

Minutes of Charlton on Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2025 in the Percy Collett room at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman - Bryn Walker. Councillors: - Hutchinson, Channon, Walters, Hudson, Thompson.
Clerk - S Hatwell. One member of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Pollard.
2. Declaration of Interests: None were raised.
3. Public Session - None were raised.
4. Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on the 16th January 2025 held 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.
5. Matters arising from the meeting held on 16/01/25.
 - a) Website - Cllr Hutchinson reported that he and the clerk are in the process of getting access/authority from Kallkwik. He is also going to attend the AGM of the Otmoor Review.
 - b) Parking around the school - It was reported that on a Facebook page a safety warning from Thames Valley Police had been re-posted regarding parking near the school, especially on the white hatched areas, which is a **no parking** zone.
 - c) Notice Board - After much discussion it was agreed on a notice board from GreenBarnes. Clerk to get a quote.
6. Finance:
 - a) Payments for approval - S Hatwell - pay for February 2025. Payment was approved.
 - b) Payment already paid - HMRC - Income tax £68.19.
7. Oxfordshire County Council - Walk & Talk Meeting held on 23/1/25. The Parish Council are very thankful for the Highways Representative coming out to the village with her positive attitude.
8. Community First - Membership - It was decided not to go ahead with membership at this time.
9. Burial Grounds: ~~Old~~ - The verge was discussed with the Highways representative at the walk and talk meeting. The meeting with a Building Control & Flooding Risk Manager asking for advice regarding the standing water was very useful. He noted that the road is higher than the burial ground which would be a hindrance to installing a drainage system. After much discussion it was RESOLVED by the parish council to install a new pathway, and to start burials nearer the hedge alongside the road. Cllr Hudson will obtain three quotes for the new pathway. New - Sandbags - The clerk had sent a reminder to OCC on 17/01/25 to chase them up. As of tonight's meeting, the sandbags had not been received. The clerk will chase again.
Cllr Gemma Coton arrived at 20.26
10. Community Speed Watch - Cllr Hutchinson stated that training for the other volunteers was under way. An email had been received from Matthew Barber (Police and Crime commissioner for Thames Valley) regarding a £200,000 fund which has opened. The first round of this year's Community Fund, is for a particular focus on supporting projects that tackle anti-social behaviour and vehicle crime. Cllr Hutchinson will look into applying for solar speed warning signs.
11. Planning - Oxford Unitary Authority - Cllr Coton commented on the process which is currently undergoing discussions. She stated that the local parish councils will still exist but there will be no CDC or OCC if the devolution goes forward. Oxford City Council is making a bid to expand its borders into surrounding villages so it can become large enough to become a unitary authority by itself which will 'swallow' up all the smaller villages. Cllr Coton also commented on the Botley West Solar Farm. If you wish to make comments you can find the link on the Botley West Solar Farm website. She also mentioned that Cllr Miller has opened up applications for his Community Fund.

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Cllr Channon will apply for funding for a hard standing for the H5 bus stop.

Two Planning applications had been received since the agenda had been advertised:

- 25/00290/TCA - Cut back of overhanging branches bordering Fencott Road, High Street, and properties; 2 Walnut Trees, Fernlea and The Grove.

25/00249/DISC - Village Farm, The Broadway - Discharge of conditions 6 (parking and maneuvering areas) and 11 (Biodiversity Method Statement) of 22/01154/F. Clerk to contact CDC to ask for more time for comments.

12. Proposed dates for Parish Council Meetings 2025/26. The proposed dates were agreed. Clerk to contact the school to book the Percy Collett room and advertise on notice boards and website.

13. Environment/climate - It was noted that the ditches around The Burge have been cleared with new planting. The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to say Thank You to Smiths at Logg Farm in Oddington for carrying out the work which has helped alleviate flooding at the Burge.

14. Items for further discussion: -

- a) Waste bin not being emptied on the playing field.
- b) Local Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting will be on the 20th March 2025, which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish at 7.00pm followed by a Parish Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm. The meetings will be in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall.



Date. 20-3-2025-