

Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council
Monday 14th June 2021 at 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr A Betty: Cllr D Huxtable attended the meeting 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 10th May 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 meetings would be challenging for the next four weeks because of the extended lock down because of the Delta variant but hopefully by August most meetings would be back to normal.
- 5 **Matters Arising:**
 - Cemetery expansion:** A fencing contractor is visiting the site next week and will give a price for the work required.
 - Highways Issues:** Cllr Huxtable had no update on Westlake Close for the meeting. Cllr Huxtable told the meeting that there is now a highways app for people to report problems. The verges need to be cut as the cow parsley is causing visibility problems, but Cllr Huxtable believes that the main cut starts in July. Cllr Huxtable reported that the kerb at Load Pool would be repaired but most of the Councillors believe that a long-term solution is required. Cllr C Jones reported that one of the signs is damaged so Cllr V Jones said that this would be a good use of the new highways app for her to try.
 - School Parking problems:** Cllr Huxtable reported that it is not a change of the colour of the lines that is required but notices which have now been requested with Eileen Fletcher working on the project.
 - Community Speed Watch:** Cllr C Jones has emailed Sharon Baker and is waiting for a reply. She will let the Clerk know if she does not get a reply so that he can follow this up.
 - Motor Cross events:** The Clerk will inform Burrowbridge Parish Council that Othery support the need for regulations and proper consultation for these events.
 - Middle Garage:** The roof is down so one of the concerns has been removed but SDC still need to put pressure on the owner to tidy up and make the site safe.
 - Cemetery Trees:** The survey on the Cemetery trees has been undertaken by SDC and the results circulated with there being no major problems.
- 6 **Highway matters:** Taken under matters arising. The clerk gave a price for a SID and gave details of what would be available. He will now obtain quotes for the next meeting. He will also ask for a price for a suitable pole and its installation if required.
- 7 **Playing Field:** The replacement handrail has been installed and although it is not exactly like the original it is stable and safe.
- 8 **Cemetery:** Cllr Wright went up to the Cemetery and managed to move the capping stone back into position thus permitting the gates to open but there is no point in getting it fully repaired until the tipping on land in the Parish of Middlezoy has finished.

9 Planning notice:

10 Financial Matters: **Accept the accounts for 2020/2021:** The Parish Council unanimously approved the accounts.

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Loui Notaro	£252.00
	G Wagon James	£309.00

Income:

11 Correspondence:

12 Correspondence for Circulation: Already circulated by email:

13 Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman: There are concerns in Kingston Lane, but they are being dealt with by SDC. Since our PCSO was promoted there has been no presence by the Police in Othery. The Clerk will ask for an update from the Inspector in charge.

14 Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 12th July 2021 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.