

**Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council
Monday 8th May 2023 9:30 pm in Othery Village Hall**

1 **Apologies and co-option of Parish Councillors:** Rachael Selway and Philip Atherton attended the meeting as the two selected members of the Othery Community to fill the two vacancies. They completed the paperwork and the Chair welcomed to the meeting and congratulated them on being selected. The Chair thank the selection councillors for their diligence and said that it was an uplifting experience as all had something to offer to the Parish Council but sadly there were only two places.

Present: Cllrs Tizzard: Jennings: Jones: Wright: Betty: Selway: Atherton:

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 April 2023:** 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:** Disappointing response from Somerset in response to the request to have the footpath below the once Council House adopted as they declined saying that it would be too difficult.

Community Speed Watch: The clerk will notify Georgia Coles of the new co-ordinator.

Cemetery boundary: Cllr Tizzard to contact the contractor.

6 **Playing Field:** All in order

7 **Cemetery:** All in order

8 **Planning notice:** 38/23/00006/AGE **Proposal:** Installation of 28 no. solar pv panels to the south facing roof. **Location:** Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0QU: **Cllr Jennings and Wright declared a personal interest as they are on the village hall committee and did not vote. The emergency plan for Othery does need electricity and the village did have a complete failure recently so this would overcome that issue in an emergency. The installation would help with the carbon footprint and climate change agenda as the village hall will be using all that is generated through batteries and not exporting any electricity. The motion to support the application was carried unanimously.**

38/23/00004/AGE **Proposal:** Erection of a single storey wraparound rear (NW) & side (SW) extension on site of existing garage (to be demolished), raising of roof height and installation of dormer windows to front (SE) and rear (NW) elevations. **Location:** The Restings, North Lane, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0QG; **The Parish Council like the changes and will again support the application with the one concern that there must be three parking spaces on the site as there is no on street parking in North Lane.**

9 **Financial Matters:**

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Salary	£ 268.24
<u>Income:</u>	Cancer research	£ 25.00

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 12th June 2023 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.