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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 1 JULY 2021** |
| Present: Cllr D Thorpe  Cllr S Griffiths    Cllr S Canning  Cllr A Cox  Cllr A Every  Cllr M Green (from item 10)  Cllr J Sawyer |

Apologies: GCC Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington and CDC Cllr Cunningham

1. **Minutes of the Meetings** held on 20 May 2021 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 Clerk reported that she had received a price for the removal of the Cedar tree and was now trying to contact the owner of the Sheiling. Council agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the tree to be removed once she had negotiated a contribution. She had also received an indication of the cost of fence repairs needed at the playground. It was agreed that other quotes should be sought and the figure considered as part of next year’s budget setting. It was noted that the Banks Farm application had been agreed to the satisfaction of all.
3. **Declarations of Interest**. The Chairman declared an interest in planning application 20/04549/FUL and took no part in the discussion.
4. **Adjournment for public to raise issues.** None were present.
5. **Financial issues**.
6. **Accounts for payment**

Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:



1. **Request for funding from Chipping Norton Theatre.** Council Resolved to award a grant of £200 under s137 of the LGAct 1972.
2. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

* **Village picnic**. The Chairman congratulated the Village Fete Committee on organising an enormously successful event. Cllr Griffiths reported that the event had raised over £1000 for Kate’s Nursing Home. She would let the Clerk know if any of the £250 grant on offer was needed. It was Resolved that any of the grant not needed by the organising committee might be donated to Kate’s Nursing Home.
* **Consultation about Dog Fouling** and the renewal of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014**.** Council considered the consultation document and Resolved that the Clerk should reply supporting the extension of the PSPO.
* **CDC Consultation on Draft Green Infrastructure strategy**. Although the parish is not specifically mentioned in the report, the Council agreed that it addressed a number of important issues and asked the Clerk to respond to the consultation.
* **CDC Local Development Scheme 2021 to 2024**. The dates for the various stages of the update were noted.

1. **Reports from Councillors**

Cllr MacKenzie Charrington had submitted a written report. In summary he reported that the Highways budget for road repairs included an additional £100m over the next 4 years on top of the 5-year pledge of £125m announced 4 years ago with 15 new ‘pot- hole’ teams appointed. He reminded Council that he has an annual £30k highways allowance to be used to assist small projects around the local communities.

The Covid-19 infection rate in Gloucestershire was on the increase. Figures for the 7 days to Sunday 27th June were 891 confirmed cases against 511 the previous 7 days, a 74% increase. The County Council is giving free counselling to teachers and support staff, in both the state and private sectors, who are having issues as a consequence of the pandemic.

The County has a new Chief Fire & Rescue Officer, Mark Preece and Chris Nelson has been elected as the new Police & Crime Commissioner.

The Re-use cabins at recycling centres have reopened but it is still necessary to pre-book visits. GCC has won funding of £1.352m form the Department of Transport’s Rural Mobility Fund. Following public consultation, there will be an upgrade of M5, Junction 10.

As part of the ongoing policy to reduce the carbon footprint the County Council Cabinet is investing £620k to provide 500 double on-street electric vehicle charging points. The first 25 being installed in Gloucester and Cheltenham within the current financial year. This will to make it easier for people who are unable to gain access to off-street charging near to their homes or employment. GCC is working in collaboration to develop low-carbon bus services.

Cllr Cunnigham had submitted a written report covering:

Green Initiative: The Council has begun its Green Infrastructure Strategy, which will aim to boost green and open spaces. Members of the public and key stakeholders are now invited to share their views on the strategy, which is out to consultation until 26 July.

Dog fouling: The Council has asked for residents and PC’s to comment on the current issue of dog fouling in the District. All comments should be in by 30 July.  
  
Local Plan: As part of a statutory review, the Council is looking at the Local Plan that runs to 2031. This is a crucial document as it deals with many aspects of planning. The review will take some time, and will cover specifics such as the Green Initiative and Town Planning. PC’s will be a key stakeholder during consultations.

1. **Planning.**

**20/04573/FUL** | Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and associated works | Spring Villas Main Road Oddington.

The Council **objects** to the application. Councillors appreciate that the applicant has reduced the size of the proposed new dwelling but feel that it is still a substantial house which will adversely impact on the Upper Oddington Conservation Area. The proposals results in a loss of amenity for the occupants of Ashmy Cottage and we would ask the applicant to consider a further reduction in size and a different location on the plot.

**20/04634/FUL** Full Application for Single storey extension, removal of summer house and shed and erection of guest cabin, new entrance porch, internal reconfiguration and alterations and landscaping works at The Fox Inn Lower Oddington.

The Council **objects** to this application. The application makes no effort to provide any additional car parking spaces.

We reiterate our earlier concerns over the Highway Officer’s statement that, based on the analysis of the information submitted, the Highway Authority concludes that ‘there would not be an unacceptable impact on Highway Safety or **a severe impact on congestion**.’ We refer the Planning Officer to comments in our first submission and also to the results of the parking survey carried out by the Council and local residents.

The Highways Officer also states that ‘the planning statement indicates there is no increase in the level of accommodation, with the type of accommodation simply changing with a greater proportion being provided for guests.’ This fails to acknowledge that several of the guest rooms are in an area formally used as a private residence. In addition the conversion of existing staff accommodation into guest accommodation will add to the pressure on car parking as staff will have to travel from accommodation in other villages.

The Council will be holding a public meeting with residents later this summer to discuss the possible introduction of parking restrictions including parking permits.

1. Council asked the Clerk to arrange a public meeting for later in the summer to seek the views of residents on possible parking restrictions in Lower Oddington. It was agreed to ask CC and CDC Cllrs for their support with this.
2. **Date of next meeting 9 September 2021 at 6.30 pm**

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

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Chairman

9 September 2021