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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2014** |

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| Present: Cllr S Watkin – Chairman  Cllr A Betts  Cllr A Every  Cllr R Lewis  Cllr J Sawyer |
| CDC Cllrs Penman and Phillips  Apologies: Cllr A Cox |

55. **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 12 December 2013 copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

56. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** The Clerk reminded Councillors of the need to apply for a copy of the Electoral Register.

57. **Declarations of Interest**. Cllr Sawyer declared an interest in the Planning Application for Sedgeley Cottage and did not vote on this item.

58. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. Concerns were raised about the verge at New Place and the crossovers both there and at the adjacent new garage. It was noted that new sets had been installed at Broadwell. The Clerk was asked to raise both issues with Highways. A resident sought advice on the timing of planning applications.

59. **Financial Issues**.

(a) Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

Cheque 14 J Eustace for web site £23.98

Cheque 15 GAPTC £86.79

Cheque 16 ABODE Newsletter £478

Cheque 17 OVH £10

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(b) Council RESOLVED to pay a grant of £478 to fund the Parish Newsletter.

(c ) Council noted that s 150(5) of the LGA 1972 had been repealed removing the legal requirement for two councillors to sign cheques but agreed to keep carry on with current procedures for the present.

60**. Events for 2014**

The Chairman reported on progress concerning the fete and the Centenary of WW1.

Arrangements for the fete were progressing well. There would shortly be a call for volunteers to help run stalls and other activities. She confirmed that a member of the committee would be in charge of promoting the event. It was agreed that a report should be made to the next Council meeting about the funding that would be required.

The Chairman said that the WW1 commemorative event would be held in the church on 10 August. A considerable amount of material had been collected for an exhibition. Cllr Penman spoke about the grant that CDC had made available and agreed to send details to the clerk. Quotes were being obtained for the cleaning of the memorial but is was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should see if it was possible to undertake some preparatory cleaning.

Cllrs Betts and Every said they would like to be involved in looking at the material that might go into the exhibition. The Chairman will arrange a meeting.

61. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

Parking in Church Road. The Council considered an email from a resident expressing concern about parking and the blocking off of access in Church Road. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Every would raise the subject with the Police. Subject to their views, the Council might write to residents and also make use of police notices.

Hedge and bank in Upper Oddington. It was noted that residents had cleared the bank at the bottom end of the hill. The farmer would be cutting back the brambles at the top end later in the year.

Village Litter pick. This would take place on the weekend of 29th and 30th March. The newsletter would have a piece asking for volunteers. The Clerk would contact CDC about equipment. It was noted that street signs and notice boards also needed cleaning and the clerk said she would do this.

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways about the bollards on the lane off Back Lane and ask if they could tidy the area up.

62**. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Penman reported on the CDC boundary review which would result in a reduction in the number of wards. Oddington would be in a ward with a number of other villages and would have a single Councillor. The proposals were subject to consultation. CDC had created a new post to help parishes with planning matters, particularly s106 agreements and Neighbourhood Plans. CDC had cut its Council Tax by 3% although the Police had increased theirs by just under 2%. The result is that the tax would be similar to the previous year.

63. **Planning.**

**14/00194/FUL. New Place. Erection of front boundary wall, gate and piers (Retrospective).** The Council objected to this application. The hedge had formed an important part of the green buffer between the two villages and its removal had altered the character of that part of the village. The planning application for the garage had said that the hedge would be retained and the Council asked that in all future developments the retention of the hedge should be a planning condition.

**14/003/8/FUL.** **Sedgeley Cottage, Back Lane** The Council had no comments on the proposed development but expressed concerns about the impact of site traffic on the neighbouring properties in Back Lane

54. **Date of next meeting.** 10 April 2014

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm

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Chairman