Walker thanked Cllr's Miller and Coton for attending, they then left the meeting.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 9th February 2023** - The minutes were approved; it was then **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting which were then signed by the chairman.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 9th February 2023;**
 - a) **Kings Coronation Celebrations** - Cllr Roberts reported that the plans were going ahead.
 - b) **Verge alongside the old cemetery wall** - (See above in Cllr Miller's report).
6. **Burial grounds New** - A new quotation has been received from R Lambert for the maintenance of the burial ground - it was **RESOLVED** by the PC to accept. **OLD** - The sycamore tree that the PC wanted removed due to it's size and potential damage to the cemetery wall has been refused by CDC.
7. **Playing field/ground** - Proposed new play equipment - (see the minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Parish).
8. **Finance - Payments for approval** - OPFA - membership - £45.00, Kallkwik -renewal of domain name £26.40, Kallkwik -back up service for website - £72.00, S Hatwell - pay for March. All payments were approved and it was **RESOLVED** to issue the cheques.
Payments already paid - OALC - Membership £156.00.

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- 9 Planning - a) 23/00676/F - 12 Mill Close. - Remove rear conservatory and site outbuilding. Remove concrete garage, timber shed & greenhouses. Construct new two storey side and rear extension with lean-to single storey infill to rear.
b) 22/03661/F - OS parcel 6042 south east of Holts Farm. Retrospective - Temporary 3-year experimental project incorporating permaculture agribusiness (fruit orchard, perennial vegetables, herbs) dairy, poultry and honey farming along with erection of drainage pond, goat baren and mobile welfare unit.
c) 23/00538/F - 4 Mill Corner, Mill Lane - Two storey extension to side, replace existing porch.
It was RESOLVED by the Parish Council that no objections were shown to these planning proposals.

10 Environment/climate: Nothing to report.

11 Items for further discussion.

- a) Cllr Roberts would like the PC to look again into purchasing 'gates' at the entrance to the village.
b) Cllr Hudson would like the PC to thank Dave and Charlie Cook for helping to remove some of the branches on the oak trees at Mill Corner.
c) Eliza Cooke would like to purchase a bench to be erected at the playing field in memory of her dad.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on the 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall.



Chairman.

Date:

11th May 2023