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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2015** |

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| Present:    Cllr A Every - Vice Chairman  Cllr A Betts  Cllr A Cox  Cllr M Green    CDC Cllr J Beale |
| Apologies Cllr S Watkin, Cllr J Sawyer |
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**12. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 28 May copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**13. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  Cllrs Every, Green and Betts were thanked for cleaning the phone box by the Village Hall. The yew tree at the grave yard had been removed. The Clerk confirmed that the phone boxes and the defibrillators had been added to the Council’s asset register and insurance.

14. **Co-option**. No applications had been received and it was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

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

16**. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. It was reported that at least one resident in the village had now got high speed broadband. Others had applied but it was noted that it was only available via BT. A resident queried how much of the precept was spent in each of the two villages with grass cutting being a particular concern. It was noted that GCC cut much of the grass with OPCs contractor cutting the greens, the play area and some sections of the. There was discussion about cutting the bank in Lower Oddington. The Clerk was asked to chase GCC to cut the grass at various junctions which were becoming dangerous. It was noted that the Bromford container was still on the verge (note this was removed shortly after the meeting).

**17. Financial Issues**.

Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

OVH cq 161 £20

M Penfold cq 162 grass cutting £465

S Watkin cq 163 gazebos £1157

R Smith cq 164 noticeboards £276

Community First cq 165 insurance £52.26

J Eustace cq 166 TENS & web £32.99

**18. Village Amenities and Facilities.**

The two defibrillators had now been installed in the phone boxes. The Clerk had been asked to complete the necessary paper work. It was agreed that she be named as the scheme contact with Cllr Every being responsible for the weekly checks at the Village Hall and Cllr Watkin for the weekly checks at the Horse and Groom. The Clerk was asked to consider whether the earth at the Village Hall box was fit for purpose.

It was agreed that there should be an article in the newsletter asking resident to ensure that the footpaths outside their properties be kept free from overhanging trees and shrubs.

**19. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Beale said that funding had been made available for superfast broadband but he did not know the details. District Councillors had been awarded a fund worth perhaps £200-£300 per parish which could be used for one off environmental projects. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact CDC to see what work might be done under this scheme.

Cllr Beale said that the dog bins in the village were scheduled to be emptied every two weeks. It was noted that the bin by the Fox was broken.

Cllr Beale reported that two planning applications had been submitted for the Stow Surgery and had been considered by CDC Planning Committee the previous day. An outline application for the Tall Trees site had been approved whilst the application for the gypsy field had been refused chiefly because it still includes 5 houses for sale. The gypsy site application might go to appeal. There had been discussion between the doctors and the owners of Tall Trees although this might now take place. The future of the Stow Fair would depend upon the future ownership of the filed.

**19.** **Planning**. There were no planning applications. The Council was disappointed that it had not been given advance warning of the work on the pumping station on the old allotment field.

**20. Clerk’s Pay and Pension.** It was noted that the Council would need to provide a pension for the Clerk from May 2017 if requested**.** The Council noted that the Clerk had not had a pay rise since she started with the Council in 2008 and RESOLVED that her pay should be increased to £8.50 ph back dated to 1 April 2015.

**21**. **Date of next meeting.** 10 September 2015.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

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Chairman

10 September 2015