

ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th August 2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.)

PRESENT:

Mr B Savill-Daw (Chairman)	Mrs B Langdon (Vice-Chairman)
Mr C Francis	Mr A Hiscock
Mrs D Rennie	Mr B Spearing
Mr R West	
Mr P Cooper (from 7.35 p.m.)	Mrs S Hunt (from 7.35 p.m.)
Mrs C Bakewell (County & District Councillor)	Mrs L Boucher (District Councillor)
Mrs E M James (Clerk)	

70. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Two applications for co-option had been received from Mr P Cooper and Mrs S Hunt. Mrs Langdon proposed, Mrs Rennie seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Cooper and Mrs Hunt to the Council. Mr Cooper and Mrs Hunt signed the declaration of office and joined the meeting.

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

None

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Francis and Mrs Langdon declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 13, being members of the Odcombe Village Hall Committee.

73. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th JULY 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2010 were approved as a correct record.

74. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

75. REPORTS FROM:

(a) **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR** – Mrs Bakewell had spoken further with local residents regarding the peacock and peahen living at Westbury Gardens. It was AGREED that, as the birds were noisy, causing mess and damaging gardens, the owner of the peahen would be asked if she had any objection to the peahen being re-homed. The peacock had no known owner. It was AGREED to ascertain whether there was a peacock rescue centre which might assist.

(b) **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** - Mrs Boucher advised that there had been a reduction in the number of houses planned for the eco-town and that there would be public consultation taking place on likely sites.

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

It was RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 12.

The meeting was closed to allow for public debate, following the debate the meeting re-opened.

76. PROVISION OF NOTICE BOARD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ODCOMBE WALKERS, TO COMMEMORATE THE WALK OF THOMAS CORYATE

At its meeting held on 15th December 2008, min. no. 164, Council RESOLVED that it was prepared to pay for a suitable notice board, together with ancillary costs (erection and planning consent if required) to commemorate the walk of Thomas Coryate. It was RESOLVED to approve the proposed artwork which had been shown at the meeting by Mr Loxton of the Odcombe Walkers Association. The Clerk will seek prices of suitable noticeboards.

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

(a) Youth Shelter – it was NOTED that the Youth Capital Fund has awarded £1,000 towards the project.

(b) The Pound – it was NOTED that SSDC are proceeding with the work required to register The Pound and it is expected that the work will cost in the region of £250, as advised by Mr Clarke, Solicitor to SSDC. It was NOTED that Mrs Langdon had been asked to provide a statement of truth regarding possession of the land.

(c) It was NOTED that the post code report has not yet been submitted to Royal Mail due to holiday and work commitments.

(d) The Clerk was advised that there is a war memorial in the village which was maintained by the Parish Council and inspected twice per year by Mrs Rennie.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SSDC – Members were asked to review their Register of Interests.

(b) SCC - Somerset Building Stone Paper - Issues consultation for the Minerals Core Strategy. Members were asked to circulate the consultation document and advise the Clerk of any comments at the next meeting.

(c) Somerset Primary Care Trust – pharmacy services – NOTED.

(d) Somerset Waste Partnership - Somerset's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy update – NOTED.

(e) SALC – "Precept capping" – the Government has published a consultation paper on the technical aspects of the "Local referendums to veto excessive council tax increases". Councillors were asked for comments but none were given.

(f) SSVCA – funding fayre/advice workshops – It was NOTED that the Clerk will attend this event.

(g) Future Land Management at Ham Hill Country Park – Councillors had been invited to attend a meeting at Ham Hill Country Park Education Centre on Tuesday, 17th August, this will be attended by the Clerk.

(h) It was NOTED that SSDC will now only distribute committee agendas to Parish Clerks via email, hard copies will be available at meetings.

(i) Community Council for Somerset – AGM and Community Project Showcase – NOTED.

(j) Somerset PFA – AGM - NOTED.

79. PLANNING

(a) APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 79 PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Members are asked to note and approve the recommendation made under Standing Order No. 79 prior to the meeting:

10/02034/FUL – the erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling (GR 350942/115973)

Swallows, 53 Lower Odcombe, Odcombe

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

(b) RESULTS OF APPLICATIONS

10/01473/FUL – alterations, demolition of existing single storey rear extension and the erection of a replacement single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse (GR 350532/115383) **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS**
1 Holly Terrace, Street Lane

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APPLICATION REFUSED

(c) PLANNING UPDATES

SSDC Planning Enforcement Officers were investigating whether planning permission should be sought for the bed & breakfast accommodation currently being offered at Donne Head Cottage.

80. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

It was AGREED to defer this item as the photographs were not available.

81. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISION OF GRIT BINS

Following public consultation and considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr Savill-Daw, seconded by Mr Hiscock and unanimously RESOLVED that, using its power under S.137 of the LGA 1972, the Council will purchase four grit bins to be sited at the following locations:

- Bottom of Rex Road
- Adjacent to Carlton House, Higher Odcombe
- Junction of Chapel Hill & Coryate Close
- Near to Greensleeves Nursery at Lower Odcombe.

It was NOTED that these locations will need to be agreed with County Highways who will ensure that the bins are kept filled at no cost to the Council. The Parish Council will retain ownership of the bins and be responsible for maintenance. It was AGREED that quotations would be sought and that the expenditure would be made from the contingencies budget.

Mrs Langdon and Mr Francis left the meeting.

82. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT TO THE ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Using its power under S. 133 of the LGA 1972, Mr Hiscock proposed, Mr Savill-Daw seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to make grant to the Odcombe Village Hall Management Committee of £800, to assist with the cost of the insurance premium.

Mrs Langdon and Mr Francis returned to the meeting.

83. CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

It was NOTED that there was a problem with dog fouling at Boundhay. It was agreed to ask SSDC Enforcement Officers to visit the site and ascertain what action could be taken.

84. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) It was NOTED that Mr Savill-Daw and the Clerk had met with Mr Fletcher, SCC Highways, to discuss visibility problems at the junction of Lower Odcombe with New Road. Mr Fletcher had agreed that slow signs and yellow strips across the road would be installed at either end of the junction.
- (b) The speed indicator device results for April, May and June 2010 were reviewed and NOTED.
- (c) Review of Winter Maintenance Services 2009-2010 –NOTED.
- (d) Visibility Splay at Rex Road – Hill Build had advised that any problems regarding maintenance of the visibility splay should now be addressed to County Highways. It was AGREED to ascertain whether this was correct.
- (e) It was AGREED that Mr Savill-Daw would visit Boundhay to ascertain whether any action could be taken with regard to a road sign that was partially hidden by vegetation.
- (f) It was AGREED that the Clerk would advise County Highways of the following three items:
 - (i) pot holes in Cherry Lane near the Ham Hill Road end;
 - (ii) ragwort on the verge of Old Road from the top crossroad down to the junction with Lower Odcombe
 - (iii) The trees planted by SCC on a bank opposite the junction of Old Road with Lower Odcombe are leaning over the road.
- (g) Concerns were raised regarding two hedges at Lower Odcombe, Mr Savill Daw to speak to the owners.
- (h) Details of defective street lights at Street Lane and Old Road to be passed on to SCC.

85. FINANCE

- (a) The bank reconciliation statement as at 31st July 2010 was checked and APPROVED.
- (b) Members NOTED that an error had been made in calculating the Clerk's expenses for July 2010 in that the cost of printing the Annual Report had been added to the Clerk's expenses. The original intent had been for the Clerk to pay the cost direct to SSDC and recoup this sum through expenses and the expenses were worked out on this basis. However, as approval had to be given at the last meeting for the increased cost of printing, a cheque had been paid direct to SSDC. The Clerk advised that the sum of £12.33 had been deducted from the Clerk's expenses due to be paid on 16th August.
- (c) The Clerk gave details of the budget as at 31st July and it was AGREED that there were no areas of concern. The Clerk advised that a new financial package would be used shortly.

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

Somerset Landscapes	ch. no. 096	£158.11 (grass cutting)
Mrs E M James	ch. no. 096	£223.86 (salary & expenses, less £12.33)

(e) It was NOTED that HMRC had confirmed that there were no changes to the 2010-11 Income Tax Allowances, Income Tax rates, National Insurance rates or thresholds announced in the Budgets on 24 March or 22 June 2010.

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

None

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

Attendance by Clerk at Practitioners Conference at Stoke on Trent in February 2011

The appointment of Internal Auditor

Mr Parr, SSDC - update on proposals for a youth shelter.

88. ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION

The Playing Field – Summer 2010

89. NEXT MEETING

It was NOTED that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 20th SEPTEMBER 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.