

## ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE, ON MONDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 (7.30 p.m. 8.55 p.m.)**

**PRESENT:**

Mr B Savill-Daw (Chairman)	Mrs B Langdon (Vice-Chairman)
Mr P Cooper (from 7.40 p.m.)	Mr C Francis
Mrs S Hunt	Mrs D Rennie
Mr B Spearing	Mr R West

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

None

**172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs Rennie declared a personal interest in planning application 11/04843/FUL as a neighbour with a contiguous boundary.  
Mr West declared a personal interest in planning application 11/05078/FUL as a neighbour with a contiguous boundary.

**173. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

It was RESOLVED to confirm as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011, circulated prior to the meeting.

**174. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that he had received one letter raising concerns at the proposed cuts to the bus service.

**175. REPORTS FROM:**

**(a) SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Mrs Bakewell had sent details of the reinstatement of County library and mobile library services.  
Report on the library services available from the Clerk. Some mobile library routes restored

**(b) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

None

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

None

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

Concerns were raised regarding the fencing off of a verge near to "Four Winds", Lower Odcombe. County Highways had been made aware of the concerns and were investigating.

**Mr Cooper arrived at the meeting (7.40 p.m.)**

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

(a) It was NOTED that a meeting of the Odcombe Recreation Ground Working Party would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January. A small group meeting, attended by Mrs Hunt, Mrs Rennie, Mr Parr (SSDC) and the Clerk had been held. It was intended that proposals for the formation and remit of the working party would be brought to the next meeting, together with a consultation flyer for distribution to parishioners. It was considered that the initial priority of the working party was the refurbishment of the play area.

(b) War memorial –It was NOTED that Came & Company had advised that on the basis the Parish Council is responsible for the War Memorial, Public Liability Insurance is provided automatically for no additional premium.

(c) It was NOTED that the former Clerk, Mr Dobbs, had returned papers to the Clerk, including former minute books. These will be taken to the Heritage Centre at Taunton.

**178. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Somerset's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2011 – NOTED.

(b) Western Gazette Pride Awards – NOTED.

(c) SSDC – Customer Service Charter –NOTED.

(d) South Somerset Together: Summary of its structure & function – NOTED.

(e) Environment Agency Interactive River and Sea Level Map – NOTED.

(f) SCC Change Programme - 'Communities' and 'Sourcing' Workstreams – NOTED.

(g) SSDC – SCC Community Events - NOTED.

(f) South Somerset Together Assembly: Health Conference – NOTED.

(g) SALC – details of the expected timetable for the changes to the Standards Board Regime as put forward in the Localism Act 2011 were given. It was NOTED that a training event will be held before July.

(h) Somerset Strategic Housing Partnership – Mrs Rennie and Mrs Hunt agreed to complete a survey on the creation of an Interim Tenancy Strategy for Somerset

**179. PLANNING**

**(a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**11/04843/FUL** – demolition of existing extensions/garage, the erection of extensions with alterations to remodel dwelling and new detached garage (Revised Application)(GR 350535/115629)

**Pen-y-lan, 7 Cherry Lane, Odcombe**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approval**

**11/05078/FUL** – the installation of a sunken swimming pool, the formation of a tennis court and enclosure and the installation of free standing solar PV array (GR 350407/115326)

**Seekings House (formerly The Rectory), Street Lane, Odcombe**

**RECOMMENDATION: Approval**, the Parish Council supports this application and particularly like the applicants sympathetic approach to the neighbouring properties.

**(b) PLANNING UPDATES**

(i) "Planning Explained" – a booklet written by CPRE in partnership with NALC, is available on-line at [www.planninghelp.org.uk](http://www.planninghelp.org.uk)  
It was NOTED that a hard copy is also available from the Clerk. E-learning modules on planning are available, free of charge, from [www.ntselearning.co.uk](http://www.ntselearning.co.uk)

(ii) Neighbourhood Development Plans – a letter from Peter Seib, SSDC Portfolio Holder for Democratic and Regulatory Services, SSDC, was NOTED. Members were advised that the cost of a development plan can reach in excess of £20,000.

(iii) Delegation – it was agreed that at the next meeting a new standing order regarding delegation regarding planning matters would be placed on the agenda.

**180 SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – MINERALS OPTIONS PAPER CONSULTATION**

It was AGREED to make no comments on the SCC minerals options consultation document

**181. BUS SERVICES**

At the last meeting it had been agreed to investigate further the County Council plan to withdraw all funding for the one single journey operated as service 681 by GR Davis. It was NOTED that this bus departs Higher Odcombe Church at 0835 on Mondays to Fridays for Yeovil and the total weekly cost to the County Council is £160.35 per week, being £8338.20 per year. Mrs Rennie proposed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would not fund the service.

**182 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was AGREED to defer consideration of this item.

**183. BUDGET 2012 - 2013**

A draft budget was discussed and included a painting contract and a budget to be earmarked for the refurbishment of the car park. The budget included the anticipated expenditure to March 2012, with earmarked reserves in the sum of £8915 to take forward to 2012-2013 and a general reserve expected to be £8547. Mrs Rennie proposed and it was AGREED to approve the proposed budget for 2012-2013.

**184. PRECEPT 2012-2013**

On the basis of the approved budget, Mrs Rennie proposed and it was RESOLVED that a precept of £15458 should be raised, to enable the Parish Council to carry out its financial plans for 2012-2013.

**185. DIAMOND JUBILEE**

It was NOTED that for insurance purposes the church was unable to allow a beacon to be sited on the church for Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Members agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

**186. CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

(a) It was NOTED that the police have been made aware of anti-social behaviour caused by a group of lads congregating on the steps leading to 4 houses on Broadway

(b) Mr Savill-Daw and Mr West had completed questionnaires as requested by the Police.

**187. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(a) It was NOTED that SCC Highways Superintendent will be speaking to the farmer who should have cleaned Street Lane after his recent activities. SCC also advised that any pressure the PC can put on the land owner would be also appreciated.

(b) Donne Lane – It was considered that Donne Lane was in a reasonably clean condition.

(c) Rex Road –proposals by SSDC to clearly mark vehicular access were discussed. It was AGREED that only one sign was needed, being a name plate at the Rex Road entrance from Old Road. The sign would need to state that vehicular access was for 1 – 29 Rex Road only. All other houses use a vehicular access from Coryate Close

**188. FINANCE**

(a) It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011

(b) The direct debit payment of £13.82, to be taken from the bank account on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 by E-on for electricity supplies was NOTED and APPROVED.

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

Ch. No. 0174	Mrs E M James	£25.31	Office expenses
DD	Eon	£13.82	Electricity
SO	Democratic Services	£218.55	Democratic services

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

Recreation Ground Refurbishment

Delegation to the Clerk

Diamond Jubilee

**190. ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION**

Clerks & Councils Direct

**191. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.