

**Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council
Monday 12th June 2023 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall**

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr P Atherton went to see the chair Cllr A Tizzard and was given an update of the meeting later on Monday evening.
- 2 **Present:** Cllrs A Tizzard: E Jennings: V. Jones: R Selway: A Betty: A Wright: Somerset County Cllr M Martin.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest:** These will always be declared at the agenda item when appropriate.
- 4 **Certifying the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2023:** Agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- 5 **Public question time and Neighbourhood Watch/Crime report and an update from Cllr Matthew Martin or Harry Munt:** Updates emailed: Cllr Martin said that he wanted to concentrate on the LCN and be sure that Othery was prepared for the crucial first meeting. Cllrs Tizzard and Betty confirmed that they would be at the first meeting when the chair and vice chair would be elected. They confirmed that at the moment their main concerns for the LCN would be planning and speeding. They were also disappointed that the pilot LCN on Exmoor had provide no feedback or advice to the new LCNs now being set up. Cllr Martin was also aware of the application to have the footpath below the houses that were built by the council many years ago adopted as it had been turned down. He agreed to follow this up with the Council if the Clerk would send him the email received.
- 6 **Matters Arising:**
 - Highways Issues:** Cllr Betty advised the meeting the Cllr Martin along with himself had looked at the main road through Othery and that the only solution would be a resurfacing of the entire road as the process of tar and stones in the past had just built up the road level so that the surface water now drains into roadside properties which is unacceptable. It would appear that the 20mph limit for North Lane is going to be declined but once there is a definitive decision the Parish Council can decide what action to take. The Zig Zag lines outside the school have still to be repainted in the correct colour so that enforcement can take place as the order is in place, but Othery are still not sure if the lines are to be extended.
 - Community Speed Watch:** Cllr Atherton has moved this issue forward quite considerably since he was appointed, and the necessary training is imminent, and we have most of the speed watch pack back from Christina Jones.
 - Cemetery boundary:** The line of the fence has now been agreed with Mr Davis and Cllr Tizzard would contact the contractor to get the work done as the grass has just been cut.
 - LCN Update:** Covered under agenda item 5 and to be kept as an agenda item for future meetings.
- 7 **Playing Field:** Cllr Selway has a weekly audit sheet in place, and she hopes to be informed of the inspection so that she can attend. The hedge at the back will be cut to the requirements of the Parish Council once the nesting season is over.
- 8 **Cemetery:** The cemetery fence was badly damaged but the farmer responsible has organised for it to be taken away repaired and put back in place at his cost. Cllr Betty has still to make contact with Tim Burbidge for him to repair the damage caused by the movement of soil to a site down Holloway Road.

8 Planning notice: 23/01038/HOU Bagenham Barn Summerhedge Road Othery Bridgwater Somerset TA7 0JD Replacement windows and doors from timber to grey powder coated aluminium. **Do the Parish Council wish to comment? The Parish Council are surprised that they were not consulted as a neighbouring Parish when the application for the extension to the property was in for comments.**

9 Financial Matters: Accept financial statement 2022/23

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Salary	£ 268.24
	BHIB (Insurance)	£ 390.30
	SlashdotDash	£ 49.40
	G Wagen James	£ 359.70
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	Cancer Research	£ 25.00
	Village Hall Hire	£ 20.00
<u>Income:</u>	A B Memorials	£ 90.00

10 Correspondence:

11 Correspondence for Circulation: Already circulated by email:

12 Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman: The Charity is to be St Margaret's Hospice.

Clifford Denehy is still complaining about one word that was changed in our minutes which indirectly was at his request. What the Parish Council published and changed was totally legal.

There are problems with a group of youngsters in the church and at other places around the village including the village hall for which images are available and the police aware.

Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 10th July 2023 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.