

## ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (7.30 p.m. – 9.50 p.m.)**

### **PRESENT:**

Mr B Savill-Daw (Chairman)  
Mr P Cooper  
Mr C Francis  
Mrs D Rennie

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

Mrs C Bakewell (County & District Councillor)  
Mr R Parr, Senior Play & Youth Facilities Officer, SSDC

Mrs L Boucher (District Councillor)  
Mrs E M James (Clerk)

### **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Discussion took place regarding a planning application for the change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use and the erection of stables, store room and a menage on land Adjoining Park Lane, Hollow Lane, which SSDC had refused in 2009. Council was advised that a fresh application would shortly be made.

### **113 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS**

An apology for absence, by reason of ill health, was received from Mr Spearing. The apology was accepted and approved.

### **114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs Langdon and Mr Francis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 10 as members of the Odcombe Village Hall Management Committee. Mr Cooper declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 10/03493/FUL as a friend of the applicant. Mr Hiscock declared a personal interest in planning application 10/03493/FUL as he had carried out work for the applicant.

### **115 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **116 PROPOSED YOUTH SHELTER**

The Clerk advised that Williamson Structural Design Ltd had confirmed that their fee will be no more than £800 assuming that there are no significant changes to the project as presently designed. Mr R Parr, Senior Play & Youth Facilities Officer, SSDC, gave an update on the proposed youth shelter. Mr Parr confirmed that he had sought pre-application advice from SSDC and that there were no concerns. He had also shown the plans to the Police Architectural Liaison Officer who had advised that he would like the branches of an adjacent tree cut back to improve visibility. Concerns had been expressed that the structure was being made of wood but it had been accepted that it would be difficult to set it on fire. It was AGREED that the Clerk would check with the Council Insurers to ensure it would be covered by the Council policy. It was AGREED that SSDC Property Services could now be asked for permission to site the meeting point and the noticeboard in the Recreation Ground. Mrs Langdon proposed, Mr Hiscock seconded and it was RESOLVED to seek planning permission from SSDC, the application to be submitted by the Clerk with the assistance of Mr Parr. Following discussion regarding public consultation it was AGREED that a half-hour session would be held prior to the next meeting to enable young people and members of the public to inspect the plans. Flyers would be delivered through the village and Mr Parr agreed to put up notices to advise of the event.

### **117 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that a parishioner had made a complaint regarding the proposed removal of the peacock.

### **118 REPORTS FROM**

#### **(a) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR,**

Mrs Bakewell gave details of the cuts proposed by Somerset County Council, including the proposed closure of the Crewkerne Recycling Centre. It was agreed that a letter should be written to complain of this closure. Mrs Bakewell advised that the traffic lights at the bottom of Reckleford were to be turned off for a trial period.

#### **(b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Mrs Boucher gave details of the money awarded as a result of the Area South Community Forum and advised that she had attended a workshop on the proposed urban village in Yeovil.

#### **(c) PARISH COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

None

### **119 CLERK'S REPORT [MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(a) It was NOTED that the grit bins have been delivered and will be installed prior to the grit being delivered by County Highways. It was agreed that Councillors would monitor the grit bins and that Mr Colin Hill would be asked to monitor the grit bin adjacent to the garden centre. ( Mr Savill-Daw – adjacent to Carlton House, Mr Hiscock – Donne Lane, Mr Spearing – Rex Road, Mrs Hunt – Coryate Close/Chapel Hill).

(b) It was NOTED that the Clerk to West Coker Parish Council accepted the West Coker bus shelter drawing found in the parish chest..

(c) Memorial seats – It was NOTED that advice from SSDC had been received that anyone wishing to have a memorial seat in the recreation ground would need to apply for permission from SSDC, be responsible for the seat and its maintenance, repair and replacement throughout its occupation. SSDC would normally encourage a tree - such as an oak, hazel or beech - to be planted rather than a bench.

(d) It was NOTED that investigation into whether old cheques had a monetary value, it was agreed that these should be kept in the parish chest.

(e) It was NOTED that letters of thanks for grants had been received from the church and CAB.

## 120 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) SALC – Agenda for the meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. at Yeovil Town Council – to be attended by Mr Savill-Daw and Mrs Rennie.
- (b) SCC - Management of Public Rights of Way in Somerset – NOTED.
- (c) SCC – Rural Services – Community Led Delivery – NOTED.
- (d) Somerset Rural Youth Project's upcoming Young People's Celebration & AGM – NOTED.
- (e) Preparing for Severe Weather - Evening Briefings in South Somerset – NOTED.
- (f) SSDC –Lengthsman Scheme – NOTED, agreed that the Council did not wish to participate. It was AGREED that an article would be written for the next newsletter regarding personal responsibilities.
- (g) SCC – it was agreed to advise the Chief Executive that the Council would like further details on the proposals for a county-wide scheme to make an impact on anti-social behaviour.

