

PARISH OF ODCOMBE

Minutes of THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ODCOMBE HELD VIRTUALLY ON MONDAY, 26TH APRIL 2021 (8.00 P.M. – 8.05 P.M.)

Mrs D Rennie (Chairman)
10 members of the public
Mrs E James (Clerk)
District Councillors Mrs N Clark & Mrs G Seaton

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence, was received from Mr Peters

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2019

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2019, which were then signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council

The Parish Council has not been able to meet in person this year and all meetings have been held via Zoom. All Councillors have been attending and a few members of the public have also signed in occasionally. We are indebted to Mrs James, our Clerk who has organised and run all of this for us.

The final hump will not be erected as this requires a streetlight to be installed beside it and we were unable to obtain permission for this from the adjacent landowner. We will be looking at other options instead of the hump.

During the year we gave grants to the Church, for the maintenance of the village burial ground, the Village Hall and the local primary school, All Saints to improve disability access to the forest school. Small grants were made to the Somerset Citizen's advice Bureau, the Royal British Legion and The Woodland Trust. The latter had given us a number of saplings which have been planted around the recreation ground.

Our Parish Ranger has been keeping paths clear, cutting some verges and visibility splays and clearing what drains she can as well as hedge cutting, litter picking and weeding. We are also grateful to the village group Rubbish Mates who have walked miles litter picking and for the volunteers to be Parish Footpath Liaison Officer and another who is taking a strimmer course to help keep the paths clear.

Brympton Parish Council loaned us a speed indicator device and it suggested that the vast majority of motorists comply with the village speed limits. The police have been providing extra visits to the village hall as a result of a variety of antisocial behaviour. Brympton PC has kindly agreed to loan the device during the summer so that the results can be compared with 2020.

Odcombe won the Somerset Village of the year competition 2020 so a huge thank you to all who nominated us, voted for us and all the community work done by the residents which meant we made it to the shortlist. As most of the others were larger than us this was a real achievement. We now have £2000 to be spent on a community project. All suggestions to the Clerk please.

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 18th April 2022.