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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2017** |

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| Present: Cllr S Watkin - Chairman  Cllr A Every - Vice Chairman  Cllr A Betts  Cllr P Davis  Cllr J Sawyer    Apologies: Cllr M Green and CDC Cllr Beale |
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**62. Minutes of the Meetings** held on 26 January a copy of which had been previously circulated were agreed as a true record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

**63. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  The fence repairs had been carried out in Church Road. The Chairman had received a letter of thanks from OPCC for the grant towards the Doom restoration. Cllr Cox had rodded the drain on the corner of the road off Back Lane. This had resolved the flooding on the corner but the drain under the road appeared to be blocked. GCC Highways had said they would investigate the problem.

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

65**. Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident reported concerns about a house in Back Lane which appeared to have been left empty.

66. **Oddington Housing Need Survey.** The Chairman welcomed Martin Hutchings from GRCC to the meeting.

Martin reported that the survey had been carried out in December. The village has a population of 410 with 247 dwellings of which 170 are occupied. Martin commented on the high portion of unoccupied dwellings and noted that these are either weekend homes or holiday lets. There is a predominance of small households occupying larger properties with most people owing their homes. Six people said they were looking to move with 5 of these looking for open market properties. There was one person looking for Low Cost Home Ownership in the village.

It was noted that on the basis of these figures it would be very difficult for the Parish Council to make a case for the development of affordable housing on a rural exception site. He suggested that the best way forward would be for the Parish Council to work with GRCC and CDC Cllr Beale to encourage Bromford Housing Association not to sell tenanted houses as they fall vacant. Cllr Every said she would contact Martin about a particular current case.

The Chairman thanked Martin for his report which Councillors felt gave them useful information about the housing market in the village.

67. **Clerk’s Pension Scheme.** The Council resolved to adopt the NEST pension scheme.

**68. Financial Issues**.

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



**69 Village Amenities and Facilities.**

Councillors were reminded of the Village Litter pick to take place on Saturday 1 April at 2 pm. This would be followed by light refreshments at the Village Hall at 3 pm for those who helped at the event. The ROSPA check of the playground would be taking place during April.

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

**71. Planning applications**

17/00168/FUL Extension and alteration to existing property. Demolition of existing garage at Lane House Sawpits Lane Lower Oddington. The Chairman reported that Councillors had met residents and officers from CDC. The CDC Planning Committee had asked for a site visit which would take place on 5 April. The application would then be referred back to Committee.

Concern was expressed about the poor quality of the plans for the work to the Laundry in Back Lane.

**72**. **Date of Next Meeting –** 25 May. Annual Parish Meeting 6.15 pm. Village Meeting 7 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.

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Chairman

25 May 2017