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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2025** |
| Present:  Cllr S Canning Cllr A Cox Cllr S Griffiths  Cllr D Thorpe Cllr Sawyer GCC Cllr Daryl Corps Eight members of the public were in attendance.Apologies: Cllr Green and CDC Cllr CunninghamThe Chairman welcomed GCC Cllr Corps to the meeting.  |

1. **Election of Chairman**. Cllr David Thorpe was elected to serve as Chairman for the forthcoming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman**. Cllr Griffiths was elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting** held 27 March 2025 which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** It was noted the Clerk had purchase four dog fouling signs.
5. **Declarations of Interest**. There were none.
6. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. Questions were raised about the stones on the verge in Church Road and the broken fence. The Clerk had written to the home owners about the stones and the Chairman would mend the fence. Questions were raised about the reflectors on the posts outside Banks Barn.
7. **Financial issues**.

The Council received and noted the accounts for 2024/25.

1. **Internal Audit**

Council received a copy of the Annual Return Audit Report for the year ending 31 March 2025 which had been subject to internal audit. It was noted that the auditor had made no comments.

1. **Governance**

Council considered the Annual Governance statement and noted the requirement for a sound system of internal controls. They considered the items listed on the return and agreed that controls were in place. Council RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign section 1 of the Return.

1. **Accounting Statements.**

Council considered the Accounting Statements for 2024/25. The Clerk explained the variances between years ending March 2024 and March 2025. Council RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign Section 2 of the Annual Return.

It was noted that of the reserve of £9.613 nearly just over £800 is ear marked CIL money.

1. **Certificate of Exemption**

Council received a copy of the Certificate of Exemption and RESOLVED that the Council had met the qualifying criteria and should declare itself exempt from external audit.

**Public Right of Inspection**

It was noted that the period for inspecting the accounts was 3 June to 14 July.

1. **Insurance**

Council noted that it had entered in to an LTA with Zurich/Community Frist the previous year after receiving other quotes. The cover was considered to be adequate.

1. **Accounts for payment**

 Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:



Receipts of £6750 precept and £1630.70 CIL were noted.

1. **Review of Standing Orders.** Council considered the NALC Standing Orders 2025 and RESOLVED to adopt them as drafted.
2. **Review of Financial Regulations.** Council reviewed the Model NALC Financial Regulations 2024 and RESOLVED to adopt as drafted.
3. **Village Amenities and Facilities**
* **Playground.** The Clerk reported that Playsafety Ltd had completed the annual check and had recommended that the undergrowth be cut back at the fat end. This had been done as part of the first grass cut. . It was noted that a new swing seat would be needed at some point.
1. The Chairman invited CGG Cllr Corps to introduce himself. He reported that devolution would be the main issue for GCC in coming months with many options to be considered.
2. **Planning Applications**:

25/01196/FUL Full Application for Change of use of the cottage into a two bedroom residential dwelling at Cheyney Cottage Lower Oddington. Council has no objections.

25/01141/FUL Full Application for Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling including associated parking, reinstatement works and wider landscaping at Berry Bank Main Road Oddington Council has no objections to the proposed building but would appreciate clarity about whether the area with amphitheatre remains agricultural land or whether it will be taking into the garden curtilage.

13. Date of next meeting 3 July at 6.30 pm

 The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

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 Chairman

31 July 2025

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