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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2020** |
| Present:  Cllr P Davis - Chairman  Cllr A Every – Vice Chairman  Cllr S Canning  Cllr M Green  Cllr S Griffiths  Cllr J Sawyer  CDC Cllr Beale      Apologies: Cllr A Cox |

**63. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 12 December2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**64. Matters arising from the Minutes.** The Clerk reported that:

* There would be two articles in the February newsletter on the Christmas tree, the location of the traffic counters (see minute 58) and ‘Slow Down’ stickers for waste bins.
* Highways would provide some funding towards the traffic Counters but the Parish Council would need to purchase the stickers.
* She had applied for £200 community grant from CDC for the publication of the VE day booklet
* The bank in Upper Oddington and the hedge in Church Road had been cut
* Enforcement Officers had arranged for the flower beds to be removed from the paddock to the rear of the Manor.
* Work to the verge outside Banks Barn had been delayed due to the wet weather but the owner was hoping the work would be completed soon.
* The reduction to the tree on the green in Lower Oddington would take place once CDC approval had been secured.

1. **Declarations of Interest**.There were none.
2. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**.

It was noted that the wall around the garden of Bramley House had been damaged possibly by a lorry delivering building materials. It was suggested that contractors be asked to use smaller lorries. The owner of Robins Meet reported that work had started on site. There was a request for two more 20 is plenty signs in Lower Oddington and it was agreed the Clerk should purchase these.

1. **Financial issues**.

Councillors signed a cheque on the HSBC account to transfer £4,000 to the Unity Trust Bank. It was noted that this left a little over £300 in the account to cover unpresented cheques.

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



It was noted that the web site hosting costs had increased. The Clerk was asked to circulate details of how much was made of the site and to see if a cheaper host could be found.

* **Clerk’s Pension.** Council discussed with the Clerk the option of a work place pension and noted that the Clerk did not wish to pursue this.

1. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

The Christmas tree had been very well received by villagers. There was a 60s Evening in the Village Hall in late February. The coffee mornings continued to be popular and two popular films were due to be shown at Flix in the Stix in February and March.

1. **Public Sector Bodies (websites) Accessibility Regulations 2018**

Council considered the requirements of the 2018 Regulations and Resolved to declare itself exempt from these regulations on the grounds that they represented a disproportionate burden. In reaching this decision the Council took into consideration its size and resources, the nature of the services provided and the very limited benefit to users with disabilities. The Clerk was asked to add a note to the web site offering to assist anyone who had difficulties assessing information.

1. **Report from Councillors.**

Cllr Beale reported that CDC had changed the times of its meeting in an effort to increase accessibility and transparency. There would be a meeting on 23 February to discuss the budget and Cllr Beale urged residents to take part in the consultation. He thought that rates were likely to rise. He updated the Council on the RBL site in Moreton and reported that a review of the Local Plan, taking it to 2036 was likely to be undertaken. The Waste Service would be introduced from March and would result in the fortnightly collection of green waste at an increased cost. He had supported the Council’s bid for a grant for the VE day booklet. The Clerk was asked to include details in the newsletter.

It was noted that there had been a number of break ins to sheds in Upper Oddington. These should be reported to the police on 101

1. **Planning Applications**.

Council noted that the new entrance at Brae Croft had received approval and that a decision was still awaited for the proposed new dwelling in Church Road. A decision was still awaited on the tennis court at Latimer Farm.

1. **Date of next meeting: 12 March 2020.** It was agreed to trial a 6.30pm start.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm

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Chairman

12 March 2020