

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

Present: Bryn Walker - Chairman, Councillors: John Hudson, Dawn Channon, Jack Pearson, Colin Thompson, Terry Pollard. Clerk - S Hatwell
Cherwell District Councillor Gemma Coton.

1. Apologies - Cllr L Roberts

2. Declaration of interests - None.

Public Session - Cllr Coton reported that; the Local Plan is going to an overview and scrutiny panel for a six-week consultation. Our boundary seats will be changed to Bicester & Woodstock. Throughout the summer there are plans to have children's activities from 31st July to 11th September 2023. Further information can be found on www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/3/leisure-and-culture/759/holiday-hubs

There is a new Home up-grade grant available to those who have an income of less than £30,000 further information can be found at:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/energy-and-climate-change/home-energy-efficiency-grants

Cllr Coton had spoken to Iain Ostenton about the sycamore tree in the old cemetery, his comments were that he was satisfied with his decision and that we should look into getting a further survey from an arboriculturist/engineer if we were not happy about this. The PC are perplexed about his attitude and have asked Cllr Coton to find out who his senior officer is, as we wish to make a formal complaint.

Cllr Coton left at 7.50pm.

3. Approval of the minutes from the meetings held on 11th May and 8th June 2023. It was **RESOLVED** by the parish council to accept the minutes as a true representation of the meetings. The minutes were then signed by the chairman.

4. Matters arising from the meetings held on 11th May and 8th June 2023 -

a) Verge alongside the old cemetery - Nothing to report.

b) Sycamore tree - see above comments under Public Session.

5. Burial grounds - Old/New - The question received from Fencott & Murcott parish council about their contribution of 30% towards the landscaping - Communication in 2002 between Steve Taylor (chairman of F&M pc) & Bruce Tremayne (the then chairman) recorded that 'we would suggest that as for the capital works, future costs are dealt with by Charlton on Otmoor PC and a third of these debited to F&M on an annual basis'. The clerk will send this information to Fencott & Murcott PC.

6. Playground/field -

a) New working group update - Cllr Walker & Cllr Hudson reported that a meeting had been held which was very constructive and they are on track to get the 1st stage completed.

b) Memorial bench - Money has been raised and Cllr Hudson is working with Miss Cooke to find a suitable bench to be placed on the playing field near the football pitch.

7. Finance:

a) Payments for approval - Pay for S Hatwell - July/August. Payments were approved and cheques signed.

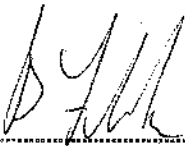
b) Direct payment to MJ & JS Cross - grass cutting £480.00 - It was **RESOLVED** by the parish council to allow the clerk to make all future invoices direct to their bank.



8. Planning -
- a) 23/00538/F - 4 Mill Corner, Mill Lane - Two storey extension to side, replace existing porch
- The application has been approved.
 - b) 23/01434/F - Halton House, High Street - Single storey rear extension to form a new kitchen and sitting area and conversion of the existing log store to the front of the property to a small ancillary room. **No objections from the Parish Council**
 - c) 23/01573/F - Daisies, High Street - Existing single storey extension to be demolished and replaced with 2 storey rear extension with internal refurbishments. **No objections from the Parish Council**
 - d) Road Closures. - Cllr Thompson raised the issue of road closures in the area that has affected the residents of the village, causing inconvenience and costs. Further discussions were made and a decision was made to ask County Councillor Callum Miller to attend the next meeting. Clerk to action.
10. Environment/climate - Cllrs Walker and Thompson had attended the Flood Forum meeting which was very encouraging on the outcome of dealing with the flooding in the villages. A further meeting is scheduled in the autumn.
11. Items for further discussion:

Fly tipping has increased in the area and has been reported to 'Fix my street'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm. The next meeting will be held on the 14th September 2023 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.



Date: 14th September 2023

Bryn Walker - Chairman.