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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2016** |

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| Present: Cllr S Watkin - Chairman  Cllr A Every - Vice Chairman  Cllr A Betts  Cllr M Green  Cllr J Sawyer |
| Apologies: Cllr A Cox  Cllr P Davis  CDC Cllr J Beale |
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**52. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 10 December, copies of which had been previously circulated, where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**53. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  It was noted that the bank in Upper Oddington had been cut back and that the CDC workmen had done a good job. Visibility had also been improved. Permission had been granted for 15/04464/FUL Banks Farm and the new AV system had been installed in the Village Hall. The footpath warden was taken action over the blocked footpath in the field to the rear of Holy Ascension.

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

55**. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident spoke about the problems with the sewage pumping station in Upper Oddington which had overflowed and flooded the Old Stone House. Part of the problem seemed to be due to a leak behind Blenheim Cottage but Thames Water did not consider repairs a priority. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Thames Water, copied to CDC and GCC to ask for a full progress report. A resident asked if it would be possible for the road sweepers to visit the village. It was reported that the Villager bus vehicles were now in a secure compound and that the Government had funded a new vehicle. The owner of Brae Croft spoke about planning application 16/00357/FUL and answered questions from Councillors.

56. **Planning Applications**

16/00290/FUL: Proposed detached garage with ancillary accommodation, Cotswold House, Back Lane. Council had no objections to this application subject to any views from immediate neighbours

16/00357/FUL: Erection of ancillary building, Brae Croft. The Council was disappointed not to have the benefit of the views of CDCs landscape officers on the application. In the absence of these views, the Parish Council concluded that the new building had been designed to minimise its impact on the surrounding landscape. The build process had been designed to keep disruption to a minimum and the building appeared to be environmentally sound. Council asked that if planning permission be granted, there be a condition which ensures that this new building is only used as an ancillary building to Brae Croft.

**57. Financial Issues**.

1. **Accounts for payment**. The Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts

J Eustace cq 190 website £11.99

Oddington VH cq 191 £10

J Eustace cq 192 salary £166.74

Television and Hifi cq 193 £2631.00

ABODE cq 194 £450.00

1. The Council agreed to pay a grant of £450 to ABODE for the newsletter.
2. The Council received a request from the fete Committee to purchase 3 marques and 7 tables at a cost of £1992.61. It was noted that there was £557 in the ‘fete reserve’ and that £450 of the grants budget had not been allocated. It was Resolved to award the Village Hall Committee a grant of £1000 towards the purchase of this equipment. Profits from the 2016 fete would be used to reimburse the Village Hall Committee the extra expenditure incurred.
3. Resolved to appoint Ian Selkirk as the auditor for the financial year 2015/16.

**58. Safety Improvements on the A436.**

Council noted that there had been two fatal accidents on the A436 in recent months and a third accident involving two lorries. It was recognised that in the current financial climate, GCC would have limited funding but it was felt that the road was sufficiently dangerous to require some form of traffic calming. The Clerk was asked to write to GCC Cllr Moor suggesting a reduction in the speed limit. It was agreed that Cllr Moore be asked to attend the Annual Village meeting to talk about this issue.

**59. New Housing in the village.**

Cllr Beale had provided a short briefing note on the emerging local plan. It was agreed to defer further discussion until the next meeting, when Cllr Beale would be present.

**60. Village Amenities and Facilities.**

It was agreed to defer a decision on a Village Christmas tree to September.

The Council considered a request to fell the blue cedar growing on the upper green in Upper Oddington. It was agreed that the tree was in the wrong location, but that it had not yet become too big to be a nuisance. It was agreed to monitor the growth of the tree over the next few years.

Arrangements were in hand for Village Clean for the Queen on 5 March. Cllrs Betts, Every, Sawyer and Watkin agreed to litter pick various parts of the village as did Mr Miles and Mr Smith.

**61**. **Date of next meeting.** 7 April at 7 pm**.**

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

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Chairman

7 April 2016