

ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2011 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
ODCOMBE. (7.30 – 8.05 p.m. and 8.15 – 9.05 p.m.)

PRESENT:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr B Savill-Daw (Chairman) | Mrs B Langdon (Vice-Chairman) |
| Mr P Cooper | Mr C Francis |
| Mrs D Rennie | Mr B Spearing |
| Mr R West | |

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

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

An apology for absence, by reason of another meeting, was received from Mrs Hunt.

207. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs Langdon & Mrs Rennie declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 8(b), application 11/01194/LBC as a close relative of the applicant. Mr Cooper declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 8(b), application 11/01229/S73, as an adjacent neighbour.

208. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2011

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2011.

It was RESOLVED to bring forward planning application 11/01194/LBC for consideration.

Mrs Langdon & Mrs Rennie left the hall.

209. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

11/01194/LBC – the carrying out of alterations to front boundary wall (GR 350984/115790)

Westover, 27 Lower Odcombe, Odcombe

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Mrs Langdon & Mrs Rennie returned to the hall.

210. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

211. REPORTS FROM:

(a) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR - None

(b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Mrs Boucher gave an update on Foundry House and reduction of signage in Princes Street. Mrs Boucher advised that SSDC is ahead of its target for affordable housing. Mrs Boucher thanked Councillors for their support for the last four years.

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

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

(a) Members NOTED that the bushes ordered for the swing at the Recreation Ground were the wrong size and the swing is temporarily out of action. The bushes were returned to GB Sport & Leisure but the bushes required were not a standard size and had to be ordered direct from the manufacturer. An additional charge of £6 plus VAT to cover the cost of postage from the manufacturer was NOTED and AGREED by Councillors.

(b) New noticeboard for the display of walks – it was NOTED that after much consultation SSDC had agreed that no planning application was required as the board would be used for a proper function of the Council (promotion of tourism).

(c) It was AGREED that the Clerk would investigate group buying of energy supplies.

(d) Royal Mail – Post Codes (min. no. 120(a) It was NOTED that Royal Mail has confirmed that they have no objections to changing the locality information, provided that the Parish Council obtains letters of support from the local MP, the County Council and the local Chamber of Commerce. It was AGREED that the Clerk would seek letters of support to enable the work to proceed.

213. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SSDC – South Somerset Careline – information is available on the Careline service. NOTED.

(b) Hastoe Housing Association Ltd – it was NOTED that the vacant house at Long Run has now been let.

(c) SCC – Broadband in Somerset – It was NOTED that the County Council is bidding for funding towards high speed broadband access in Somerset.

(d) SCC - Waste planning consultation. Members NOTED that the closing date for comments is 11th May 2011 and that On-line responses were encouraged.

(e) Somerset Waste Partnership – changes to opening times and charges. It was NOTED that details have been circulated and advertised on Council noticeboards.

(f) Alzheimer's Society in Somerset – NOTED, no further action to be taken.

214. PLANNING

(a) RESULTS OF APPLICATIONS

Members NOTED the approval of application 11/00435/FUL and 11/00773/TCA

(b) PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Mr Cooper left the hall

11/01229/S73 – application to vary conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 12 and to remove condition 7 of planning permission 10/02456/FUL (GR 350294/115275)

The Bungalow, Street Lane, Odcombe

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Mr Cooper returned to the hall

11/01259/FUL – the use of land as an allotment site and the formation of a vehicular access and parking area (GR 351319/117303)

Land OS 3222 Balls Hill, Lufton

ADJACENT TO PARISH

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

11/01302/FUL – the erection of an extension to existing hayshed to be used for lambing and general storage (GR 350295/115962)

Land opposite Odcombe Reservoir, Ham Hill Road, Odcombe

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

(c) PLANNING UPDATES

Yeovil Traffic Modelling Report: Review of Yeovil Eco-Urban Extension – comments made on the report were NOTED, being

"Whichever site is chosen as the primary site for development, it must have good, workable access to main travel routes (especially the A303) and good public transport links, including more cycle lanes - plus pavements for those who would like to safely walk (or jog) into Yeovil. A successful housing scheme depends on people realising that their daily commute (either to Yeovil or further away) is going to be made quicker and easier rather than more difficult. The A37, the A30 to the east of Yeovil and the Cartgate link are reaching their capacity at peak commuting times. Until Yeovil is successfully bypassed and/or these issues are satisfactorily resolved, the success of any major development is going to be compromised.

With regard to option 5 of the additional infrastructure costs, the Parish Council cannot believe that Gooseacre Lane is even remotely being considered as an alternative access route. This is a very narrow lane and is not suitable for any additional traffic."

