

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2023 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman – Bryn Walker, Councillors – Roberts, Channon, Hudson, Thompson, Pearson.
Clerk – S Hatwell.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Pollard.
2. **Declaration of Interests:** None Given.
3. **Public Session** – None present.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 9th November 2023 in the Percy Collett room at 7.30pm.** It was RESOLVED by the Parish Council to accept the minutes as a true representation of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the chairman, Bryn Walker.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 9th November 2023**
 - a) **Verge alongside the old cemetery** – After further discussions it was RESOLVED that the verge should be laid to tarmac. The clerk will contact Oxfordshire County Council Highways team with a view to getting it done as soon as possible.
 - b) **Sycamore tree** – Old cemetery – BW will continue with the complaint about the actions of Cherwell District Council. It was noted that the tree needs lopping along with some of the other trees that run alongside the perimeter. Councillor Channon will take pictures of the offending branches. The sycamore tree will need planning permission to have the branches lopped off because of the TPO on it. The clerk will apply for the permission.
It was also noted that the trees outside the school need lopping too. Clerk will check with the school to see if they have made OCC highways aware.
 - c) **Road closures** – Cllr Miller was not in attendance to report.
6. **Road safety/speed limit** – The Parish Council are pleased to say that the proposed new 20 mph speed limit in the village is imminent, although speeding through the village is still a problem, especially outside the school. With this in mind the PC will discuss with the school to try and look into the cost of having flashing solar speed signs and asking Thames Valley Police to arrange for training for a Community Speed Watch group.
An email had been received from a concerned parent regarding the speeding which the PC will respond to.
7. **Village Hall/Committee** – Christine Herbert was unable to attend the meeting, but she did send a report on the current situation which was read by the members present. It seems work still needs to be done to get the committee up and running with further consultations needed. The Parish Council would like to thank Christine for all her hard work on obtaining the information.
8. **Halton Trust** – The clerk had met with Mr. Warne to set up the Charity commissions new online permissions.
9. **Burial Grounds - New** – Cllr Walker had planted some daffodil bulbs that had been donated by the WI.
10. **Playground/field** – Cllr Hudson confirmed that the playgroup team will attend the next meeting with an update on the grant process.
11. **Allotments** – The PC discussed the outstanding Thames Water invoice.


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12. Finance –

- a) Budget – Cllr Walker raised the point that no budget had been made for the forthcoming elections. This was amended. It was then RESOLVED by the Parish Council to accept the budget for 2023/2024. The clerk will contact Cherwell District Council to confirm our precept claim.
- b) **Payments for approval** – S Hatwell – Pay for December including pay rise increment.
- c) **Payments already paid** – P Barlow - for internal audit. NatWest bank charges.
- d) **Agreement for online bank payments** – A plan had been drawn up that was adopted by the Parish Council for the clerk to pay invoices/payments on line with NatWest banking.

13. Planning –

- a) 23/02820/F - Mr R Cooper, 1 Mill Close, OX5 2UE – Proposed side extension.
- b) 23/03148/AGN - Mr G Honour, Holts Farm, Mansmoor Lane OX5 2UR – erection of an agricultural barn for hay storage.

No objections from the Parish Council for these applications.

14. Environment/climate – Nothing to report.**15. Items for further discussion. None raised.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next meeting will be on the 11th January 2024 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.



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Bryn Walker - Chairman