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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2019** |
| Present:  Cllr A Every – Vice Chairman  Cllr A Cox  Cllr M Green  Cllr Griffiths  Cllr Sawyer  CDC Cllr Beale      Apologies: Cllr P Davis |

**52. Minutes of the Meetings** 24 October and 21 November 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**53. Matters arising from the Minutes.** The Clerk reported that the Christmas tree had been purchased at a cost of £228. Cllr Cox had organised for it to be planted with the help of John Duffield. The lights used last year were not waterproof so the Clerk had bought a new set for £123 taking the total cost to £351, slightly over the agreed budget of £300. Cllr Cox was thanked for arranging the planting and Cllr Griffiths for the Switch On ceremony which had proved to be a popular village event.

1. **Declarations of Interest**.There were none.
2. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. A resident spoke about the need to guard against creeping urbanisation, in particular yellow lines, bollards and signs. A resident reported that the contractors working on Robins Meet were making considerable efforts to deal with the water that runs across Back Lane. Cllr Every was thanked for providing the floral display at the War memorial. A resident asked what plans there were to sort out the mess on the verge outside Banks Barn and whether it would be possible to have a No Parking Sign on the Green in Lower Oddington. It was noted that parking was not a problem on this Green and it was suggested that the Council monitor the position rather than erect another sign.
3. **Financial issues**.

* **Council resolved to pay the following accounts**:



* **Expenditure against budget and precept for 2020/21**

Council reviewed expenditure to the end of November 2019 against budget and also the expected outturn at the end of the financial year. There would be an overspend on the grass cutting head due to the proposed tree work in Lower Oddington, on the Infrastructure head due to the defib supplies, the Christmas tree and lights. There would also be on overspend on the grants head. It was noted that most of the extra costs would be funded from fete receipts. It was estimated that the Council would end the year with a reserve of £5253. The Council noted the bank reconciliation.

Council considered the budget for 2020/21 and agreed that the precept should be increase by £200 to £7100 to allow for the increased costs identified in the budget.

* **Risk Management Review**. Council received a report for the Clerk. Council resolved that the necessary checks were in place to meet good governance requirements. It was noted that the new account had been opened with Unity Bank. The HSBC accounts would be closed when all cheques and income had cleared.

1. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

Consideration of matters arising from meeting with Highways. Council received the report of the meeting and noted there were two items requiring immediate action. The Council agreed to ask for 20 is Plenty stickers for green wheelie bins. It was noted that some bins where left out for many days after they had been emptied and it was suggested that waste collection calendars be made available to these properties.

Council agreed that there should be speed checks in several locations around the village. The following were suggested: by Fox Furlong, in the area of the playground, by the War Memorial and by Oddington Lodge. The Clerk was asked to check these locations with GCC Highways. Subject to these comments she would write an article for the February newsletter to establish whether residents agreed with these locations.

1. **Report from Councillors.** Cllr Beale had nothing to report.
2. **Planning Applications**.

* **19/04226/FUL** Full Application for Amendment to application 19/01288/FUL for change of use of existing building from ancillary use to independent dwelling to incorporate revised vehicular access at Brae Croft Upper Oddington. Cllr Beale explained the background to this application. Council resolved not to object to the application.
* **19/04064/FUL** Full Application for Change all upvc windows for painted aluminium (light grey-green). Change rear door and window to painted aluminium bi-fold doors (light grey-green). Retrospective permission for front door and garage door at Earby House Lower Oddington. Council had no objection to this application.
* Council also consider two applications for tree works in a conservation area at Oddington Lodge and Bobble House. Council had no objections to these application.

1. Schedule of Meetings 2020 was agreed.
2. Date of next meeting: 24 January 2020

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

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Chairman

24 January 2020