**MINUTES OF THE ODDINGTON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**

**HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**ON 9 MAY 2019 AT 7PM**

Present: Cllr Peter Davis, Chairman, the Clerk, and members of the public.

Apologies: GCC Cllr Moor,

 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Village meeting.

**Reports**

1. **Report from Oddington Parish Council**

The Chairman paid tribute to Cllr Betts, the outgoing Chairman. Cllr Betts had guided the Council for last 2 years and was the inspiration behind the annual fete/festival and the WW1 commemorative events.

A number of issues that continue to cause concern in the village:

* problems caused by very large construction vehicles accessing building sites
* damage to verges
* parking and
* speeding

There is no easy solution to these but the Council is working with GCC Highways to mitigate where possible. White advisory lines and other markings have helped in some areas. Raised kerbs around the village hall and the limited use of bollards to protect verges have also helped but we need to recognise that cars have to park somewhere.

A group of volunteers carried out 3 speed watch sessions last year and more are planned this year. These session demonstrated that most drivers are within the limits and that larger vehicles appear to be travelling faster than they are. 20 is plenty signs have been erected.

The Council continues to comment on planning applications. I would urge all residents to view applications on line and comment where appropriate. As a Council we hold special meetings to consider large and/or more controversial planning applications.

Council has continued its efforts to maintain the open areas of the Village. Our contractor cuts the grass, we have planted more daffodil bulbs and organised a litter pick. My thanks go to volunteers who help with this.

Cllr Davis thanked the Parish Councillors, CDC Cllr Beale and GCC Cllr Moor for their support and I am most grateful to all those in the village who work hard to lay on activities and events or support the village in any way.

1. **Report from Cotswold District Council**

Cllr Julian Beale had been at the Council Meeting but was unable to stay for the Village Meeting. The Chairman repeated the main points that Cllr Beale had made at the Council meeting, namely the recent change in the ruling party at CDC following the Local Elections on 2 May. The first Meeting of the new Council takes place on Tuesday 14th May. The Chairman thanked Cllr Beale for his guidance on Planning matters.

1. **Report from Gloucestershire County Council**

Cllr Nigel Moor was unable to attend the meeting but had circulated a written report which is attached to these minutes**.**

1. **The Village Hall Committee**

Ted Miles reported on the Village Hall. Outside maintenance had been carried out during the year on the gutters, roof and pathways. The cherry tree had been trimmed and new trees planted. Mr Miles said that the committee had had another busy year. He reported that there had been a number of fund raising events including a planned 70s night and Apple Affair. The Coffee morning and Flix in the Stix continued to be well supported. The Hall had been redecorated when bookings allow and the floor reploished. Mr Miles thanked Anne Miles for her work as booking clerk, his Committee for their fund raising efforts and the villagers for their continuing support. The Chairman thanked Mr Miles for all his work in the village.

1. **Oddington and Adlestrop Charities**

Janet Eustace, a Trustee for the Oddington and Adlestrop United Charity gave a brief report on the work of the Charity and urged residents to let him know of any cases in need of short term financial assistance. She reported that no grants had been given 2018. It was confirmed that there is a little over £32,000 in the fund. She asked people to let the Trustees know if there is anyone who might benefit from a grant.

1. **The Village Agent.**

Steve Whincup reported that the service was now renamed the Community Wellbeing Scheme and was open to anyone over the age of 16. Most clients were referred to the service by Doctors. The service was able to offer one to one, targeted advice to people at times of change. The Chairman thanked Steve for his work in the village.

1. **Gloucestershire Police**

The Police were unable to attend the meeting but had circulated a report prior to the meeting which is attached to these minutes.

1. **Question and Answer**

Sara Griffiths reported on plans for the fete which would take place on Sunday June 13th. More details would be appearing in the June edition of the Newsletter.

A resident spoke of the problems he was having with Bromford and it was agreed that a separate meeting would be held. The Clerk was asked to see if a senior officer from Bromford would attend a future Parish Council meeting.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Cllr Davis and the parish Council for its help and support over the year.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm

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