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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2017** |

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| Present:  Cllr A Betts Chairman  Cllr A Every Vice Chairman  Cllr A Cox  Cllr P Davis  Cllr M Green  Cllr J Sawyer |

1. **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 25 May 2017 copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** The Clerk reported that CDC had not received any request for an election to fill the vacancy on the Council and that the Council could now move to co-option. It was agreed that the vacancy be advertised on the noticeboards and that Councillors would speak to individuals. Application should be by letter with candidates given a short presentation to Council.

The owners of the filed behind Holy Ascension had been given 21 days to remove the obstruction across the footpath after which enforcement action would be taken.

1. **Declarations of Interest**. There were none.
2. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident asked if the Parish Council would consider planting daffodil bulbs on the verges and the replacement of damaged kerb setts in the village.
3. **Report on the Village fete**

The Chairman of the fete committee reported that the event had been very well attended with large numbers of children having a good time. She thanked all those involved for all their hard work. She went on to report that the fete committee had organised the event for the last 4 years and felt that now was a good time to step down to allow others to take it forward. The proceeds (£2265.00) had been transferred to the Parish Council’s account. She asked if some of the proceeds could be used to plant bulbs. The Council asked the Clerk to obtain a cost for purchasing and planting 6,000 bulbs to be reported to the next meeting. Cllr Betts said that he would contact the various organisations in the village and with a view to having a meeting to discuss next year’s event. Cllr Betts thanked Mrs Watkin and her Committee for all their hard work over the years.

1. **Financial Issues**

**Accounts for payment**

Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

Cheque 352 Mark Penfold grass cutting £640.00

Cheque 353 OVH £10.00

Cheque 354 Iain Selkirk £50

Cheque 355 Autela Pay Roll £38.40

Cheque 356 Playsafety ltd £92.40

Cheque 357 HMRC £125.00

Cheque 358 Clerk’s salary £166.54

**WW1 Grant**

Cllr Betts outlined a proposal to produce a walk around the village based on the research carried out in 2014, visiting the houses of those who died in WW1. It was agreed that the Clerk should apply for a grant towards the cost of this.

The Clerk reported that W G Carter had donated £500 to the village as recompence for the disruption caused by the recent roadworks. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks.

Cllr Sawyer left the meeting at this point.

1. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting with Bob Skillern from GCC Highways in which the following was discussed:

* Existing footpath from Village Hall junction to Fox junction would be cut back this summer
* Funding permitting Highways will look at installing a footpath over the railway bridge, perhaps installing kerb
* Dips either side of the bridge and sharks teeth are on list subject to funding
* Bob will add sett replacement to lenghtsman’s list
* Bob will put forward as a local scheme a raised kerb on the corner of the badly damaged verge at Village Hall
* Bob will look at improving drainage by Banks Farm – drain into gulley
* Highways will fill pot holes in Kitsbury Lane
* Bob will chase Harry about jetting drain under lane off Back lane.

The Clerk reported on Highways suggested option for dealing with the parking problems on the junction at Church Road. It was agreed that immediate resident should be consulted on the proposed the proposed road markings and comments considered at the next meeting.

1. **Reports from Councillors –** no Councillors were present
2. **Planning.**

17/02258/FUL Removal of Condition h) (agricultural occupancy restriction) of permission CD.5849 at Berry Bank Main Road Oddington **No Comment**

17/02292/FUL Application for Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of one-bed dwelling at The Old Laundry Rose Walk Back Lane Upper Oddington **No comment subject to the views of neighbours**

1. **Date of next meeting.** 14 September 2017.

The meeting ended at 8 pm

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Chairman