

**Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 by 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall**

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Jennings: Prospective candidates for the Parish Council Samantha was present but unfortunately Catherine had tested positive for Covid and quite correctly sent her apologies and did not attend the meeting.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** These will always be declared at the agenda item when appropriate.
- 3 **Certifying the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022:** Agreed 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:** Nothing can be done until after the bird nesting season and Stuart believes that Loui is sending in a revised quote for the fence. The meeting felt that the request for better paths around the cemetery was not required as on inspection the main paths are in good order and putting paths to every grave would be a considerable cost.

**Highways Issues:** Dealt with online by Vicky but it is pleasing to note that after Andrew visited the owners of the properties where the hedge was growing onto the path that the hedge has now been cut. Many thanks to Andrew and the property owners.

**Community Speed Watch:** Christina is waiting for an update from the PCSO.

**Village Hall Grant:** The village hall has placed an order for the fence and once the clerk has an invoice, he will pay the upfront fee required.

**Jubilee celebrations:** The Clerk will pay for the beacon and the medals for the village youngsters when he is given the invoices. The group are having another meeting this month.

**Ramp in The Twist:** Very difficult position as the ramp was put in by an individual as the request for a suitable disabled access to the Church Room and the Church was declined by SCC highways. In reality if we were aware of who had installed them, we could ask them to undertake the repairs but the clerk will ask SCC highways if they can assist.

- 6 **Highway matters:** Dealt with under matters arising.
- 7 **Playing Field:** CCTV signs for the playing field are acceptable but the new Parish Council could look at installing CCTV in the playing field.
- 8 **Cemetery:** No issues to report.
- 9 **Planning notice:**

**Planning application number:** 38/22/00003/CM **Proposal:** Proposed part conversion of outbuilding (Long Linhay Barn) to form carport, office space and store. Also, internal alterations and refurbishment of the main house including the replacement of rear (East) roof.  
**Location:** Drake House, Fore Street, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0QS.

**Planning application number:** 38/22/00004/CM **Proposal:** Proposed conversion of outbuilding (Stables) to form 1no. dwelling and part outbuilding (Long Linhay Barn) to form carport with associated access and shared turning area. **Location:** Stables At, Drake House, Fore Street, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0QS.

**Planning application number:** 38/22/00005/CM **Proposal:** Proposed conversion of outbuilding (Long Linhay Barn) to form carport, office space and store. Also, internal

alterations and refurbishment of the main house including the replacement of rear (East) roof.

**Location:** Drake House, Fore Street, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0QS.

**Planning application number:** 38/22/00006/CM **Proposal:** Proposed conversion of outbuilding (Stables) to form 1no. dwelling and part outbuilding (Long Linhay Barn) to form carport with associated access and shared turning area. **Location:** Stables At, Drake House, Fore Street, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0QS. The Parish Council feel that these four applications should be considered as one as they interreact with one another but this time the application is much improved with excellent heritage documentation. The Parish Council would therefore support the applications.

**10 Financial Matters:**

**Expenditure:**

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| Salary         | £ 255.46 |
| Salary charges | £ 136.82 |

**Income:**

**11 Correspondence:**

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

**13 Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:** The Church is looking to obtain a grant but letters of support from the community are required so please send them to Anthony.

Anthony reported that the Clerk to Westonzoyland Parish Council is looking for funding to maintain the Battle of Sedgemoor information boards so at this moment in time now the area around the sign at the village hall has been tidied up no action is required.

The Clerk outlined the election procedure to all present and was willing to post any information as the prospective candidates should not be involved.

**14 Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 7:30 Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting.**