

PARISH OF ODCOMBE

Minutes of THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ODCOMBE HELD ON MONDAY, 17th APRIL 2023 (8.00 P.M. – 8.10 P.M.)

Cllr D Rennie (Chairman)
Cllr R Parr
Cllr C Francis
Cllr. F Cumming
Cllr R West
Cllr B Duffy
Cllr D Peters
Cllr K Perry
Mr Terry Heath (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence, was received from Mr J Ashton

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022, which were then signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

3. Annual Report of the Parish Council

The Chairman reported:

Council has a full complement of councillors and attendance levels at meetings have been consistently high. The Council are grateful to our Parish Clerk, Terry Heath for his diligence and assistance throughout the year. We would like to thank our volunteer Footpath Liaison Officer and volunteer footpath strimmer for their work as well as Peter Cooper for his work on village history which is available to view on the web page of the Parish Council.

Our village Ranger has been providing additional strimming, weeding and minor repairs around the village. It has been decided that incorporating this service with the maintenance contract for the recreation ground would be provide a better result and be more cost effective.

In this year Odcombe Parish Council gave grants to the Parish Church, for the maintenance of the village burial ground and to the Village Hall towards running costs as well as supporting village parties for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth. Two cherry trees donated by Cllr Fiona Cummings were also planned to commemorate the Jubilee.

A second defibrillator was fitted in the telephone kiosk in Lower Odcombe. We are grateful for the generosity of Derek Taylor of Greensleeves Nursery who donated the money necessary to supply and fit this.

A vote by village residents decided to spend the prize money of £2000 Odcombe won the Somerset Village of the year competition in 2020 on a Hamstone village sign. Planning permission for this has been granted, it has been ordered and we await installation.

A number of broken and superfluous road signs were removed from the village roads after consultation with the Highways Department. A new vehicle weight limit for much of the village was obtained and the necessary signs have now been installed.

Working groups have been established for the Recreation Ground Car Park, which is in need of repair, the Recreation Ground, Highways Matters and Fundraising.

4. Open Session

No issues were raised during the open session.

5. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting

It was AGREED that the next Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 15th April 2025.