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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2016** |

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| Present: Cllr S Watkin - Chairman  Cllr A Every - Vice Chairman  Cllr A Betts  Cllr A Cox  Cllr P Davis  Cllr M Green  Cllr J Sawyer    CDC Cllr J Beale |
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**12. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 26 May copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**13. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  The Chairman updated Councillors on the correspondence between the MP and Thames Water. There had been site visits but as a result of recent drier weather no flooding had been detected. Thames Water would return to carry out a survey in the autumn. Cllr Beale had taken up the issue with GCC Cllr Moor. The Inspector was due to have visited the site of the footpath at Brans Lane and a decision about its closure should be made shortly.

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

15**. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. Concerns were raised about hedges overgrowing footpaths. The Clerk was asked to contact householders with a request that vegetation be cut back.

**16. Financial Issues**.

Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

M Penfold cq 310 grass cutting £465

OVH cq 311 £10

Autela cq 312 payroll £30

J Eustace cq 313 salary £166.54

Community First cq 314 insurance £52.26

J Eustace cq 315 expenses £35.77

HMRC cq 316 £125

The Clerk reported that the cheque to Community First was a replacement for the one signed at the previous meeting (cq 305) as the invoice was incorrect.

**17. Village Amenities and Facilities.**

The Chairman reported that she had been contacted by the owners of Chapel House who were concerned about the state of the road. Cllr Beale suggested that the matter be referred to GCC Cllr Moor.

The Chairman reported on the fete which had been a very successful event. Proceeds after expenses were £2,260. The Village Hall Committee had purchased a number of gazebos and tables for use at the fete and it had been agreed at the February meeting of the Parish Council that the VH Committee should be reimbursed this expenditure from the fete proceeds. The remaining funds (£700) was passed to the Parish Council. Councillors agreed that it should be decided at the next meeting how this sum should be allocated. The Chairman invited Councillors to attend a social event planned for fete helpers on 28 July.

**19. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Beale explained that the abandoned Unitary Plan proposals had had the result of making GCC aware the the north of the county did not receive as much attention as the south. He suggested that the Council alert GCC Cllr Moor to Highways and other issues. The Local Plan was due to be submitted in the autumn and, hopefully, adopted in the spring. The requirement for new houses had risen from 7,600 to 8,400 with all the necessary land having been identified. Major provision would be in Cirencester and Moreton. There was less positive news on improvements to infrastructure were very little new work had been planned. There was no requirement for villages such as Oddington to have new housing.

Cllr Beale mentioned the new Lengthsman scheme which GCC had launched. He mentioned that the planning application for an ancillary building at Braecroft was due to go to Planning Committee the following week.

The Clerk was asked to invite the GRCC Housing Officer to attend the October meeting of the Council to explore the possibility of a small number of affordable houses being provided within the village.

**19.** **Planning**. 16/02536/FUL Ashmey Cottage. Replacement of roof lights with dormer windows. Council had no objections.

**21**. **Date of next meeting.** 15 September 2106

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

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Chairman

15 September 2016