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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2014** |

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| Present:  Cllr S Watkin - Chairman  Cllr A Every - Vice Chairman Cllr Betts Cllr M Green Cllr Lewis Cllr J Sawyer  |
| Apologies Cllr A Cox and CDC Cllrs Penman and Phillips |
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**45. Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 30 October 2014 copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**46. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  The Chairman reported that a large number of trees at Severn House had been cut down but 42, with TPOs remained. She also reported on ground works at Kitsbury Orchard and said that the Enforcement Officer had advised that this work would need retrospective planning permission.

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

**48. Defibrillator.** The Chairman welcomed Ralph Price from Adlestrop to the meeting. Mr Price told the meeting how he and other visitors had raised funds for the cost of an AED. This had been installed in the old phone box which had an electrical supply. Mr Price is responsible for carrying out the regular weekly and monthly checks and draws up the rota of those able to use the AED. He arranged training which was attended by 22 villagers with another 8 on the waiting list. He recommended that the Parish Council seek advice from Community Heartbeat.

**49. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident reported on the recent death in the village and told how an AED would have enabled those present to help the gentleman while the ambulance was on its way. Other residents spoke in favour of an AED in the village and it was felt that the funds raised from the fete should be used to purchase one, or perhaps two pieces of equipment. Other residents raised concerns about the verges and the bollards at the top end of the lane off Back Lane.

**50**. It was RESOLVED that the Council should fund the purchase (£1,600 + VAT each), installation and upkeep of two AED and the necessary training which might also include more general First Aid Training. The location of the equipment should be discussed with the Community Heartbeat Trust.

**51. Financial Issues**.

Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

 Cheque 44 Janet Eustace (web site) £11.99

 Cheque 45 Oddington Village Hall £10

 Cheque 39 Mark Penfold for grass cutting £310

Council reviewed expenditure against budget. It was noted that income was higher than budgeted because the Parish Council had received the proceeds of the Fete and because CDC had given a grant to the WW1 project. Expenditure was projected to be slightly lower than budget although it was noted that the AED and the possible new fence in Church Lane would require the use of reserves. The Clerk said that as at the end of November she expected the reserve to be £10,665, £3,000 of which could be earmarked as having come from the fete.

The Council considered the budget for 2015/16. It was noted that two major items of expenditure would be funded from the reserve and that other expenditure could be contained within budget. It was therefore RESOLVED to leave the precept unchanged at £6,385.

**52. Village Amenities and Facilities**

The Council received two quotations to install a new fence in Church Lane. Councillors considered the various options put forward and agreed to accept the quotation from Mr Gabb for machine rounded posts at 4 m intervals at a cost of £2,580.

The owners of Sedgeley Cottage had asked if the Parish Council would have objections to the removal of a TPO on a Christmas tree planted in their garden some 40 years ago. The Clerk was asked to notify the tree officer that the Council had no objections provided the tree was replaced by a suitable mature tree.

It was noted that a planning application had been submitted for alterations and extensions to Severn House. It was agreed that an additional meeting should be held on Thursday 8 January to discuss this application. The Clerk was asked to invite the architect to this meeting.

**53. Reports from Councillors**

Apologies had been received from the CDC Councillors

**54.** **Planning**.

The Enforcement Officer had advised that planning was need for the earth works at Kitsbury Orchard.

**55**. **Date of next meeting:** 8 January at 7.30pm to consider Severn House planning application. 26 February 7pm, Full Council.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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 Chairman

26 February 2015