## 121 PLANNING

### (a) RESULTS OF APPLICATIONS

**10/02592/FUL** - Proposed utility extension and first floor extension over living room and utility to provide additional bedroom and en-suite bathroom accommodation. ( GR 350208/116440)

**Old Dairy Cottage, Woodhouse Lane ,Montacute, TA15 6XL**

**APPEAL DISMISSED**

**10/03538/FUL** – alteration and change of use from open space to create additional parking spaces (GR 350675/115376)

**Land at Coryate Close, Odcombe**

**APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

### (b) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**10/03493/FUL** – the carrying out of alterations and extension to existing dwelling, erection of an outbuilding and construction of a swimming pool (GR 350749/115583)

**Easselgate, Dray Road, Odcombe**

**AMENDED PLANS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Refusal, the proposal is considered out of keeping with the surrounding area.

### *Mr Cooper left the meeting.*

**10/04467/FUL** – alterations and the erection of a two storey side extension and a two storey front extension with storm porches (GRF 351239/117344)

**Hamley House, Balls Hill, Brympton**

**ADJACENT TO PARISH**

**RECOMMENDATION:** No objections

*Mr Cooper returned to the meeting.*

### (c) PLANNING UPDATES

It was NOTED that investigation continued into the use of premises for bed and breakfast.

### (d) SOUTH SOMERSET LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – DRAFT CORE STRATEGY (INCORPORATING PREFERRED OPTIONS)

It was AGREED that the Council was supportive of the Keyford site as a logical site for expansion, subject to a suitable road infrastructure which must be built prior to any development..

*Mrs Langdon and Mr Francis left the meeting.*

## 122 ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Under its powers of s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was RESOLVED to make a grant of £200 towards the cost of new seating and £75 towards the cost of printing the Odcombe Newsletter.

*Mrs Langdon and Mr Francis returned to the meeting.*

## 123 ODCOMBE PLAY AREA

### (a) ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION 2010

It was NOTED that the annual playground inspection took place on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010. The following faults had been found:

BMX track – erosion on one jump and weeds encroaching onto riding path.

Embankment Slide – some erosion around the side.

Roundabout – monitor corrosion on base of platform.

Two spring riders – monitor wet pour damage

2 flat and 2 cradle swings – damage to edge of safety surfacing, plan to replace 1 flat seat, all chains and bushes during 2011.

Climbing frame – gap at edge of safety surfacing.

5 a side goal – foundations loose in ground, surface rust present – plan to rub down and paint.

Since this inspection a quarterly operational inspection took place on 15<sup>th</sup> October and the faults identified were:

Swings – one flat seat worn/weathered and all sets of chains worn.

Roundabout – edge of platform corroded – sharp edges in places. Surface worn/damaged in places.

Mrs Langdon proposed, Mrs Rennie seconded and it was agreed to obtain prices for the work required.

It was AGREED that the cost of repainting the play equipment should be included within the 2011-2012 budget.

### (b) ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION OFFER 2011

Mrs Langdon proposed, Mr Hiscock seconded and it was RESOLVED to accept the offer by SSDC of an annual playground inspection for 2011 at a cost of £44.

**124 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE RENEWAL – ODCOMBE (WEST BOUND)**

At the last meeting it was agreed no funding would be made to cover the cost of renewing the speed indicator device east bound and County Highways were notified of this decision. Following this notification County Highways asked if the decision will also apply for the west bound speed indicator device. It was AGREED that no further funding would be made for the device. Members NOTED that Somerset County Council will not grant permission for any other Authority to place a traffic sign on the highway.

**125 PRECEPT 2011-2012**

Discussion took place on projects that might be carried out in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to enable a draft budget to be prepared. It was AGREED that the Clerk should investigate the cost of painting of play equipment, two street lights and painting of play equipment.

**126 CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

It was AGREED that at the next meeting a letter received from the Area South Community Safety Action Panel would be discussed.

**127 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(a) Following investigation the Parish Council is responsible for the bank at Chapel Hill, adjacent to the recreation ground. It was AGREED that , no action need be taken at present.

(b) It was NOTED that complaints raised at the last meeting had been forwarded to County Highways.

(c) It was NOTED that Mr Fletcher, SCC Highways, had been contacted with regard to the new sign installed at Cherry Lane. The sign should have stated "nott suitable for motor vehicles" sign, rather than "no through road" as installed. Mr Fletcher had advised that any mistake will be corrected.

(d) It was NOTED that Mr Clive-Ponsonby-Fane had been contacted regarding an overhanging branch on Old Road.

**128 TRAINING**

Members RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £7 towards attendance by the Clerk at a workshop given by SALC on "Budgeting 2011/12 and General Financial Clinic, to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November at Somerton.

**128 FINANCE**

(a) The bank reconciliation statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 was approved.

(b) It was NOTED that the sum of £13.82 for electricity used will be claimed by E.On on or around 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

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

Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Cheque no. 109	79.05
Glasdon Ltd	Cheque no. 110	785.84
R T Services	Cheque no. 111	85.00
Mrs E M James	Cheque no. 112	223.15

**129 COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME – SUCH MATTERS ARE FOR NOTING OR DEFERRAL TO A FUTURE MEETING**

None

**130 TO BRING FORWARD ANY MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Precept discussion

Discussion on the tender for grass cutting/hedge cutting for 2011-2013

**131 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION**

Somerset PFA – "The Playing Field" Autumn 2010

SRYP – Newsletter Autumn 2010

Came & Company – Parish Matters Autumn 2010

Clerks & Councils Direct November 2010

**132 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday,20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Members were reminded that at 6.30 p.m. the Odcombe meeting plans would be on display.