

Minutes of Charlton on Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 17th October 2024 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman - Bryn Walker. Councillors: Walters, Channon, Pollard. Clerk - S Hatwell
3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** - Cllrs Thompson and Hudson.
2. **Declaration of interests:** None declared.
3. **Public session** - A member of the village was asking for support due to the flooding which has caused damage to his home. He would like to know what can be done. He had already contacted Thames Water, Cherwell District Council and his local MP Cllr Miller without any success. The Parish Council had already contacted Oxfordshire County Council regarding the flooding who stated that they would look into it. The PC will also find out where we can obtain some sand bags and send supporting letters to Thames Water, Sanctuary, Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council on his behalf.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 12th September 2024 held in Percy Collett room of the Community Hall** - It was **RESOLVED** by the parish council to accept the minutes as a true representation of the meeting which were then signed by the chairman.
5. **Co-Option of new councillor** - After a formal discussion it was agreed to accept Dr. Simon Hutchinson's application to become a councillor. He signed his acceptance of office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.
6. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 12th September 2024**
 - a) **Village hall committee** - Mrs. Herbert was in attendance to collect the signatures for the Village Hall account. Mrs. Herbert also confirmed that the Accounts Reporting is due which she will complete.
 - b) **20mph signs** - The vandalized signs had been reported Oxfordshire County Council.
 - c) **Defib** - It has come to the notice of the Parish Council of a possible re-development of the bus garage into residential from Laxton Properties who would like to attend a meeting to discuss their proposals further. The Parish Council will contact the developer to invite them to the next meeting and to see if the defib can stay in its current place, if not the PC will have to look elsewhere to site it.
 - d) **Notice Board** - It was agreed to look into the cost of replacing the notice board which is on the junction of the High Street and Church View.
7. **Finance** -
 - a) **Payments for approval** - S Hatwell - pay for October 2024. MR & JS Cross - grass cutting Sept 11th & 27th - £516.00 (inc. VAT), Cherwell District Council - emptying of dog bins - £267.70 (inc. VAT). It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments.
 - b) **Financial Regulations** - It was **RESOLVED** by the Parish Council to adopt.
8. **Sexual & General harassment policy & procedure** - It was **RESOLVED** by the Parish Council to adopt the policy.
9. **Burial Grounds** - OLD - The verge that runs alongside the old cemetery wall has become even worse due to the heavy rain and flooding. The PC had received an email from Gargi Holland, senior planner at OCC stating that '*Unfortunately, no funding is available to carry out these works. However, a connection between Bicester and Otmoor is part of our Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN), and we will retain these designs and costings for when funding becomes available.*'
The PC are not content with this, the wall is becoming damaged as the verge is becoming eroded, which will result in the PC having a substantial bill for repair and potential damage to vehicles or people.
New - After much discussion the new burial ground administration was changed. New signs will be put up on the notice boards, website and sent to Funeral Directors.

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10. Playground - Nothing to report

11. Planning - a) Green Belt - Nothing to report.

b) Grit bins - It was RESOLVED by the PC to not purchase grit bins for the village.

c) Proposal of new homes on the bus garage site. (see above under Matters Arising - defib)

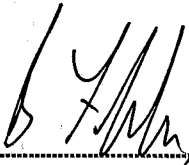
12. Environment/climate - a) Community green spaces - NTR.

13. Items for further discussion -

a) Budget

b) Councillors' duties.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm. The next meeting will be on the 5th December 2024 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30pm.



Date:

5TH DECEMBER 2024

Bryn Walker - Chairman