Monday 12th May 2025 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Atherton: Cllr Matt Martin attended the meeting:
2. **Present:** Cllrs Tizzard: Jennings: Selway: Betty: Wright:
3. **Declarations of Interest:** These will always be declared at the agenda item when appropriate.
4. **Certifying the minutes of the meetings held on Monday14th  and 26th April 2025:** Agreed a true record of the meetings.
5. **Public question time and Neighbourhood Watch/Crime report and an update from Cllr Matthew Martin:** The clerk read an email that he had just received from Alex Graham declaring his interest in becoming a Parish councillor for the vacancy that exists. Cllr Wright sent him a text message and he attended a selection meeting. He gave a short presentation answered some questions and was asked to leave the room for the Parish Council to consider his application. He was unanimously approved and returned to be offered the position which he accepted. The clerk had the necessary forms for him to complete to become a Parish Councillor for Othery. Cllr Matt Martin has been on holiday so he has no formal update for the meeting. The clerk has a police report from Taunton to forward to the councillors.
6. **Matters Arising:** The minutes are up to date on the Website.

Clean surroundings will support Othery will equipment and collect what is picked up.

Ashley Fox was sending a letter to Towens last week.

1. **Playing Field:** Cllr Selway is getting a tree surgeon to check the trees. The Clerk has at last had a response from the Somerset Council to our request to buy the playing field and has moved the process forward. Cllr Martin was disappointed that he had not been informed by the Somerset Council. The clerk will ask the SPFA for a date of the inspection so that someone from the Parish council has the opportunity to attend.

1. **Cemetery:** Cemetery wall damage: No reply has been received to Ashley Fox’s letter.
2. **Highways:** The gulleys are full of the gravel from the road resurfacing and need to be cleaned out before we have too much rain. The 30 mph sign at the top of the hill adjacent to the cemetery has been damage and along with the sign on the other side of the road need attention. Cllr Martin would see if he could assist with this matter. It was felt that the School flashing signs should be left in place and used to emphasise the 20 mph speed past the school.

**10 Community Speed Watch:** Suspended because of the new 20 mph limit in Othery.

**11 Planning notice:** **Planning application number:** 38/25/00004/GNN: **Proposal:** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection of an agricultural building: **Location:** Land to the South of, Grove Hill, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7. No planning required so no comments needed

**12 Financial Matters:**

**Expenditure:** Salary £ 268.24

Salary administration £ 15.00

Parkinsons £ 25.00

Love Musgrove £ 25.00

Village Hall Hire £ 30.00

**Income:** Precept £11330.00

**13 Correspondence:**

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

**15 Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:** The idea of meeting every other month was discussed with the clerk pointing out that we always need to meet in May and June which makes life difficult but it was decided to have it as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Betty and the clerk attended the funeral of Alex Brown and the donation to Love Musgrove was his charity as agreed at the last meeting.

**Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 9th June 2025 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.**