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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2015** |

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| Present: Cllr S Watkin - Chairman  Cllr A Every - Vice Chairman Cllr A Betts Cllr A Cox Cllr M Green Cllr J Sawyer  |
| Apologies CDC Cllr J Beale  |
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**22. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 9 July, copies of which had been previously circulated, where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**23. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  High speed broadband was now in the village and several people had signed up. It was noted that it was available through several different providers. Cllr Betts would provide some wording for inclusion in the newsletter. Cllr Sawyer said she would carry out the weekly and monthly checks on the defibrillator by the Horse and Groom. It was noted that the Open Space Society had objected to the closure of the footpath off Brans Lane but that GCC would be re-advertising the application to extinguish the path due to an administrative error on their part.

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

25. **Co-option to the Council**. Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Sir Peter Davis be co-opted to the Council. The Chairman congratulated Sir Peter on his election and invited him to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

26**. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident raised concerns about speeding in the village. Cllr Every said she would raise the matter with the police. Concerns were raised about trees and hedges encroaching on footpaths and the Clerk was asked to draft a letter which could be delivered to individual houses. It was suggested that the Tree Officer be asked to look at the Wellingtonia at Severn House. It was reported that the drain pipe on the bus shelter needed repair. The Clerk was asked to report the subsidence of the road on the Adlestrop railway bridge. A resident was concerned about the noise caused by the swimming pool pump at the Manor House and it was suggested that, in the first instance, he speak to the home owner. Cllr Green said he would take over the role as Tree Warden.

**27. Financial Issues**.

1. Issues arising from the audit.

The external auditor had noted that the annual return was in accordance with proper practices. They noted that the Internal Auditor had made a comment about the values shown in the asset register but that the figures adopted by the Council were in fact correct. The Council Tax Support Grant had been included with the precept and should be moved to Box 3. Once altered, figures should be marked as being restated.

1. Payment of accounts

Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

M Penfold cq 167 grass cutting £465

SLCC cq 168 membership £77

Grant Thornton cq 169 audit £120

OVH cq 170 hire of hall £10

R Smith cq 171 Kiosks £680

J Eustace cq 172 website £11.99

Kevin Fitzgerald cq 173 Defib installation £720

**28. Village Amenities and Facilities.**

It was agreed that Bob Smith should be asked to repair the down pipe on the bus shelter.

Cllr Cox reported on the outcome of a recent site meeting held to discuss the verge in Upper Oddington. He would contact some local contractors about making a first cut of the bank using a hedge flail. The Clerk would then contact CDC to book the two workmen to carry out a tidy up. The two workmen will be funded from CDC Cllr Beale’s budget. The cut would probably need to be repeated each year.

**29. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Beale had sent his apologies.

**30.** **Planning**. There were no comments on the application for Oddington House and Rose Walk,

**31. Budget**. It was noted that the Council had surplus funds arising from the fate. Organisations were welcome to apply for S137 grant funding.

**32**. **Date of next meeting.** 29 October2015.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm

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 Chairman

29 October 2015