

Minutes of Charlton on Otmoor Parish Council Meeting held on 19th March 2026 in the Percy Collett room of the Community hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Chairman - B Walker, Councillors: R Walters, John Hudson, Dawn Channon, Colin Thompson, Simon Hutchinson.
County Councillor Laura Gordon.

1. **Apologies:** S Hatwell - (clerk). (Minutes taken by R Walters)
2. **Declaration of interest:** Cllrs Walker & Hudson - Agenda item 6, b Football Club lease/contract.
3. **Public Session** - Nothing raised.
4. **Cherwell District & Oxfordshire County Council updates/news.** A written report had been received by Cllr Gordon and published. Cllr Gordon is following up on the dangerous potholes on New Pond Lane; an assessment is due in April 2026. Cllr Gordon also reported on the progress of the painted white lines on the corner of the High Street and the rumble strips, which the PC would like at the entrances to the village. HGV enforcement is in the pipeline. A Flood Warden Scheme has been trialled successfully and may be rolled out. A & B roads' speed limit reviews are happening now.
Cllr Hutchinson left the meeting at 8.15 pm
5. **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on 12th February 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. The chairman then signed the minutes.
6. **Updates on progress from the meeting held on Thursday, 12th February 2026.**
 - a) **Councillor Vacancy** - Despite the advert being published on the website and the notice boards, there were no candidates for the position.
 - b) **Football Club lease/contract** - It was RESOLVED by the Parish Council to accept the quote from Surry Hills Solicitors. The clerk will be instructed to contact them to go ahead with the new lease.
 - c) **Wall/verge alongside the old cemetery** - Cllr Gordon would like any past correspondence confirming that OCC agreed to the funding of proposed ground works to the verge. As the clerk was not present, the wall will be discussed at another time.
7. **Finance:**
 - a) **Payments for approval** - OALC membership - The payment was approved.
 - b) **Payments already paid** - S Hatwell - pay for March 2026, HMRC - £7.44 PAYE/NI.
 - c) **NatWest savings account** - Clerk was not present to report.



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8. **Burial Grounds** - Cllr Hudson had cut the hedge and cleared the silt trap manhole. Discussions were made about the green opposite Mill Corne being cut by Russell Lambert. It was agreed to discuss further at another meeting.
Cllr Thompson left the meeting at 8.50 pm.
9. **Planning** - Nothing to discuss.
- 10 **Governance** - Nothing to discuss.
- 11 **Training** - None required at present.
- 12 **Village Matters** - a) **Bus Stops** - No update. b) **B-Squared** - Cllr Walters is yet to speak to the headmistress of the school. c) **Dog Mess** - Still being reported that irresponsible dog owners are not picking up. d) **Parking around the school** - Cllr Walters has spoken to TVP and is awaiting action.
- 13 **Environment/climate** - Nothing to report.
- 14 **Date of next meeting** - 16th April 2026.
- 15 **Items for further discussion** - It was reported that the bottle banks have not yet been collected.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm. The next meeting will be on the 16th April 2026 in the Percy Collett room of the Community Hall at 7.30 pm.



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Chairman.

Date:

16th April 2026