

PARISH OF ODCOMBE

Minutes of THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ODCOMBE HELD ON MONDAY, 11th APRIL 2022 (8.00 P.M. – 8.25 P.M.)

Mrs D Rennie (Chairman)
1 member of the public
Mr T M Heath (Clerk)
District Councillor Mrs G Seaton

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence, was received from Mr C Francis

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2021

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2021, which were then signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council

The Chairman reported:

A full complement of councillors were in post throughout the year and attendance levels at meetings have been consistently high. Our long serving Parish Clerk, Elizabeth James retired last month, and we are indebted to both her years of sterling service and her assistance in arranging the appointment of her successor and ensuring that the handover went as smoothly as possible.

During the year, the Council awarded grants to the Church, for the maintenance of the village burial ground and the Village Hall towards its running costs. Also, small grants were made to the Somerset Citizen's advice Bureau and the Royal British Legion

The village linesman 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. The Council are also grateful to the village group Rubbish Mates who have walked miles litter picking and to a volunteer to be the Parish Footpath Liaison Officer and another resident who has taken a strimmer course to help keep the paths clear.

Derek Thomas of Greensleeves Nursery has kindly offered to purchase a second defibrillator for the village and arrangements are underway to install this in the telephone kiosk in Lower Odcombe. This will then be kitted out with bookshelves and space for a seed bank.

The prize money of £2000 Odcombe won the Somerset Village of the year competition 2020 needs spending on a community project. Hopefully this will be decided in the next few months, and it is planned that there will be an opportunity for residents to vote at the Village jubilee party.

4. Open Session

A resident raised issues relating to speeding of vehicle's in the village and highlighted Camp Road as a concern, the Chair thanked the resident for bringing this to the attention of Council and stated where appropriate the Council will work with County Councillors on speeding matters throughout the village over the coming year.

5. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting

It was AGREED that the next Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 17th April 2023.