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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 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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**62. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 25 February, copies of which had been previously circulated, where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**63. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  Highways had asked CDC to send a sweeper to the village and advised that there was money in the budget for the path along the main road to be cleared in the new financial year. Highways had also provided accident data for the A436 in Oddington. There had been two fatal accidents one of which was confirmed as natural causes. A police report was awaited on the double fatal accident which had occurred on Boxing Day. Cllr Every had spoken to the Police who had agreed to carry out speed checks on this stretch of road.

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

65**. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident updated the meeting on the problems with the sewage pumping station in Upper Oddington which had overflowed and flooded the Old Stone House. At a site meeting with Thames water on 6 April, it was agreed that there was a problem behind Blenheim Cottage and that this would be investigated within a month. Another resident reported that sewage had flooded the football field and that a new, bigger pipe would have to be laid from Sweetmore Close to the pumping station. The Clerk was asked to keep the County Councillor informed. It was noted that proposals were under discussion for a unitary authority in the Cotswolds. A resident asked if the Council knew anything about a proposed ring road for Moreton in Marsh. It was reported that the Prime Minister would be presenting a new vehicle to the Villager Bus Committee. A resident reported that GCC had issued an Extinguishment Order for HOD 9 and that the inspector would be considering this in June.

**67. Financial Issues**.

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

Oddington Village Hall £10

GAPTC £94.17

J Eustace (website) £11.99

HMRC £125

Autela payroll £30

J Eustace £166.54

Oddington Village Hall £1000

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Following discussion at the February meeting, the Council formally Resolved to make a payment of £1000 to the Village Hall under s137 of the LGA 1972.

66. **Planning Applications**

**16/00760/FUL - Severn House** Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of replacement dwelling, pool building and ancillary outbuilding. The Council objects to this planning application.

* The dwelling is in a prominent position in the village with the front (north) elevation having extensive frontage on to the road and the rear elevation being dominant given its location at the top of the hill. Although the north elevation is of traditional appearance, the design is not in keeping with other properties in the village whilst the south elevation is totally out of character with the local vernacular.
* The building is substantially larger than the existing dwelling even taking in to account the approval given last year to extend.
* The Council believes that the southern boundary to the site has already been extended to the south into agricultural land and that this has been done without planning approval. The effect of this change in the boundary line has been to extend the Severn House site to the east meaning that it is now immediately adjacent to the Conservation Area.
* The Council notes that there is a substantial ancillary building to the east of the site. If this application is approved there should be a condition that this building cannot be lived in.

**16/00862/LBC Old Rectory** Lower Oddington, Removal of secondary staircase and widening of internal doorway. No Observations

**6/00303/LBC Kitsbury** Upper Oddington, Erection of new flue pipe. No Observations

**16/01195/FUL Ashtree Farmhouse** Icomb. Alterations and extensions to the dwelling. No Observations

**68. Housing in the Village**

As Cllr Beale had been unable to attend the meeting it was agreed that this item be deferred.

**69. Village Amenities and Facilities.**

It was noted that Amey had still to take any action over the obstruction to the footpath to the rear of Severn House. The Chairman reported that the Beacon to mark HM Queens 90th birthday would take place at the Stow Rugby Club at 7 pm on 21 April.

**70**. **Date of next meeting.** 26 May. Annual Parish Council meeting 6.15 pm. Annual Village meeting 7 pm. Cllr Every will ask if the Police can attend,

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

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Chairman