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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2015** |

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| Present:  Cllr A Betts  Cllr A Every  Cllr M Green  Cllr J Sawyer  Cllr S Watkin |
| CDC Cllr Beale  Apologies: Cllr Cox |

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 23 April 2015 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.** It was agreed that the vacancy on the parish council should be advertised on the village notice boards and in the newsletter with a view to co-opting at the July meeting. Cllr Green and Betts said they would clean the phone box by the Village Hall ready for the defibrillator to be installed. The Chairman and Clerk were thanked for cleaning the phone box at the other end of the village. The Chairman said she would pass on to the PCC concerns about the condition of the yew tree at the graveyard. Bromford had advised that their container could not be moved as there was still work to be completed at Home Close.
5. **Declarations of Interest**. There were none.
6. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. It was reported that the dog bin in Church Road needed emptying, that the hedge needed to be cut back by the railway bridge and along the Slip.
7. **Financial Issues**.

(a) Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

Cheque 56 Mark Penfold for grass cutting £310

Cheque 57 Oddington Village Hall £10

Cheque 58 Community First for Insurance £230.60

Cheque 59 Iain Selkirk Internal audit £50

Cheque 60 Janet Eustace for web site £11.99

(b) Council received a copy of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2015. 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 £4,805. Council RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the Annual Return.

1. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

The Council had been asked to comment on the proposed closure of the footpath from Brans Lane to the main road. It was agreed that this path was rarely used and that it passed very close to a private dwelling. The Clerk was asked to respond to the consultation saying that the Council had no objection to closure.

1. **Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Beale explained that the number of District Councillors had been reduced to 34 which would result in financial savings. He felt that recent boundary changes had been good, allowing him to concentrate on the smaller rural parishes. He said that he would speak to the CDC offices about missed dog bins and would raise the issue of hedge trimming with GCC.

1. **Planning.**

Cllr Beale reported that a revised application for the new surgery in Stow would be going to the planning committee in July and that it would probably be approved. An application for the Tall Trees site might also be submitted. He would keep the parish council informed.

1. **Date of next meeting.** 9 July 2015.

The meeting ended at 6.45 pm

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Chairman