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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM** |
| Present:  Cllr P Davis - Chairman  Cllr A Every – Vice Chairman  Cllr S Canning  Cllr A Cox  Cllr M Green  Cllr S Griffiths  Cllr J Sawyer  CDC Cllr Beale  Two members of the public in attendance. |

**64. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 28 January 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chairman.

**65. Matters arising from the Minutes**. The Chairman and the Clerk reported on a meeting that they had had with representatives of the Bamfords about the Fox Planning application.

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**66. Declarations of Interest**. There were none.

**67. Adjournment for members of the public to raise issues.** Members of the public wished to speak on planning matters so this item was deferred to later in the meeting. A member of the public commented on how nice the daffodils looked.

Council Resolved that £100 should be allocated for the purchase of more bulbs in the autumn.

68. **Financial issues**.

* The Council Resolved to pay the accounts listed below.



* Council Resolved to appoint Iain Selkirk to carry out the independent Internal Audit of the Council.

**69. Village Amenities and Facilities**

* **Cedar Tree at the Sheiling.** Council agreed that the tree had grown too tall and should be felled and replaced by a smaller native species tree. As the tree is in the conservation area permission will be needed for this work to be carried out. The Clerk was asked to apply to CDC.
* The Chairman reported on a beech tree adjacent to St Nicholas’ Churchwhich had become seriously unstable. It was agreed that the Bamford Estate should arrange for it to be felled subject to the necessary approvals from CDC.
* **Village Litter pick.** It was agreed that the usual volunteers should be asked to pick litter in the week before Easter**.**

**70. Code of Conduct**

Council Resolved to adopt the new NALC Code of Conduct.

**71. Reports from Councillors**.

Cllr Beale reported on the new Coe of Conduct; the increase in the rates, the 6 May Elections, and ash die back. He said that 9 new social houses were to be provided in Moreton. There was discussion about the VW garage on the Main Road and it was confirmed that this was to remain a garage.

It was noted that Cllr Beale retires at the May Elections after 9 years as a District Councillor. David Cunningham had been picked as the new candidate. The Chairman thanked Cllr Beale for his interest in the village and for his considerable input over the years.

**72. Planning Applications**

It was noted that there had been a number of objections to the Fox planning application with vehicles being the main concern. The Clerk said she would organise a parking survey as soon as possible.

Banks Farm. Residents reported that the conservation officer was now happy with the mass and scale but there remained issues concerning privacy and light. Cllr Beale said that he would ask for this application to go to the Planning Committee.

Land West of Banks Lane. It was noted that discussions were continuing between the applicant and the planning officer.

Old Rectory Play area. A retrospective planning application was awaited.

Corsham Fields. It was noted that an application for a certificate of lawfulness had been submitted.

Spring Villas. There was no news on this application.

73. **Date of next meeting**. 20 May 2021 Annual Parish Council and Annual Village Meeting. It was agreed to make a decision nearer the time about whether these would be via Zoom or face to face.

At the end of the meeting, Cllr Davis notified the Council of his decisions to retire as a Councillor. Councillor Davis was thanked for his very considerable contribution to the Council’s activities over the years.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

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Chairman.