

MINUTES

Monday 11th May 2026 7:30 pm in Othery Village Hall

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllrs Betty and Wright
- 2 **Present:** Cllrs Tizzard: Jennings: Selway: Cllr Mat Martin: James Morris to support his planning application.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest:** These will always be declared at the agenda item when appropriate.
- 4 **Certifying the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026:** With one minor change to the wording in agenda item 7 agreed as a true record of the meeting.
- 5 **Public question time and Neighbourhood Watch/Crime report and an update from Cllr Matthew Martin: No updates:** No updates.
- 6 **Matters Arising:** Highways issues: The School have been contacted about the signs, but the Clerk will ask the PCSO to go and see the head as she has concerns about the signs. Moving of one SID to a new location is not a viable option so they remain in place:

Councillor vacancy update: Looking for a volunteer to co-opt.

NALC advice regarding emails and the availability of othery.org.uk emails if you wish to use them rather than spend about £6 a month per person to set up a 365 account:

Cllr Selway and Jennings advised the clerk that they cannot change to “From” box to the Othery.org.uk email. Since the meeting the clerk can change as he uses Microsoft Outlook. He will ask for advice from our web support.
- 7 **Playing Field:** Update: Dave has done some amazing work on the playing field and is prepared to do more which is a great help to Cllr Selway. She has more quotes to present hopefully at the next meeting. There is more fund raising to come.
- 8 **Cemetery:** Update: No update as Cllr Betty had tended his apology. An applicant had been contacted now that he was back in the UK and over his illness about ashes being interned in the cemetery but since the phone call the clerk has heard nothing.
- 9 **Highways:** Update. As in agenda item 5.
- 10 **Media Report:** Update: No update.
- 11 **Community Speed Watch:** No actions with the resignation of Cllr Atherton.
- 12 **Planning notice: Planning application number: 38/26/00003/AHS: Proposal:** Erection of 1 No. self build dwelling and detached car port: **Location:** Land south of Homefields, West of Paynes Lane, Othery, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7. The Parish Council support this application as it helps to keep a young family in the village by creating a single story property for family members.
- 13 **Financial Matters:** Formal approval of the Othery Accounts for 2025-2026 already circulated by email; The accounts were unanimously adopted by the Parish Council. The chair will sign the declaration for audit after the meeting and the clerk will undertake the formal submission and post a notice of audit on the noticeboard.

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Expenditure:

Salary	£ 268.24
Salary administration	£ 15.00
Scouts Charity	£ 25.00
Council Insurance	£ 564.16

Income:

Charity for May is Cancer.

14 **Correspondence:** None

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

16 **Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:** None

Date and time of the next meeting: Monday 8th June 2026 7:30 Parish Council Meeting.