

**Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council
Monday 9th January 2023 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall**

- 1 **Apologies:** All Parish Council members present but neither County Council members were present yet again. Looking at the attendance figures for the County Council members Harry Munt is at 100% whereas Matthew Martin is at 25% (2 out of 8) which Othery Parish Council feel is not good enough. District Cllr Perry had intended to attend to say goodbye before the end of Sedgemoor but needed to attend Westonzoyland Parish Council.
- 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 December 2022:** Agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- 4 **Public question time and Neighbourhood Watch/Crime report and an update from Cllr Matthew Martin or Harry Munt:** Updates emailed:
- 5 **Matters Arising:**

Highways Issues: Othery 20mph zone: With over 100 in support of this scheme and one of our County Councillors supporting the application it was agreed that **the clerk would formally apply for the 20 mph zone for North Lane.** The Parish Council would like a full set of highways maps for Othery. **The Clerk will ask for these.** The road signs needed are at the Townsend junction coming from Middlezoy. The bends signs are from that junction towards Langport past the Farm and Social housing as there are bends signs coming the other way. **The Clerk will again notify highways.** With all the extra traffic coming through Othery, especially with soil for a site off Holloway Road the lorries had to go past the junction and turn anywhere in Othery which has caused extra damage, the highway is breaking up and needs fully resurfacing. **The clerk will notify highways.** The urban footpath coloured blue on the highways map provided has never been cleared by Somerset County Council and the Parish Council request that it is on you schedule. **The clerk will ask highways to include it on their schedule.**

Community Speed Watch: Cllr C Jones told the meeting that at last she had received a box of essentials including the speed gun and had been given a date for a meeting to sort out training. The Parish Council are very pleased that this protracted process seems to be coming to an end and thank Georgia, Lora and Sharon for their persistence.

Marking out the line of the fence in the Cemetery: Cllr Soutar and Betty will undertake this task.
- 6 **Playing Field:** Nothing to report
- 7 **Cemetery:** Nothing to report
- 8 **Planning notice:** 38/22/00013/CM Erection of a single story extension rear (West) on site of existing to be demolished at Carpenters Cottage Rye Lane Othery. The Parish Council support this application as it will improve the property and cannot be seen from the road or other properties.
- 9 **Financial Matters:** PAYE Two companies interested one Husky Finance £50 set up and £30 a month both plus VAT and the second from Sum It Up accountancy which over the phone was less but I wait for it to be in writing.

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Salary	£ 255.46
<u>Income:</u>		

Charitable donation to the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance of £25. All agreed.

10 **Correspondence:**

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

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

Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 13th February 2023 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.