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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 APRIL 2014** |

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

65. **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 27 February 2014 copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

66. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** The Clerk reported that CDC were looking into the possibility of more TPOs between Upper and Lower Oddington but that it was not possible to protect a hedge with a TPO. GCC had spoken to the owner of the new garage and he had confirmed that he would be improving the cross over. GCC were unwilling to take any further action with the bollards on the lane off Back lane, which they felt were serving their purpose. The litter pick has taken place with more than 20 sacks of litter having been collected. It was noted that Broadwell PC had contributed £4,000 to the new sets in their village. The Clerk was thanked for cleaning the signs and the street furnishing in the village. It was reported that Mr Hedges had said he was no longer able to cut the top green. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Hedges to thank him for his work and to wish him a speedy recovery.

67. **Declarations of Interest**. There were none

68. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. It was noted that the retrospective application for New Place had still to be decided. There was some discussion about Back Lane being used as a rat run.

69. **Financial Issues**.

(a) Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

Cheque 18 Mark Penfold Grass cutting £155

70**. Events for 2014**

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

The Chairman circulated details of tasks and responsibilities for the fete and reported that there would be a workshop on 17 April at the village hall to make stall signs. It was agreed that the Clerk should apply for a TEN to cover the sale of alcohol. There was discussion about accessing the field from the road. It was agreed that Harold Smith would be asked to carry out the first cut and that Cllr Cox would then carry out a couple of cuts with Mr Munn cutting the grass short before the fete.

The Clerk reported that the working group had met to review the material for the WW1 exhibition and it was agreed that there would be plenty available. Cllrs Penman and Phillips supported and application for a grant from CDC to cover the costs of staging the exhibition and Cllr Betts spoke of plans to have a map of the village showing where servicemen lived.

The Council RESOLVED that there should be grants under the promotion of tourism powers of up to £500 in support of the fete.

71. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

Parking in Church Road. Officers from GCC had visited the site at various times during the day and reported that there did not seem to be any serious problems. It was agreed that Cllr Greene would take photos during the most congested periods.

The Council received an email from Bromford about the two properties in Home Close. They confirmed that both properties were occupied and said that the Parish Council should see a marked improvement in both cases within six weeks. It was agreed that the Clerk would go back to Bromford if properties have not been tidied by mid may.

72**. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Phillips reported that the Bovis appeal in Stow had been postponed. The five year housing plan was to be discussed again but initial comments suggested significant numbers of new houses would be needed. There were concerns that the infrastructure to support this new housing would not be in place.

Cllr Penman said he would ask CDC planners if permission was needed for the trading activities that were now taking place from Gable Ends on the main road.

73. **Planning.**

There were no applications.

74. **Date of next meeting.** 29 May – 6pm Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm Annual Village meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

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Chairman