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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2018** |
| Present:  Cllr A Betts – Chairman  Cllr A Every – Vice Chairman  Cllr P Davis  Cllr A Cox  Cllr Green  Cllr Griffiths  Cllr J Sawyer |
| CDC Cllr Beale  . |
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1. **Minutes of the Meeting** held on 25 October 2018 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 Chairman reported that the new residents pack was being progressed. The Clerk reported that she had purchased daffodils as agreed at the previous meeting and had planted these on the island by the Village Hall and on the bank in Upper Oddington. The Chairman reported on the very successful event to mark the switch on of the lights on the Christmas Tree and thanked all those involved.

1. **Declarations of Interest**. Cllr Betts declared an interest in cq 430.
2. **Report from District Councillor.** Cllr Beale reported on the WW1 events that had occurred during November and congratulated OPC on their tribute. He mentioned that CDC was starting to prepare for the May 2019 elections. Green bin collection arrangements would be changing. He promised to advise the Council on the retrospective planning application for Braecroft and to ask officers to look at complaints concerning light pollution at Severn House. He asked the Parish Council to consider items of work for the lengthsmen scheme. He would investigate the allocation of a Council property in Home Close. He asked Cllrs to consider signing the petition to keep the radiography department at Moreton Hospital and invited people to attend the Christmas Fair at Adlestrop on 21 December.

Cllr Beale left the meeting at this point.

1. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident asked that the vegetation be cut back along the footpath between the Fox junction and Sweetmore Close. He expressed concerns about parking on the corner near the Village Hall. The Clerk said that this had already been reported to the police. Cllr every said she would speak to a resident about the car that appeared to have been abandoned outside Holy Ascension. The Clerk confirmed that grass seed would be spread around the Village Hall in the spring.
2. **Financial issues**.

**Accounts for payment**

Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

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| OVH | 13/12/2018 |  | 424 |  | £ 10.00 |
| Mark Penfold | 13/12/2018 |  | 425 |  | £ 165.00 |
| JE web site | 13/12/2018 |  | 426 |  | £ 11.99 |
| JE wages | 13/12/2018 |  | 427 |  | £ 333.28 |
| JE bulbs | 13/12/2018 |  | 428 |  | £ 124.97 |
| HMRC | 13/12/2018 |  | 429 |  | £ 125.00 |
| Alan Betts (fete) | 13/12/2018 |  | 430 |  | £ 245.00 |
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Expenditure against budget 2019 and precept 2019/2020.

Council received a bank reconciliation. Council noted expenditure to the end of December and estimated expenditure to the end of March. It was estimated that Council would end the year with a reserve of £6,500 of which £630 is ring fenced for the Village fete.

Council considered the budget for 2019/2020 and Resolved that the precept should remain at £6,900 for the coming year.

Application for grant. The Council received an application for a grant of £1000 for the Village Hall to cover recent maintenance costs. It was agreed that this money should be released from the ring fenced fete reserve.

1. **Village Amenities and facilities**

* Highway issues. Speedwatch. It was noted that 4 residents had carried out 4 sessions in early November. It was agreed that it was a worthwhile exercise and should be repeated next spring.

The Clerk was asked to right to the Landlord of the Fox about cars parking on the pavement.

* WW1 commemoration – Council was asked to consider making the commemorative walk permanent. After discussion it was agreed that it was not possible to accurate identify all of the properties concerned. The Walk leaflet is still available and can be reprinted if necessary.
* The Chairman reported on a meeting he had attended between the owners of Banks Barn and Highways about the verges. It was noted that the bollards were not as agreed at the meeting. Councillors agreed that it would be difficult to ask Highways to make changes now and suggested that it be left to the owners of Banks Barn to take the matter up with Highways if they had concerns.

1. **Planning.**

17/01301/FUL Braecroft. Revisions to earlier applications. It was agreed to await advice from Cllr Beale.

18/04778/TCONR Works to tree in conservation areas at Little Barn. Council had no objection.

1. **Date of next meeting. 24 January** **2018**.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm

24 January 2019

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