

Minutes of Charlton On Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 18th April 2024 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman - Bryn Walker, Councillors - Thompson, Pearson. Clerk - S Hatwell
Cherwell District Councillor - Gemma Coton. 1 member of the public.

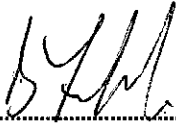
1. **Apologies** - Cllrs - Roberts, Pollard, Hudson, Channon. County Cllr Calum Miller.
2. **Declaration of Interests** - None given
3. **Public Session** - Cllr Coton reported that - a) Local Council Elections will take place on the 2nd May 2024 - the closing date for postal votes has now closed. Please remember to take photo identification if you wish to vote. b) Cherwell District Council has lost their Land Supply which effects housing, this has left CDC with a deficit of 2000 homes being built.
A report had been received from Cllr Miller that a new bus service to Bicester from the surrounding villages is due to commence tomorrow (19/04/24). Please see the timetable on the Parish Council website: coopc.co.uk.
4. **Approval of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 14th March 2024 and the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th March 2024.** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true representation of the meetings held. The minutes were then signed by the chairman, Bryn Walker.
5. **Matters arising from the meetings held on 14th March 2024** - None were raised.
6. **Burial Grounds; Old** - Permission has been given for the overhanging branches to the Fencott Road to be cut back. After further discussions it was decided to discuss the matter of who to cut them back at the next meeting. **New** - Nothing to report.
7. **Playing field -New equipment** - As no members were present to discuss the grant and what had been purchased, it was agreed to ask the Play Group to attend the next meeting to show us the plans.
8. **Finance** - a) **Payments for approval:** S Hatwell - Pay for April & MJ & S Cross - grass cutting £258.00 - Payments were approved.
b) **Payments already paid** - Kallikwik - headed paper £142.00, OPFA - membership - £47.00
c) **Accounts** - The accounts had been prepared ready for the internal/external audit. The chairman and clerk signed them off.
d) **Risk Assessment** - Changes were made to section "B. Work with Others", 5 - Banking Arrangements - the likely chance of risk is low but the consequence was changed to High. The changes were made. It was then **RESOLVED** to accept the Risk Assessment for 2024.
e) **New Internal Auditor** - It was **RESOLVED** to accept the terms of agreement and payment of £200.00 to our new auditor.

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9. Planning - a) 24/00285/TPO - The Old Cemetery - T1 Sycamore - cut back overhanging branches to houses.
b) 24/00617/F & 24/00763/LB - Bottrell House, High Street. Proposed new metal gates (Georgian style) to existing stone gate piers and proposed conversion of existing stone outbuilding to form a new office & gym - re submission of 23/01240/F.
c) 24/00962/TCA - The Old Dairy, High Street - To remove T2 birch & T3xF Maple.
d) 2400871/TPO - The Old Dairy, High Street - T1 sycamore, crown lift, remove lowest 2 branches to clear power line subject to TPO 13/2010.
10. Environment/Climate - The next Otmoor Conservation Group meeting will take place on 13/5/24 at 12.00pm. Cllr Thompson will report back at the next meeting.
11. Items for further discussion - None were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.



Chairman.

Date:

16th May 2024