

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 11th May 2023 held in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Bryn Walker, Colin Thompson, Lynne Roberts, Dawn Channon, John Hudson, Terry Pollard.
Clerk - S Hatwell.

2 members of the public.

- 1) **Election of Chairman** - Cllr Terry Pollard nominated Bryn Walker, seconded by all members of the Parish Council. Bryn Walker accepted the nomination and signed his acceptance of office as chairman to Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council.
- 2) **Apologies** - Cllr Jack Pearson.
- 3) **Declaration of Interests** - None raised.
- 4) **Public Session** - Member of the public raised the issue of the tree that has been planted on the corner of New Pond Lane which was planted by Cherwell District Council which he feels has been planted too close to his boundary. The PC will look into the possibility of moving it in the autumn.
- 5) **Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on the 23/03/23** - Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting. The minutes were approved, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting, the minutes were then signed the chairman.
- 6) **Matters arising of the meeting held on the 23/3/23** -
 - a) Thanks to Dave and Charlie Cook for cutting the oak tree branches back which were causing obstruction to traffic.
 - b) Memorial bench - Cllr Hudson reported that money has been raised and they are looking into purchasing a bench made of reclaimed materials so less maintenance. The bench will be situated on the playing field.
Cllr Callum Miller arrived
He gave apologies for Cllr Gemma Coton and on her behalf he asked how the situation on the sycamore tree in the old cemetery had progressed? Cllr Channon reported that we are not accepting a Zoom meeting with Iain Osenton from Cherwell District Council.
Cllr Miller confirmed that the Conservatives had lost their lead in the latest local elections.
- 7) **Finance** -
 - a) **Payments already paid** - S Hatwell - pay for April, Cherwell District Council - dog bin emptying £253.97, M J Cross - grass cutting £480.00, Zurich - insurance £823.61.
 - b) **Payments for approval** - S Hatwell - pay for May and home allowance. G Roberts - grant from Cherwell District Council in respect of the King Charles Coronation - £400.00 which was received after the agenda was published. It was **RESOLVED** by the PC to approve the payments.
 - c) **Parish Numeration** - The Parish Council members **RESOLVED** to not adopt the Members Allowance Scheme.
 - d) **Risk Assessment** - It was **RESOLVED** by the Parish Council members that changes were not necessary.
- 8) **Planning** - 23/00676/F - Mr. J McAdam - 12 Mill Close. The application has been refused by Cherwell District Council.

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9) **Burial Grounds - OLD** - resurfacing of the road alongside the wall. Cllr Miller will look into the situation further with Scott White who initially came out and inspected the site.

New - We have received a request from Fencott & Murcott PC about the agreement that they pay 30% of the maintenance charge to Charlton On Otmoor PC. The clerk will look into the records and report back to them.

10) **Playground/field** - When the new memorial bench has been purchased a suitable place will be agreed on where to place it with regard to the proposed new play equipment.

11) **Environmental/climate change** - Cllr Thompson reported that he has not had a date for meeting with the Otmoor Conservation Group as of today's date.

12) **Items for further discussion** -

The Parish Council wished to record its sincerest thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the Coronation lunch for King Charles III, such a splendid occasion.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be on the 8th June 2023 being 'an extraordinary meeting' in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.



Bryn Walker - chairman.

Date:

13th July 2023