

Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council
Monday 13th June 2022 by 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Wright:
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** These will always be declared at the agenda item when appropriate.
- 3 **Certifying the minutes of the meetings held on 9th May 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:** The Parish Clerk has had no contact with either even though he has emailed them both but one took over a week to read his email!!!
- 5 **Matters Arising:**
 - Cemetery expansion:** The Clerk will write to Mr Davis of Grove Farm. Alison Marsh has given assurances to Andrew that the fencing material will be bought now and stored by her company at no extra cost for which the Parish Council are grateful.
 - Highways Issues: Crift Ramps:** SCC Highways are consider repairing the ramps so we will wait on their action. There is concern that the vegetation at junctions in Othery needs urgent attention so the Clerk will inform SCC highways.
 - Community Speed Watch:** The Chair, Clerk and others asked PCSO Ben Simpkins what was happening with the Speed Watch, and he had excuses and agreed that action was required. The Clerk gave him until Friday of last week to respond but nothing has been heard from him, so the Clerk has escalated the complaint to the Inspector and Chief Inspector both of whom are looking into what the holdup is.
 - Managing the Website:** Agreed that Ed would undertake the work @£35 a month and already in action.
 - Playing Field CCTV:** The Clerk will find what is available battery operated but in the interim Stuart has put up warning CCTV signs.
 - Unitory Powers to Parish Councils:** The Clerk told the meeting of a conversation he had with the Chair of Middlezoy Parish Council who had not picked up on the fact that the extra powers to be given to Parish Councils under the Conservatives way of saving money came without funding which would have to be obtained by increasing the Parish Council precept. As the Conservatives are not in power, we wait to see what comes from the Liberal Democrats administration.
 - Village Youth Club:** Thankfully the Youth Club equipment is not under threat as it was administered through the church and there is a chance that it might start up again.
 - Jubilee expenses Ella and Vicki:** Two more expenses to add to the spreadsheet sent around so the final total will be at the next meeting
 - Church Farm House/Martin Pring:** Martin has been asked by the owner of Church Farm House to cut the footpath that he is responsible for but it does not affect our contract for the footpath with Martin Pring.
- 6 **Playing Field:** Concern that fragments of plastic have been found in the children's play area and also safety mats have been moved both of which are unacceptable and back up the idea of CCTV and possibly fixing the moveable furniture.
- 7 **Cemetery:** Sign by the tree after more information. Agreed that the sign can be placed by the tree.

8 **Planning notice:** **Application Number** 38/21/00007/DT **Proposal:** Erection of a self-build detached dwelling with attached garage and alterations to existing access. **Location:** Land off Bedwell Lane Othery. This is a revised application and the changes do not alter the support of the Parish Council. **Application Number:** 38/22/00007/EC. **Proposal:** Erection of 1no self-build dwelling and formation of access. **Location:** Ingleside Keens Lane Othery. The property is within 50 mtrs of the Old Mill and near to Kingston Farmhouse both of which are heritage assets and although the heritage statement does not list this in the opinion of the Parish Council there are no issues so the Parish Council support the application.

9 **Financial Matters:**

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Salary	£ 255.46
	Jubilee	£ 239.49
<u>Income:</u>	Plot 715	£ 225.00
	Burial	£ 225.00

10 **Correspondence:**

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

12 **Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:** The right of way cleared by the Parish Council needs clearing again and then spraying and Andrew has the support of the Parish Council so he will organise that working party. Christina will organise cutting the hedge and removing the material generated by the working party. It is acknowledged that members of the Othery Community pick up litter around the village and they are to be commended for their action but it is thought that a litter picking day could be organised in the future for all to get involved.

Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 11th July 2022 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.