

ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE

PRESENT:

Mr B Savill-Daw (Chairman)

Mrs D Rennie

Mrs C West

Mr A Hiscock (as from 7.35 p.m.)

Mrs B Langdon (Vice-Chairman)

Mr B Spearing

Mr R West

Mrs C Bakewell (County & District Councillor)

Mrs E M James (Clerk)

Mrs L Boucher (District Councillor)

63. TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

An apology for absence, by reason of holiday, was received from Mr Francis and an apology for absence by reason of ill-health was received from Mr Griffiths - these apologies were accepted and approved.

64. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR AND SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

It was RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Alan Hiscock to the Parish Council. Mr Hiscock signed the acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

65. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARISH COUNCILS (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007

Mrs Rennie declared a personal interest in planning application 09/03063/FUL as a neighbour.

66. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2009

After amending minute 44 to read "An apology for absence, by reason of holiday, was received from Mr Francis, an apology for absence was also received from Mrs Langdon by reason of ill health,, these apologies were accepted and approved." The minutes were approved as a correct record.

67. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

68. REPORTS FROM

(a) **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR** – Mrs Bakewell was advised that County Highways had notified the Clerk that the cutting back of visibility splays in the village had been carried out in accordance with SCC regulations. Mrs Bakewell agreed to advise County Highways that the visibility problems were a danger.

(b) **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – Mrs Boucher advised that SSDC would be offering a green rubbish bin to villages at a cost. She advised that the flagship play area will be opened on 19 August. Mrs Boucher agreed to bring the SSDC budget figures to the next meeting.

(c) **PARISH COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS SINCE THE LAST MEETING** - None

69. CLERK'S REPORT [MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES]

(a)Min. no. 35 – postal codes, anomalies are still being assessed and it was agreed to defer this until the November meeting.

(b)Min. no. 34(d) - No response had been received from the owner of 10 Chapel Hill – this matter will not be brought back to Council unless a response is received.

(c)Orchard Path – Mr Loxston, Odcombe Walkers, had requested SSDC to arrange that some overhanging vegetation be cut back. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact SSDC to ascertain when this work would be carried out. It was agreed to forward the comments on the footpaths to Councillors.

(d)SRYP – to note that parents were not invited to attend the presentation at the last meeting but may be asked if they wish to attend the next presentation.

(e)Consideration of photographic competition –The Clerk advised that the Chairman's Fund could be used to purchase prizes for a competition. The web hosts had advised that web space would be available for the winning photographs. Mr Savill-Daw agreed to contact Mr M Young to discuss how a competition could be run.

(f) Spring bulb planting – it was NOTED that the Council was successful in being allocated a variety of bulbs to be planted in the autumn. Mr Savill-Daw, Mrs Rennie and Mr Hiscock agreed to assist with the planting. It was AGREED that the bulbs should be planted by the old peoples bungalows at Coryate Close.

70. CORRESPONDENCE

(a)Pioneer Somerset – 'Devolution of Services' Survey update. A synopsis was circulated to all Councillors.

(b)Somerset County Council - Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community 2009 - NOTED.

(c)SSDC - Consultation: Reduction In The Threshold For Affordable Housing Provision – a consultation document is being circulated and it was AGREED that comments should be returned to the Clerk so that a report may be approved at the next meeting.

(d)Somerset Waste Action Programme Composting – NOTED.

(e)Mendip and South Somerset Community Safety Team. Community Cashback – NOTED.

(f)Tour of Britain – NOTED.

71. PLANNING

(a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

09/02910/LBC – the erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling (retrospective)(GR350953/115711)

Honeysuckle Cottage, 20 Lower Odcombe

RECOMMENDATION: **Approval.** At the time of building no-one complained about the windows and five years is too long a time to seek replacement windows. Also, this extension is not visible to any other property. The Parish Council cannot understand the reason for listing this property

09/03063/FUL – the erection of a two storey side extension and rear entrance porch to dwelling (GR350694/115594)
Bankside, Dray Road

RECOMMENDATION: **Approval.** At the time of building no-one complained about the windows and five years is too long a time to seek replacement windows. Also, this extension is not visible to any other property. The Parish Council cannot understand the reason for listing this property

(b) PLANNING UPDATES

SSDC – Core strategy consultation the next step – this had been forwarded to all Councillors. It was NOTED that Odcombe would be part of a cluster group with parishes surrounding Yeovil and Yeovil Town Council and that two representatives would be required. It was AGREED that Mr Savill-Daw and Mrs Rennie would represent the Council.

72. RECREATION GROUND

It was NOTED that R T Services had agreed to lubricate the swings free of charge. Two quotations for replacement cradle swing seats had been received:

Wicksteed Leisure Ltd £93 per seat + VAT + 8.5% carriage
G B Sport & Leisure Ltd £86 per seat + carriage £15 +VAT

It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation from G B Sport & Leisure Ltd for two swing seats.

(b) PLAYGROUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

It was AGREED to defer this item to the next meeting.

(c) USE OF FOOTBALL PITCH

It was AGREED to defer this item to the next meeting.

73. ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

It was NOTED that a request had been received from Odcombe Village Hall Management Committee for a grant towards the cost of the hall insurance for 2009-2010 and a grant towards the cost of printing the village newsletter. It was RESOLVED to approve a grant of £900 to the Management Committee.

74. SOMERSET ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS TRAINING EVENT

It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £7.50 and 50% of the mileage costs for a Clerk's Workshop to be held on 15th October 2009.

75. CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

(a) Area South Community Safety Action Panel – support to improve community safety – NOTED.

(b) Mr Hiscock advised of two incidents of theft in the village. It was agreed to contact the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator again to ascertain what action is being taken to start a Community Speedwatch.

76. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) At the last meeting it had been agreed to advise County Highways of various concerns including visibility splays. These concerns were raised with Mrs Bakewell earlier.

(b) National Highways and Transport Survey – it was AGREED that Mrs Rennie would complete on a personal basis.

(c) It was AGREED to advise County Highways of concerns regarding water overflowing on the highway at 10 Chapel Hill as it was believed that there might be problems during the winter.

76. SOMERSET RURAL YOUTH PROJECT

In accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was RESOLVED to make a grant of £300 to the Somerset Rural Youth Project.

77. FINANCE

(a) **Barclays Bank** - it was NOTED that the sum of £300 had been credited to the community account (no. 30686182) held with Barclays Bank, It was RESOLVED to approve the closure of this account.

(b) It was AGREED that the bank reconciliation statement as at 31st July 2009 would be approved at the next meeting.

(c) It was NOTED and APPROVED that a direct debit would be taken on 17th August by EDF Energy in the sum of £35.53.

(d) It was RESOLVED to approve the following schedule of payments:

Somerset Landscaping -	£149.50 – cheque no. 041
EMJames Salary £180.20 + expenses £43.43	£223.63 – cheque no. 042
Odcombe Village Hall Management Committee	£900.00 – cheque no. 043
Somerset Rural Youth Project	£300.00 – cheque no. 044

78. COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME – SUCH MATTERS ARE FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING

None

79. TO BRING FORWARD ANY MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Clerk's salary (should be reviewed annually as part of contract)

Overhanging trees in the village

80. ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION

SRYP Newsletter Autumn 2009

SSDC – Minutes of the Standards Committee of 1st July 2009.

Community Council for Somerset – Thatch, Summer 2009.

SSDC – Tree Talk

Somerset PFA – The Playing Field + Annual Report

81. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 21st September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.