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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2016** |

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| Present: Cllr S Watkin - Chairman  Cllr A Every - Vice Chairman  Cllr A Betts (from item 47)  Cllr A Cox  Cllr P Davis  Cllr M Green  Cllr J Sawyer |
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**44. Minutes of the Meetings** held on 27 October a copy of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

**45. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  Cllr Cox was thanked for arranging the cutting of the bank in Upper Oddington. The Clerk reported that she was still trying to track down a possible source of mobile ‘slow down’ signs. Thirteen returns had been received to the OHNS questionnaire. The Chairman read out a thank you letter from the Villager Bus for the Council’s grant.

46**. Declarations of Interest**. Cllrs Dais and Sawyer reported an interest as members of the Parochial Church Council

47**. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident asked about a possible refresher course on the use of the defibrillators and it was agreed that this be arranged for late February. The Chairman reported that she would reprint the Rector’s Notebook when her new printer is installed. It was noted that the Chairman of the Village Hall and the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council had jointly agreed to Western Power trimming certain trees which were overgrowing cables. The logs and chippings would be left in the village.

**48. Financial Issues**.

1. Budget and Precept 2017/2018. Councillors received a report of expenditure against current budget and proposed budget for 2017/18. It was noted that the precept had not been increased for many years but that costs were increasing. It was agreed that money from the fete should not be used to subsidise the Council’s running costs and that a reserve of about £3,000 needed to be retained for emergencies. The Council RESOLVED to increase the precept by £250 to £6,635. It was noted that a similar sized increase would probably be needed in the following year.
2. Council received a copy of the asset register as at December 2016. This was noted.
3. Council received a copy of the Risk Management report dated December 2016. It was agreed that the checks in place were commensurate with the level of expenditure involved.
4. Accounts for payment. Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

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| OVH | 329 |  | £ 10.00 |
| CDC | 330 | Housing Survey | £ 35.12 |
| Janet Eustace | 331 | Web site | £ 11.99 |
| Janet Eustace | 332 | Pay | £ 166.74 |

**49. Village Amenities and Facilities.**

Cllr Davis reported on the repairs to St Nicholas’ roof and to the Doom painting. The roof repair work was out to tender and it was hoped that sufficient funds had been secured. Another £25,000 was needed for repairs to the Doom painting and grant would be sort but there would be a shortfall. Council RESOLVED to set aside £1,000 from its reserve pending receipt of a formal application from OPCC.

It was reported that there had been several complaints from residents about farm vehicles removing waste from Oddington House to Bledington Grounds. These vehicles were travelling too fast along the narrow lanes and causing damage to the bridle way. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the Daylesford Estate manager.

**50. Reports from Councillors –** there were none**.**

**51. Planning**

Braecroft: It was noted that CDC had agreed to amend the ‘Incidental’ condition placed on the proposed swimming pool to ‘ancillary’.

**52**. **Schedule of meetings 2017**

26 January

23 March

25 May   (Annual Parish Meeting and Village meeting)

6 July

7 September

26 October

7 December

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

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Chairman

26 January 2017