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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2022** |
| Present:  Cllr D Thorpe - Chairman  Cllr S Griffiths – Deputy Chairman  Cllr S Canning  Cllr Cox  Cllr M Green  Cllr J Sawyer  CDC Cllr Cunningham  GCC Cllr Mackenzie Charrington    Apologies: Cllr Every    And 9 members of the pubic.  19. **Chairman’s Announcements**.  The Chairman thanked OPPC for arranging the Memorial service for HM Queen Elizabeth II and the Book of Condolence. He had written to HM King Charles III expressing condolences on behalf of the residents of Oddington.  20. **Minutes of the Meetings** held on 6 July 2022 which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.  21. **Matters arising from the Minutes**. Cllr Cox confirmed that he was in discussion with the contractor about replacing the fence. The slide would be ordered once a date had been confirmed for the fence.  22. **Declarations of Interest**. There were none.  23. **Adjournment for members of public to raise issues.**  A residents raised concerns about parking in Lower Oddington and asked how the Parish Council was proposing to respond. Another resident talked about disturbance caused by lights, noise and the fire risk posed by the tinder dry ‘wild flower meadow’ roof at the Fox. Another resident spoke to damage to the benches and the bin on the pavement and waste bins being left outside the Fox for long periods. The Chairman said that the parking issue would be discussed under item 25 and that he would contact James Roberts with a view to resolving the other ‘housekeeping’ issues.  24. **Financial issues**.   * Accounts for payment   Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Penfold | 23/08/2022 |  | 127 |  |  | £ 525.00 | | Penfold | 22/09/2022 |  | 128 |  |  | £ 175.00 | | OVH | 22/09/2022 |  | 129 |  |  | £ 11.00 | | Autela payroll | 22/09/2022 |  | 130 |  |  | £ 66.32 | | HMRC | 22/09/2022 |  | 131 |  |  | £ 142.60 | | JE wages x3 | 22/09/2022 |  | 132 |  |  | £ 569.90 | | JE website | 22/09/2022 |  | 133 |  |  | £ 54.00 | | JE open spaces | 22/09/2022 |  | 134 |  |  | £ 45.00 |  * Request for grant from Chipping Norton Theatre. Council RESOLVED to award a S137 Grant of £200. * Approve the distribution of ABODE newsletter reserve. The Clerk reported that the newsletter was no longer being published and that the Council held a newsletter reserve of £1,250. She suggested that this sum be distributed to the five parishes on the same proportion as the number of newsletters. Council RESOLVED to pay £109 to Donnington and Adlestrop, £196 to Evenlode, £395 to Broadwell and £479 to Oddington.   25**. Village Amenities and Facilities**  **Parking in Lower Oddington**  The Chairman reminded the meeting of the steps taken to date to find a solution to the parking problem and askedCllr Mackenzie Charrington to summarise the position regarding formal Traffic Regulation Orders. In discussion it was suggested that the onus should be on Daylesford to find a solution to the problem. A site meeting with Highways had been arranged for Tuesday 27 September at 2 pm with a view to considering any solutions not involving a TRO. The results of that meeting would be reported at the next Parish Council meeting.  The Clerk reported that she had received emails from two resident not able to be at the meeting reiterating concerns raised by other residents. She would append these to the original minutes of the meeting.  **Berry Bank Amphitheatre**  CDC Cllr Cunningham updated the meeting. He reported that a full licence had been awarded in July. He emphasised that licensing legislation did not apply to fireworks. Councillors felt that the firework display at the amphitheatre had been short in duration and less disruptive than two private firework displays held elsewhere in the village.  Cllr Cunningham reported that CDC Enforcement Officer had told the owners of the Amphitheatre that they needed to submit a retrospective planning application for the venue and the Chairman urged residents to comment as part of that process.  **Cost of living crisis.**  The Clerk reminded Councillors of the Oddington and Adlestrop United Charities which was available to support residents of the two villages in short term need.  Warren Turner of the Horse and Groom had offered to set up a scheme whereby those in need would be given a coloured fob which would entitle them to a free hot drink and subsidised meal at the pub. Cllr Griffiths said she would talk to the Village Hall Committee about the possibility of opening the Village Hall to those struggling with heating bills.  The Clerk would produce a list of useful sources of help for display on the notice boards.  **Hedgehog warning signs**  A resident had asked whether it would be possible to have signs in the village warning of the presence of hedgehogs. There was discussion about whether drivers would take note of signs and the urbanisation of the village. It was felt that in the first instance efforts should be made to publicise the presence of hedgehogs via social media and the noticeboards.  26. **Reports from Councillors.**  Cllr David Cunningham reported on the forthcoming Town and Parish Forum, the Council tax support system, the Rural England Prosperity Fund, the response to the cost of living crisis and Voter Registration.  Cllr Mackenzie Charrington reported on road closures. He was asked to check when repairs would be carried out to Adlestrop Bridge. He also reported on emergency call outs during the recent hot weather, the number of Ukrainian families in the area, the pressures on social services and new IT centres in libraries.  27. **Planning Applications**   * 22/01736/FULL Banks Barn Farm. It was reported that this application was now acceptable and no further comment needed. * 22/03249/FUL Full Application for Single story rear extension (in lieu of approval 22/01507/FUL) at Braecroft Upper Oddington. Councillors would let the Clerk know if they had any comments.   28. **Date of next meeting** 27 October 2022 at 6.30 pm.  The meeting ended at 7.40 pm |

