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| **DRAFT**  **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 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 Griffiths (from item 25)  Cllr J Sawyer  CDC Cllr Julian Beale (from item 28) |

1. **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 9 July 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 the footpath officer had met with Mrs Aimes to discuss path HOD 12 and it had been agreed that stiles would be installed. Council asked that consideration be given to installing kissing gates instead to improve accessibility. The Clerk was asked to chase GCC on the actions agreed at the previous meeting and to cut back vegetation obscuring various signs.
3. **Co-option to the Council**.

The Council had received three applications for Co-option. The Chairman invited each candidate to say a few words in support of their written application. Council resolved to hold a written vote.

Council resolved by a majority vote to co-opt Sara Griffiths to the Council. The Chairman thanked the other two applicants for their interest. The Clerk said she would send Cllr Griffiths a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, a register of interest form and other key document.

1. **Declarations of Interest**. There were none.
2. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. The Chairman raised the following issues on behalf of a resident who could not be present:

* The provision of a salt bin. It was noted that these were expensive and that there was insufficient space on the verge
* The fence behind the village hall needed repair as a result of moving it to allow access to the fete. The Clerk was asked to discuss with Mrs Barclay and Mr Miles
* Broadband provision to certain properties in the village. The Chairman reported on his exchange with Gigaclear.
* The new planter on the verge opposite the Broadwell turn. The Chairman said he would remind the owner that Highways approval was needed.

1. **Financial issues**.

* **Report of the External Auditor**

Council noted that the external auditor had raised no issues on the accounts but said that Box 8 should be restated to reflect a change in the treatment of unpresented cheques.

* **Accounts for payment**

The Council resolved to pay the following accounts.

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| M Penfold | Cq 359 | £ 640.00 |
| OVH | Cq 360 | £ 10.00 |
| JE website | Cq 361 | £ 23.98 |
| Grant Thornton | Cq 362 | £ 120.00 |
| JE wages | Cq 363 | £ 166.74 |
| John Parker Bulbs | Cq 364 | £ 354.00 |
| SLCC | Cq 365 | £ 78.00 |

29. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

* **Highway issues**: Church Road parking. The Chairman noted that five responses had been received to the consultation. All recognised that parking was a problem but there were differing opinions about the extent of the proposed ‘Keep Clear’ markings. There was general agreement about the need for a marking in front of Earby, but it was felt that one parking space should be left to the front of left between Church Road and Church Place. Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should send the revised plans to GCC for any comment and implementation.
* It was noted that two cars were parked on the pavement and the Clerk was asked to write to remind residents that they should not obscure the footway.
* It was noted that the horsebox parked on the junction by the Village Hall was blocking the vision splay. The Clerk would raise the matter with GCC.
* **Daffodil planting**: to receive a report for the Clerk. The Clerk had discussed with the Council’s contractor. It was RESOLVED that 2,000 bulbs be purchased at a cost of £295. 1,000 of these would be planted on the three greens and verges at a cost of £300. The second 1,000 bulbs would be planted on the bank in Upper Oddington, after it had been cut, at a cost of £300. Cllr Cox would arrange for the bank to be cut.
* **WW1 Project**: the Chairman outlined proposals for a WW1 walk through the village passed the houses with links to the fallen. Poppy plaques would be temporarily displayed on the closest area of publically owned land. The cost was estimated to be £750. Cllr Davis and Sawyer said they would raise with the PPC the possibility of a special service of Remembrance at Holy Ascension. Cllr Beale said he would investigate whether this proposal complied with the requirements of the grant scheme and how much money might be available.

1. **Reports from Councillors**

CDC Cllr Beale reported that the Local Plan was now with the Inspector. A planning application for 2,500 new homes at Chesterton was to be considered by CDC shortly. It was understood that work on the Stow Surgery hard started at the Tall Trees site and noted that another application for the surgery on the gypsy field had been turned down.

There had been many objections to the proposed weight restrictions at Burford and it was anticipated that the plan would be withdrawn. Cllr Beale urged residents to continue to monitor the drainage problems in the village and to keep the pressure on Thames Water who had accepted that, whilst there is a problem, it is too low a priority to receive funding.

1. **Planning.**

17/03707/FUL Full Application for Proposed bin store to front garden at Old Rectory Lower Oddington **NO OBSERVATIONS**

It was noted that a new entrance had been created at Breacroft which did not appear to have planning approval. Cllr Beale said that he would raise this with planning officers.

It was noted that the garage at Severn House appeared to have accommodation on the first floor. Cllr Beale said that he would check this with planning officers.

1. **Date of next meeting.** 26 October 2017.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

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Chairman