

Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council
Monday 10th May 2021 by 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall

- 1 **Apologies:** All members present but as Tony Bostock had resigned from the Parish Council after the Annual Parish Meeting Stuart Soutar was unanimously elected as a member of Othery Parish Council. He also agreed to take on responsibility for the playing field.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** These will always be declared at the agenda item when appropriate. Cllr Betty notified the meeting that he had now been elected onto the Development Control Committee to replace Alan Bradford who was now the Council Chairman so he would not be attending any Othery meetings on planning applications.
- 3 **Certifying the minutes of the meetings held on 12th April 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:
- 5 **Matters Arising:**
 - Cemetery expansion:** Work in progress.
 - Highways Issues:** Cllr Huxtable has not resolved the issue over Westlake Close so the Clerk will email SCC highways for their input.
 - School Parking problems:** Now that the school bus at Othery is back in use after Cllr Jennings intervention the parking issues are not as bad but it was decided to take up Cllr Huxtable's offer to have the designation of the ZigZag outside the school changed along with their colour so enforcement could take place.
 - Cemetery Railings:** The company responsible for the damage to the railings have paid for the repair work to be undertaken. The work has been done and all who have had a look are pleased with the repair.
 - Cemetery Green Bin Problems:** Long storey but as the Cemetery is not a domestic property the Parish Council have to go over to commercial collection the price of which will be circulated when sent to the clerk
- 6 **Highway matters:** There was a pothole in North Lane but it was repaired very quickly after Cllr V Jones notified highways. The damaged Load Pool junction needs attention and although highways have confirmed that they will undertake the work they should really look to realign that junction as it will happen again. It was noted that there are no signs opposite the junction to assist traffic using the diversion.
- 7 **Playing Field:** Cllr Jennings suggested that the playing field could have its own bank account and the clerk agreed that that would not be a problem but that it would have to be audited every year and included with the Parish Council year end reports. Now that restrictions are easier the committee does need to meet. Cllr Wright handed the Clerk a quote for the railings to be replaced but it was noted that there should be a second quote which Cllr Jennings said that she could organise.
- 8 **Cemetery:** All in order.
- 9 **Planning notice:**
- 10 **Financial Matters:**

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Dog bin	£83.66
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Income:

11 Correspondence:

12 Correspondence for Circulation: Already circulated by email:

13 Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman: It was felt that the Parish Council should purchase their own SID with no speed shown just something like a green tick if they were under 30mph and a red X if over. The Clerk will investigate. Cllr C Jones has members of the community willing to start up the Community Speed Watch with her. The Clerk will contact Sharon Baker from the police who was responsible before she was promoted to find out who is the lead now. Cllr Tizzard would like a meeting with the clerk and Cllr Jennings to discuss his role as chairman as he is new to the process.

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