

PARISH OF ODCOMBE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 15th APRIL 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (8.05 P.M. – 8.10 P.M.)

PRESENT:

Mrs D Rennie (Chairman)
9 members of the public
Mrs E James (Clerk)
District Councillor Mrs G Seaton

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence, was received from Mr Cooper.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2018

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2018, which were then signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council

Odcombe Parish Council have met every month over the past year. There is a full quota of councillors who have attended various committees, training and forums to represent the village over the past year. Two Parish Councillors are retiring after this meeting and I would like to thank Robert West and David Welfare for their efforts over the years. Robert was our longest serving councillor and his experience will be missed.

The traffic calming measures in Old Road between Ham Hill Road and the Village Hall entrance were completed in 2018 County Highways installed only three humps whilst four had been shown on the agreed plans. This has been the subject of much correspondence between County Highways, who said that the road conditions did not permit the fourth speed hump and Odcombe Parish Council who were aggrieved that the scheme had been downgraded after it had been agreed and was therefore less effective Neither had the Parish Council been notified of this reduction in the scheme. With the assistance of County Councillor Mark Keating this has hopefully now been resolved and the County Council have agreed to install the last hump which should slow traffic between The Cross and Rex Road.

The precept has been slightly increased to offset the ending of the grant from SSDC which has been phased out over several years. A village ranger is employed to undertake minor maintenance around the village. The new ranger works extremely hard to keep hedged trimmed around road signs and the play area and provides some extra cuts for visibility splays. She tries to keep gullies and drains clear, pavements and car parks weed free and removes as much of the litter as she is able in her hours. She also keeps a couple of footpaths clear.

We are grateful to the pop-up supermarket which organised a litter pick around the village. Over 12 black bin liners of rubbish were collected and removed by SSDC who also provided litter pickers.

The Parish Council has given grants are given towards the maintenance of the village hall, the Churchyard and to support the Citizen's Advice Bureau. A Working Party has been formed and is working to upgrade the Parish Council web site to make it more user friendly and increase the information available.

South Somerset Play and Youth support put on a play day at Odcombe playing fields where the Parish Council made a small grant and Parish councillors supported the event by manning the refreshments. A large number of youngsters enjoyed birds of prey, a bouncy castle, go-carting, face painting, soft play and arts and crafts. The fire brigade were also in attendance.

Thanks must be made to our District Councillors – Mark Keating and Gina Seaton who have offered much support at district and county level and kept the Parish Council up to date on what is occurring at their council meetings by both regular reports and attending our meetings.

4. Open Session

No questions raised.

5. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting

It was AGREED that the next Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 20th April 2020.

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