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Chairman

27 October 2022

**Emails for Residents of Lower Oddington regarding parking**.

I wanted to drop you a note in advance of the Parish Council meeting tomorrow to say, please is it possible to add an agenda item that we hold an extraordinary meeting for the Village to discuss a permit parking scheme?

We have been dismayed to see the huge increase in parking (not to mention noise) with the increase in covers added to the Fox pub. We’ve seen many instances of thoughtless parking ranging from parking on people’s doorsteps right through to leaving no space that would ever fit a fire engine or ambulance, if required.

There is also the issue of the sheer number of vehicles parked nearly all the time which ruins the special character of a village like Lower Oddington, which is the very reason people want to come here in the first place.

The Fox has always been in the Village the 8 years we’ve been here, but never before has there been so many (mostly internal combustion engine) cars parked in the Village. Not exactly the clean and green, organic image which the Landlady trades off. She is using this historic village as a carpark for her commercial venture.

I would be happy for this note to be read out at the meeting this week, and I am also happy to help co-ordinate what is required to get this permit parking scheme going.

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**Attn: Cllr David Thorpe, Chairman Oddington Parish Council**

I would like to update the Parish Council on the parking situation in Lower Oddington post the recent opening of the Fox Pub.

The volume of parking has notably increased compared to the time under the previous owner, and this is having a notable impact on village life.

Several instances have incurred only recently – hit and runs, cars parked on pavements, speeding, obstructions, etc. which not only have a negative impact on the village and it’s inhabitants but also present a serious concern for our and our children’s safety.

Cars parking into the road or obstructing pavements and entrances have become a daily occurrence. I myself have been subject to two hit and runs with my vehicle parked in front of my house (indeed a staff car has been hit by a Ferrari last Saturday where the driver decided to drive off, despite being in full view).

I attach a summary of photos I have taken on a random day in July and again in August. Rest assured, multiple serious parking offences have been committed every single time. Cars parked on pavements, which do not leave any space for pedestrians, let alone prams or wheelchairs. Cars parked on the bend, obstructing the already dangerous corner and creating an even bigger blind spot.

Although we are all aware of the increase in the number of bedrooms, the increase of restaurant covers as well as number of staff who arrive by car, the true impact can now be seen and felt by the residents of Oddington.

I have sent an email to James Robert @ Daylesford on 26.07.22, however, I had no reply. I attach the email for your records. Residents in the immediate vicinity of the Fox have complained multiple times to the staff and asked for guests to move cars.

However, nothing has been done to resolve this situation by the owners. The Fox staff is clearly not in the position to manage the ever increasing traffic.

I also want to point out that this is only the beginning – the pub is currently operated on a part-time basis, with several days having to close the kitchen due to staffing issues. Also, the accommodation at Coachman is not finished yet.  Once the pub operates at full capacity and Coachman’s is open to guests and indeed more staff, this situation described above will only get worse.

As the owners have shown no interest in resolving this problem, I would like to ask the Parish Council to call for an extraordinary village meeting with the intention to apply for a resident’s parking scheme in Lower Oddington.

I would also suggest to hold the meeting on a Saturday, maybe combined with the usual coffee morning, in order to ensure a maximum attendance.