

**Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council
Monday 9th August 2021 by 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall**

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllrs C Jones and S Soutar. County Cllr D Huxtable attended but left after matters arising.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** These will always be declared at the agenda item when appropriate.
- 3 **Certifying the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2021:** Agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 4 **Public question time and Neighbourhood Watch/Crime report and an update from Cllr David Huxtable:** Updates emailed: Cllr Huxtable said that the County Council is getting back to normal with a full Council meeting having been held at the McMillan Theatre. Manpower is an issue across the County Council and more so with waste collection. So far Sedgemoor has not been badly affected with the worst area affected being South Somerset. The enforcement on the school zig zag lines need the traffic regulation order which is going through the due process.
- 5 **Matters Arising:**
 - Cemetery expansion:** The clerk will contact Loui Notaro for a quote.
 - Highways Issues:** Westlake Close is on the list of road improvements but although it does not look good it is sound and fit for purpose. The main road and junction are work in progress but the **Clerk will contact SCC Highways with the Parish Council's thoughts whilst also notifying them of the defective manhole in the main road.**
 - Community Speed Watch:** The process has started, and two sights have been identified the next step will be training.
 - SID:** All in place and working thanks to Ella and others she involved.
 - WebSite:** Cllrs Tizzard and V Jones outlined their thoughts on updating the Website which all agreed was a positive way forward. Using the software that Cllr V Jones has used may not be an option so the Clerk will contact ICSM for their assistance. Cllr Wright suggested that the same person who created the Website for the village hall might be an option. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr V Jones be the person responsible for the Website and social media platforms such as Facebook.
 - The Crift:** The Clerk will get a quote from James to cut it three times a year.
- 6 **Highway matters:** Covered under matters arising.
- 7 **Playing Field:** All in order
- 8 **Cemetery:** All in order
- 9 **Planning notice:** Cllr Betty left the room as he is on the Sedgemoor development control committee. **Planning application number:** 38/21/00008/EC **Proposal:** Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of semi- detached three bedroom dwelling, with formation of driveway and parking provisions. **Location:** 16 Summerhedge Crescent, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0JE: **Parking could be a problem but that would be a highways issue otherwise the Parish Council have no objections to the proposal.** **Planning application number:** 38/21/00010/DT **Proposal:** Erection of an agricultural storage building. **Location:** Folly Barn, North Lane, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0QG. **The Parish Council noted the one objection but looking at the**

reasons to object to an application in their opinion there were none so they have no objections to the application.

10 **Financial Matters:** All agreed.

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Salary	£ 255.46
	Stocksigns	£3690.00
	Suez	£ 90.00
	BHIB	£ 328.86
	ICSM	£ 50.00
	Village Hall	£ 50.00

Income:

11 **Correspondence:**

12 **Correspondence for Circulation:** Already circulated by email:

13 **Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:**

14 **Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 13th September 2021 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.**