10/01875/REM – it was NOTED that a revised application had been received by SSDC, requiring a response by 3rd May. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact SSDC to ask for a copy of the plans and to agree a date for return of comments.

215. LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It was NOTED that confirmation had been received from the Returning Officer that the number of valid nominations received for the Local Council Election 2011 is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled. The Result of Uncontested Election is currently being advertised on the noticeboards. The new Council will take effect on 10th May 2011. It was NOTED that there will be an election for District Councillors on 5th May.

216. TRAINING OF NEW COUNCILLORS

It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure on a training course for new Councillors offered by the Somerset Association of Local Councils, provided that the cost was not in excess of £25.

217. ODCOMBE MEETING POINT

It was NOTED that a grant of £1000 towards the Odcombe Meeting Point had been awarded by the Executive Committee of the Well Being of Yeovil Community Association. The Association had requested that it be listed amongst the donors in a permanent way. It was AGREED to delegate the Clerk to arrange the purchase of a plaque to be installed on completion of the Meeting Point. The plaque will list all organisations that have assisted with the project and wording would be agreed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was NOTED that the contractors had been concerned that the shingles would not be sufficiently flexible for the roof but the problem had been solved. It was AGREED to check on the completion date for the project. It was NOTED that the workmen had advised that many dogs were being walked on site without being kept on leads, in contravention of the bye-laws. It was AGREED to request that the Enforcement Officer visit the site and take action if possible.

218. ROYAL WEDDING

It was NOTED that a street party is to be held in Odcombe to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding on Friday, 29th April and a letter regarding this event had been received from Mr M Carrington of 2 Coathays. Mr Carrington had requested a grant of £100 towards the event, the money being required for the cost of the road closure application and the purchase of disposable cloths, cups and plates. A further letter had then been received from Mr Carrington, advising that SSDC had waived the road closure arrangement of fee of £51.50 and reduced the limit of public liability insurance from £5 million to £2 million. The premium for the insurance is £78.00. Mr Carrington has requested that the Parish Council consider making a grant of £128 to cover the cost of the public liability insurance (£78) and disposable items (£50). Mrs Rennie proposed, Mrs Langdon seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED that a grant of £128 would be made for the event. It was further AGREED that the cheque would be made payable to Mr Carrington with a proviso that receipts must be supplied for all expenditure and that any unspent money must be returned to the Parish Council.

218. REPLACEMENT DOG SIGN AT THE RECREATION GROUND

Members NOTED that a minimum charge of £30 would be made for one replacement dog sign at the Recreation Ground. Mrs Langdon proposed, Mrs Rennie seconded and it was RESOLVED that two signs be ordered, provided that the expenditure did not exceed £45.

219. SOMERSET ART WORKS

It was AGREED that no grant would be made to Somerset Art Works.

220. VILLAGE WORKING PARTY

At the last meeting it was agreed that a working party would be held to clear the car parking area. It was AGREED that Mr Savill-Daw would arrange the event.

221. CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

None

222. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Speed Indicator Device Results for Odcombe Westbound for Mar/Apr 2011 (Speed limit 30mph) (circulated prior to the meeting) were NOTED.

(b) It was NOTED that the road sweeper had not completed all of Street Lane, in view of flooding problems it was agreed to request that the Lane be completed.

223. BANK MANDATE

It was RESOLVED to approve the addition of Mr Cooper, Mr Hiscock and Mrs Hunt as signatories to the Council bank accounts.

224. INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was NOTED that Mr Fox was now in a position to audit the Council's Annual Return for 2010-2011 which must be received by Moore Stephens before 1st June.

225. FINANCE

(a) It was AGREED to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at 31st March 2011 at the next meeting.

(b) The receipt of £15458, being the precept paid by SSDC, was NOTED..

(c) PAYE End of Year submission online – It was NOTED that the submission for reference 794/NA20608 was made on 10th April 2011 and confirmation of the submission has been received.

(d) The direct debit payment of £13.82, to be taken from the bank account on 24th April 2011 by E-on for electricity supplies, was NOTED.

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

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| SSDC – ground rent & building licence | £15.00 | ch. No. 0129 |
| Mrs E M James – office expenses | £67.19 | ch. No. 0130 |
| Mr M Carrington | £128.00 | ch. No. 0131 |

(f) It was NOTED that the Clerk's salary would be paid by direct debit.

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

None

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

Adoption of accounts

228. ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION

None

228. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16th May 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.