

ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (7.30 p.m. – 9.25 p.m.)

Mr B Savill-Daw (Chairman)
Mr C Francis
Mr B Spearing

Mrs B Langdon (Vice-Chairman)
Mr A Hiscock
Mr R West

Mrs C Bakewell (County & District Councillor)
Mr S Fisher (Somerset Rural Youth)

PC J Pitman (Beat Manager)

Mrs E M James (Clerk)

During the public open session concerns were raised and discussion took place regarding warning notices given by the police to owners of cars parked at the junction of Donne Lane.

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

Apologies for absence by reason of ill-health were received from Mrs Rennie and Mrs West. An apology for absence by reason of attendance at an SSDC planning meeting was received from Mr Griffiths. These apologies were accepted and approved.

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

Mr Francis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in AGENDA 9(b), being Treasurer of Odcombe Football Club.

119. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th October 2009

It was RESOLVED to approval the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2009.

It was RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 10 and to include agenda item 11 (b) within this agenda item.

120. CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

(a) It was NOTED that the initial Speed Watch meeting will be held on Thursday 26 November at 6pm.

(b) PC Pitman advised that patrols had been increased at Broadway due to some anti-social behaviour.

(c) It was NOTED that PCSO Tailby had advised the Clerk that the Police did not intend to replace the cones which had previously been placed near the gun shop but would monitor the area and has been issuing warnings cards to vehicles parked there. The junction had been kept clear since warning notices had been issued but it was considered that parking problems had moved elsewhere. PC Pitman considered that the situation at the junction of Donne Lane had not been resolved. It was agreed that Councillor Bakewell would raise with County Highways the possibility of a 20mph speed limit through the village, although it was noted that this could lead to excessive traffic signage within the conservation area. It was also agreed that County Highways should be asked to consider the provision of reflective bollards by the gun shop. It was AGREED that the possible provision of a 20MPH speed limit should be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed for a presentation by Mr Simon Fisher of the Somerset Rural Youth Project,

Mr Fisher advised that he had met with Denise Dunford, Community Safety Officer, to discuss social issues. SYRP will reduce their involvement with the group but if the Parish Council proceed with providing a youth shelter then SYRP will continue to visit, to assist the young people to prepare funding bids for funding only available if accessed by the young people directly. Mr Fisher advised that the young people were in favour of a youth shelter. Also, when the group had looked into the idea of setting up a shop and realised the issues that would need to be dealt with, it was agreed that a shop was unrealistic. It was NOTED that Mrs Bakewell was supportive of the project and would consider offering some funding.

121. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr Savill-Daw advised that he had attended the AGM of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and also the annual Speech Day held at Stanchester School.

122. REPORTS FROM

(a) **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR** - Mrs Bakewell gave an update on County Council activities and I advised that the County Council had withdrawn from the Joint Area Committees.

(b) **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – Mrs Bakewell gave an update on District Council activities

(c) **PARISH COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS SINCE THE LAST MEETING** – It was noted that Mrs Rennie had attended a presentation on proposed dog control orders within South Somerset.

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

(a) Consideration of photographic competition – it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting when it would be an agenda item.

(b) It was NOTED that although an order had been placed for the hedge of the recreation ground to be cut, due to machinery breakdown work was delayed.

(c) It was NOTED that a letter had been sent to residents of adjacent properties regarding the availability of parking at The Pound. The Pound will be inspected by a local builder and a report given at the next meeting.

(d) It was NOTED that further work is required on post code anomalies within the village and a report will be given when the work is complete.

(e) SSDC Community Forum – It was NOTED that the next meeting, to be held on 3rd December, will be attended by Mr Savill-Daw and Mr Griffiths.

(f) St Peter & St Paul, Odcombe – it was NOTED that a letter of thanks had been received for the grant given at the last meeting.

- (g) Dog Control Orders – it was NOTED that at the workshop given by SSDC, a query had been raised as to whether the Recreation Ground Byelaws regarding dogs would remain valid following the passing of a Dog Control Order. SSDC advise that the existing Byelaws remain in force indefinitely and can continue to be enforced.
- (h) The Clerk advised that she had written to the former Clerk asking if he still held the minutes, but no reply had been received.

124. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) SSDC – Ethical Standards Self Assessment Survey – it was NOTED that survey forms had been given to each Councillor. Members were reminded to return the survey form by 31st January 2010.
- (b) SSDC - Flood Awareness Workshops – it was NOTED that a flood awareness workshop will be held on 3rd December at the Council Offices, Churchfields, Wincanton and that a further event is currently planned for Thursday, 20th January 2010 at the Council Offices, Brympton Way.
- (c) Somerset Waste Partnership Review of Somerset's Waste Management Strategy –NOTED.
- (d) SALC – it was NOTED that the December meeting had been cancelled. An update was given on what legislation is expected.
- (e) Yeovil Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service and SSVCA – NOTED, no further action.
- (f) Letter from St Margaret's Hospice – NOTED.
- (g) South Somerset District Council - third annual South Somerset Sport Awards Evening – NOTED.

125. PLANNING

(a) DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members were asked to note that application 09/03294/FUL had been withdrawn.

(b) PLANNING UPDATES

- (a) It was NOTED that Mr Savill-Daw and Mr Griffiths will attend the first cluster workshop to be held on Monday, 30th November at the Council Offices, Brympton Way (7 – 9 p.m.)
- (b) It was NOTED that an application to fell nine self-sown tree saplings had been made by the owner of Meadow View, Dray Road but that the Parish Council would not normally be consulted on this application. The SSDC Tree Officer had advised that he would take note of any comments that the Parish Council may wish to make, it was agreed that the Council approved this application.

126. RECREATION GROUND

(a) PLAYGROUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr Griffiths had sent a report to the Clerk on a meeting held with Mr Barnes and Miss Ross of SSDC which was read to members. Mr Griffiths will report to the next meeting.

Mr Francis left the meeting.

(b) LICENCE FOR ODCOMBE FOOTBALL CLUB TO USE THE PITCH

At the last meeting a licence had been considered and approved but following advice from SSDC it had been realised that the licence did not state when a review of match fees would be carried out. It was RESOLVED to approve the addition of the following sentence to the licence, the sentence being acceptable to the Football Club:

“Prices will be reviewed in line with other Parish Council charges every three years.”

Mr Francis returned to the meeting.

127. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) SCC – Transport priorities in the parish. It was NOTED that a response had been sent to the SCC Transport Policy Manager with regard to transport priorities within the parish.
- (b) Winter Service 2009-2010. It was NOTED that a copy of the Guide To Winter Service in Somerset 09-10 is available on <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/ete/highways/winterservice/>

128. GRANT

In accordance with its powers under s. 142 LGA 1972,, Mrs Langdon proposed and it was RESOLVED to make a grant of £50 to the South Somerset Citizens' Advice Bureau.

129. FUNDING OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

It was NOTED that the speed indicator device that was recently installed in Odcombe (east bound) (week commencing 12th October 2009) represented the third and final installation of a SID at this location under the current arrangements. It was NOTED that the County Council had advised that should members wish to renew the device for three installations for the forthcoming year, a contribution of £100 would be required from the Parish Council. In accordance with its powers under the Highways Act 1980, s. 274A, Mr West proposed and it was RESOLVED to approve expenditure in the sum of £100 for this service.

130. BUDGET 2010-2011

A draft budget, together with the current expenditure for 2009-2010, was discussed. Members NOTED that additional funding will be required towards a youth shelter and the speed indicator device but it was agreed to delete the budget for footpath maintenance. It was agreed that further discussion would take place at the next meeting.

131 FINANCE

- (a) It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation statements as at 31st October 2009
- (b) It was RESOLVED resolve to approve the following schedule of payments:
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| Somerset Landscapes Ltd | £149.50 | cheque no. 055 |
| Mrs E M James (inc. back pay & October additional hours) | £253.48 | cheque no. 056 |
| South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau | | cheque no. 057 |

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

None

It was RESOLVED to close the meeting to allow public participation.

Discussion took place on the lack of cycle paths between Odcombe and Yeovil.

It was RESOLVED to re-open the meeting.

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

Precept 2010-2011

Post codes

134. ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION

SSDC/SCC Joint Area Committee – agenda 4th Nov 2009

SSDC Standards Committee – minutes of 30th September and agenda 4th Nov 2009

Somerset PFA – The Playing Field Newsletter Autumn 2009

135. NEXT MEETING

It was NOTED that the next meeting will be held on 21st December 2009 **at 7.00 p.m.** at the Village Hall.