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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2014** |

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| Present:  Cllr A Betts  Cllr A Every  Cllr J Sawyer  Cllr S Watkin |
| CDC Cllr Phillips  Apologies: Cllr Cox, Cllr Green and Cllr Lewis |

1. **Election of Chairman**. Cllr S Watkin was elected to serve as Chairman for the forthcoming year.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman**. Cllr Every was elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 10 April 2014 copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** The Clerk reported Bromford would be taking further action against one of the tenants who had failed to tidy up his garden and that they were investigating the status of another tenant. Cllr Sawyer asked that Highways be contacted about the bollards in the lane off Back Lane which are now in a dangerous condition.
5. **Declarations of Interest**. There were none.
6. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A member of the public thanked the parish council for cleaning the road signs and the War memorial and for arranging for the grass verges to be cut at various junctions. Concern was expressed about the large hole in the verge outside New Place and the Clerk was asked to raise this with Highways.
7. **Financial Issues**.

(a) Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

Cheque 19 Janet Eustace for web site £29.97

Cheque 20 Mark Penfold for grass cutting £310

Cheque 21 Playsafety Ltd for playground check £88.80

Cheque 22 Community First for Insurance £181.50

Cheque 23 Oddington Village Hall £10

Cheque 24 Mark penfold for grass cutting £165.

(b) Council received a copy of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 march 2014. They noted that the internal auditor had completed his checks and considered the Annual Governance Statement at section 2 of the Return. It was noted that the Council had a reserve of £6,215 and that the Council needed to consider whether any of this should be earmarked against future items of expenditure. Council RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the Annual Return.

1. **Events for 2014**

Cllr Betts reported on the plans to mark the centenary of the start of WW1 which would involve a church service and exhibition to be held on 10 August. The exhibition would include a map of the village showing where servicemen lived. The Chairman announced that the Council had recently been awarded a grant of £225 towards the cost of staging the exhibition.

The Chairman provided details of arrangements for the fete to be held on 29 June and said that plans were well advanced.

1. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

The Clerk reported that the ROSPA inspection of the play area had been completed and that all the items were considered to be in a good state of repair presenting an acceptable level of risk.

1. **Reports from Councillors**

It was agreed that Cllr Phillips would give her report at the Village meeting which was to follow the Council meeting.

1. **Planning.**

1**4/0158/FUL. The Manor. Demolish bungalow, erect swimming pool building, ancillary accommodation and tennis court.** The Council objects to this application. The new buildings are too close to the western boundary of the site and will overlook the rear gardens of the properties in Home Close. The Council is also concerned about the noise from the tennis courts and from the pool equipment. Although it is not a planning issue, the Council regrets the loss of an affordable rented house in the village.

1. **Date of next meeting.** 10 July 2014.

The meeting ended at 6.45 pm

10 July 2014 ………………………………………..

Chairman