

Minutes of the Meeting of Othery Parish Council
Monday 14th November 2022 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr A Betty: Cilla Tempest present to speak about traffic issues in North Lane.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** These will always be declared at the agenda item when appropriate.
- 3 **Certifying the minutes of the meetings held on 10th October and 24th October 2022:**
Agreed as a true record of the meetings.
- 4 **Public question time and Neighbourhood Watch/Crime report and an update from Cllr Matthew Martin or Harry Munt:** Updates emailed: The clerk informed the meeting that both unitary councillors were aware of the meeting but had not made contact. The clerk had been with our PCSO Georgia, who had been seconded, making a video and she said that she was returning to her PCSO duties and when shifts permitted would be at the coffee mornings and Parish Council meetings. The clerk will contact her saying that the meeting welcomed the news and that they would appreciate updates with local issues. Cilla Tempest spoke of the problems in North Lane because of the increased traffic with the local bus service and the school bus service using North Lane every day. North Lane has next to no footpaths and hosts the playing field. In her opinion 30mph is too fast for the rural road and the speed limit should be 20mph.
- 5 **Matters Arising:**
 - Highways Issues:** Responding to Cilla's comments she was told that will be a stakeholder's meeting about traffic problems in Othery and that to have a 20mph limit put on North Lane there needs to be local public support. This could be by letter to SCC or through an online petition with a hard copy available which Cilla would manage. The offending hedge on the main road has been cut and local members of the community are very pleased. There has not been any action with the road signs so the clerk will ask why. There was some concern regarding manholes and as they might be Wessex water manholes Stuart will take a look and report back.
 - Community Speed Watch:** Christina reported that she had been told that not all the volunteers had replied to the email sent out by the police which was not helping move this community project forward. The clerk will email Georgia to see if she has any information.
 - Hedgerow materials:** Vicki has emailed the school asking for support but has yet to have a reply. With a hedge 157 meters long we definitely need more hedging material. Andrew will contact the contractor and the clerk will inform Mr Davis that work will start soon with an updated map with the dimensions on it.
 - Somerset Day 2023:** This is very near the coronation of King Charles but to give members a chance to think about what if anything is done this will be moved to the next meeting.
 - Local Community Networks impact on Othery:** Nothing more has been heard about this issue since the meeting in Othery but with Cllr Revans having been diagnosed with cancer of the kidneys his participation could be limited.
 - North Lane traffic issues:** Dealt with under highways issues.
 - Charitable Donations:** Cllr Tizzard has spoken with residents when out and about and so far, all would agree with the Parish Council making charitable donation. The clerk will ask SDC for advice on this issue but said that if the Parish Council were minded to make charitable donations a limit on how much each year would have to be in place. To the next meeting.

6 **Playing Field:** Cllr Soutar has been to the playing field with the report and agrees that there is nothing of concern in the report but there is an issue with the springy object as the safe surface around it is not good and needs replacing. He will get a quote for the necessary work.

7 **Cemetery:** Nothing to report

8 **Planning notice:** No new applications to consider at this meeting.

9 **Financial Matters:**

<u>Expenditure:</u>	Salary	£ 255.46
	G Wagen James	£ 276.00
	Village Hall	£ 30.00
	Slashdotcom	£ 258.00
	G Wagen James	£ 432.00
	Dog Bin	£ 97.66
	Waste Bin	£ 83.62
	Domain renewal	£ 28.78
<u>Income:</u>	Ashes	£ 140.00

All agreed by the meeting after a debate on the need for a dog bin. The clerk will get details of the legality of using a litter bin for dog waste from SDC. Cllr Wright asked that there be a budget from the clerk for the next meeting when the precept is agreed.

10 **Correspondence:**

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

12 **Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:** Set a planning meeting for **Planning application number: 38/22/00011/EC.** Monday 21st November.

Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 12th December 2022 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.