

GRIT BINS

A review is being launched on the provision of grit bins within Odcombe after the worst winter for more than 30 years.

The Parish Council is inviting parishioners to contact them with their views to pinpoint locations where additional grit bins could be introduced. Areas where localised problems with ice and snow occur, typically at junctions or slopes should be considered.

Please contact the Clerk or Councillors with your suggestions, alternatively please come to the Council meeting to be held on 16th August 2010."

Councillors

Barry Savill-Daw, Carlton House, Lower Odcombe (Chair)

Bridget Langdon - Westover, Lower Odcombe (Vice-Chair)

Colin Francis - 35 Westbury Gardens

Alan Hiscock - Holly Cottage, 6 Cherry Lane

Deryl Rennie - Golden Ramblers, Dray Road

Brian Spearing - 20 Rex Road

Robert West - Hideaway, Street Lane

Two vacancies as at 11th May 2010

Contact

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ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2009 - 2010

View of Lower Odcombe from Orchard Path



Report from Mr Savill-Daw, Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT 2009-2010

Meetings

The Parish Council has met twelve times this year. There have been no special meetings.

Planning

Planning applications were very few this year and none were of a complex nature.

Future housing needs were discussed at meetings covering SSDC forecast requirements. I attended three evening meetings where gradually the need to choose an area to take 5000 new dwellings was reduced to a choice of three sites to South Yeovil. The nearest to Odcombe was encompassing Brympton House. We await the Officers suggestions as to the selected site.

Recreation Ground

A team of interested parties has been formed. Financial assistance has been offered to research the area and produce plans to improve the area, including a youth shelter. Hopefully you will have attended the event at the recreation ground on 29th May when plans were revealed. If you would like to join the Working Party please contact the Clerk.

Grants

The Council has made a grant of £50 to the Citizens Advice Bureau this year. The Council has also made a grant of £500 to the Church assist with the maintenance costs of the church yard.

Councillors

During the last year we were unfortunate to lose Michael Wheller and Carol West after such long illnesses. I was able to represent the Parish Council at both of the funerals – the worst tasks this year, by far, for me. Currently there are two vacancies on the Council – if you are interested please contact the Clerk.

The “Thank you” time. We have had so much good advice and information from our own District Councillors Cathy and Lesley. I must add my personal thanks to all the Parish Councillors, especially Bridget

Summary of the financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2010

Income

Balances brought forward	£10647
Annual precept	£13715
Other receipts	<u>£2916</u>
	£27278

Expenditure

Staffing costs	£3048
Other expenditure, including repairs, grass cutting, grants, etc.	<u>£7721</u>
	£10769

Balances carried forward to 2010-2010 £16509

Questions have been raised regarding the increase in the precept and the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to explain this. The Council has reserves that are earmarked for special projects – such as the improvements to the recreation ground and a “village meeting point” (not just a youth shelter) at the recreation ground. Rather than hit parishioners with a large increase in one particular year when a project is coming to fruition, it is considered prudent to build up the funds over a period of years. The Parish Council needed to reserve £3,000 for the “village meeting point” to enable grant funding to be secured – grants are difficult to obtain unless a Parish Council match the grants applied for. In the interest of reducing speeding vehicles the Parish Council is this year subscribing to the use of a “speed indicator device” which will have been at Odcombe three times during 2010. The Parish Council considered this a good use of public funds.

If you have any questions do contact the Clerk who will be pleased to answer them.