

ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL CRIME DISORDER AND COMMUNITY POLICY

Odcombe Parish Council have a duty to consider the impact of its functions and decisions on crime and disorder in its area, under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

As part of that process Odcombe Parish Council will be fully involved as a partner within the South Somerset Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership. We will play an active role within the Safer Neighbourhood Group, in order to plan and provide support for regeneration partnerships, community groups and agencies wanting to tackle a wide range of environmental and social community safety issues within the parish.

Section 5(2) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the right of parish councils to be consulted)

In exercising those functions, the responsible authority shall act in co-operation with the following persons and bodies, namely:

(a) every police authority any part of whose police lies within the area:

(b) every probation committee or health authority any part of whose area lies within the area: and

(c) every person or body of a description which is for the time being prescribed by order of the Secretary of State under this subsection;

and it shall be the duty of those persons and bodies to co-operate in the exercise by the responsible authorities of those functions.

As a partner within the Somerset Crime and Disorder Partnership Odcombe Parish Council recognise that it is good practice to be actively involved within partnership working for the following reasons.

- It avoids unnecessary duplication, confusion and waste of resources.
- Partner agencies will consider the impact of their policies and actions on crime and disorder.
- There is greater potential impact on crime and disorder through increased agency involvement.
- Pooling resources maximises their effectiveness.
- It provides opportunities for sharing expertise and teaming from others.
- Bringing together a range of agencies enables each agency to concentrate on its strengths and experiences can be brought to bear on all areas of the partnerships activities.

Odcombe Parish Council will consider the impact of crime and disorder issues on its four main categories of work:

- services such as managing community halls and playing fields
- discretionary powers to spend 'free resource' money
- the statutory right to be notified of all planning applications within the parish boundary and a statutory right to be consulted fully by the district council
- a statutory duty to hold regular parish meetings

This policy should be read in consultation with the South Somerset Community Safety Strategy 200212005 and section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 A Practical Guide for Parish and Town Councils (The Countryside Agency/Nacro)

Adopted by Odcombe Parish Council on