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| **ODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2013** |

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| Present: Cllr S Watkin – Chairman  Cllr A Betts  Cllr M Green  Cllr R Lewis  Cllr J Sawyer |
| CDC Cllrs Penman |

46. **Minutes of the last Meeting** held on 31 October 2013 copies of which had been previously circulated where agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

47. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** It was noted that Bromford had not responded to concerns about properties in Home Close and that felling had already occurred on the Daylesford Estate. Councillors felt that the new web site was excellent.

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

49. **Adjournment for public to raise issues**. Concerns were raised about the absence of notice relating to recent road closures and the clerk was asked to raise this with Highways. It was noted that the fence in Church Lane would need to be replaced in due course and that further consideration should be given to this with a view to finding a cheaper alternative.

50. **Financial Issues**.

(a) Council RESOLVED to pay the following accounts:

Cheque J Eustace for web site £11.99

Cheque OVH £10

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| Cheque Mark Penfold £200 |
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(b) Council received details of expenditure to date against budget and a proposed budget for 2014/15. It was noted that an increase of more than 2% would result in a reduction of support grant from CDC. Council RESOLVED to increase the precept by 2%.

(c ) Council received a copy of the risk management policy and agreed that the measures in place were sufficient to mitigate against foreseeable risk.

(d) Council agreed that Mr Selkirk should be appointed as the internal auditor for 2013/14.

50**. Events for 2014**

The Chairman reported on progress concerning the fete and the Centenary of WW1. Cllr Betts said that he would be interested in researching names on the War Memorial. Various suggestions were made about former residents who might have information about the names on the memorial.

A committee was taking forward ideas for the fete. It was agreed that any surplus funds arising from the event should be used for a village project rather than being split between the organisations taking part. The Chairman said she would speak to the owner of the field adjacent to the village hall to see if that could be used for some activities.

51. **Village Amenities and Facilities**

It was noted that the facia on the bus shelter would need repainting. Concerns were raised about cars being parked opposite Church Lane blocking access. Cllr Green said that he would speak to the person concerned. The Chairman said she would purchase a ‘no parking’ sign for the green opposite the Fox.

The Clerk was asked to report a collapsed gully in Back Lane and also the damage to the new bollards in Back Lane.

The Chairman reported that she was in discussion with the authorities about the stone walls at New Place.

52**. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Penman mentioned that the RBL in Stow was possibly winding up to be replaced by a social club. He also reported on the CDC boundary review which would result in the number of wards being reduced to 30.

53. **Planning.**

**TPO 13/00023 Severn House**. The Council had received details of the proposed tree preservation orders for Severn House. The Clerk was asked to notify CDC of its support for the proposals and to thank them for acting so swiftly in this case.

54. **Date of next meeting.** The schedule of meetings for 2014 was agreed. The next meeting would be on 27 February.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm

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Chairman