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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2015** |

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| Present:  Cllr S Watkin - Chairman  Cllr A Every - Vice Chairman  Cllr Betts  Cllr A Cox  Cllr M Green  Cllr Lewis  Cllr J Sawyer  CDC Cllr Penman |
| Apologies CDC Cllr Phillips |
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**56. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 11 December 2014 and of the Special Meeting held on 8 January 2015 copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**57. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  It was noted that Highways had not taken any action on the bollards at Back Lane and that a Pulhams bus had recent been seen entering the village via Back Lane. The Clerk was asked to take the matter up with the relevant authorities.

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

**59. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident reported that Highways had the previous day carried out work to prevent flooding outside his house. It was noted that the verges continued to suffer damage from construction traffic and the Clerk was asked to try to ensure that those people employing contractors took steps to repair damage at the end of the contract. Cllr Penman suggested that the Council contact an officer at CDC about possible restrictions concern the disposal of spoil in the paddock in the centre of the village. Cllr Lewis confirmed that the yew trees in the Churchyard were to be inspected.

**60. Financial Issues**.

Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

Cheque 46 Community Heartbeat (2 x AED) £3,870.00

Cheque 47 GAPTC subscription £94.42

Cheque 48 Oddington Village Hall £30

Cheque 49 WS Gabb Ltd (fencing) £2580

Cheque 50 Janet Eustace (web site) £23.98

Cheque 51 ABODE (newsletter) £450

Council RESOLVED to appoint Iain Selkirk as the internal auditor for 2014/15.

**61. Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities**. The Council noted the new requirements for the publication of financial material following the abolition of external audit for smaller authorities.

**62. Village Amenities and Facilities.** The two defibrillators had been purchased and were in storage. There would be a 90 day consultation period on the proposed change of use for the phone boxes so the defibrillators were unlikely to be installed until towards the end of May. A training course would be arranged for mid April (depending on the availability of the hall). Once a date had been fixed the event would be advertised in the newsletter and on the notice boards.

The Chairman reported that the village fete would be held on 28 June and that there was would be a fete committee meeting on 13 March at which Councillors would be very welcome.

**63. Elections.** It was noted that District, Parish and National elections were to be held on 7 May. The Clerk distributed election packs. More were available from the CDC website.

**64. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Penman reported that charges for the car parks in Moreton and other towns were to be reduced to £2 for a full day.

From May, the numbers of CDC Councillors was to reduce from 44 to 34. The size of the Cabinet would remain the same and the Planning and Licensing Committees would be combined. CDC had reduced its precept by 5%.

**65.** **Planning**.

14/05354/FUL Severn House. Revised plans. Cllr Penman reported that the planning officer was minded to approve the application. It was not possible to tie the proposed garage to the house as ancillary accommodation. However there would be a condition to require contractors vehicles to park at the rear of the site and to restore the site within one month of completion of the works. He could not justify asking for a condition for landscaping nor could he require a hedge to the front of the site. It was not worth removing permitted development rights as it would only be possible to extend the building by a further 1m at the rear. Councillors raised concerns about the location of the new access and the impact this would have on one tree on within the curtilage and various trees on the verge. Cllr Penman said he would raise this with the planner. It was noted that the request for work at Kitsbury Orchard was retrospective even though the application made no reference to this.

**66**. **Date of next meeting:** 23 April 2015 at 7 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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Chairman

26 February 2015