

Minutes of Charlton on Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 12th February 2026 in the Percy Collett room of the Community hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Chairman - Bryn Walker. Councillors: Ray Walters, John Hudson, and Colin Thompson.

Clerk: S Hatwell.

1 Member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Channon & Hutchinson.

2. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr B Walker/Cllr J Hudson - Agenda item; Section 6 - Football Club lease.

3. **Public Session** - A representative from Oxford Wakeboard and Ski Club attended the meeting to inform us of his proposal to purchase Merton Borrow Pit, which they hope to have open water swimming, fishing and diving, with mobile infrastructure. They are currently awaiting the legal procedures and will inform us once the application goes into Cherwell District Council.

4. **Cherwell District & Oxfordshire County Council updates/news.** None present, but Cllr Gordon had previously sent a report, which has been posted on the website and notice boards.

5. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 8th January 2026, in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30 pm.** It was **RESOLVED** by the Parish Council to accept the minutes as a true representation of the meeting, and the chairman then signed the minutes.

6. **Updates on progress from the meeting held on Thursday, 8th January 2026.**

a) **Vacancy** - No one has applied yet for the vacancy of a councillor.

b) **Football Club lease/contracts.** Discussions had taken place, and a proposed lease had been drawn up and sent to a solicitor for guidance and cost. One quote has come through. The clerk will obtain another quote. Clerk to action.

c) **Wall - alongside the old cemetery** - We have received an email from the Conservation Team at Cherwell District Council, who advised us to contact Oxford DAC. Clerk to action and to find out who owns the old cemetery/wall.

7. **Finance:**

a) **Payments for approval:** R Lambert - ground maintenance for the new cemetery -£565.00. The payment was approved, for payment and the payment summary was signed.

b) **Payments already paid** - S Hatwell - pay for February, Catridge People - new cartridge - £41.95

c) **Natwest - Savings account.** Discussions were made to decide whether we should open a savings account, which can be used to 'ring fence' funds for the solicitor and proposed speed awareness signs. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk will find out the latest savings rates and transfer money into the account once opened.

d) **Quarterly Summary** - The Cllrs had seen the report and no comments were made. The summary will be put on the website.

8. **Burial Grounds** - Cllrs Hudson and Walter reported that Marlake contractors have started to clear the ditch that runs alongside the new cemetery but more work is needed.

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9. Planning - 26/00129/LB & 25/03346/F - The Old Stables, Star House, Church Lane - Extension to existing annexe. 26/00103/LB - The Two Cottages, Church Lane - Replace two west-facing ground-floor windows with like-for-like Heritage double-glazed windows. *The Parish Council have no objections to these planning applications.*

10. Governance - None.

11. Training. None requested.

12. Village Matters. A) **Bus Stops** - Marlake landscaping will make modifications to the bus stops to make them more user-friendly, especially for those who are disabled or parents/carers with pushchairs. B) **Bee Squared** - Cllr Walters will speak to the Head Teacher to discuss giving the children the wildflower seeds for planting, and the clerk will make the packs up. C) **Dog Mess** - Cllr Hutchinson was not present to report. D) **Merton Borrow Pit** - See 'Public session'. E) **Parking around the school** - The clerk had contacted the police for their advice and support concerning the appalling parking of parents/carers around the school at drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, they informed the Parish Council that they are 'unable to help'. The Head Teacher had emailed the PCSOs but was not receiving any response. The clerk will contact Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council for advice. The clerk had already contacted the Highways Agency regarding getting the white hatched out areas re-painted so that drivers can see them clearly and NOT park on them or anywhere near the junction of Fencott Road/High Street.

13. Environment/climate - Flooding is still causing impassable roads and making the potholes even worse.

14. Dates of the next meetings: 19th March - Annual Meeting of the Parish at 7.00 pm, followed by the Parish council meeting at 7.30 pm.

15. Items for further discussion -

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will be the **Annual Meeting of the Parish** and will be held on 19th March 2026 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall to commence at 7.00 pm, followed by a Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm.



Chairman.

Date:

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