

PARISH OF ODCOMBE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 24th APRIL 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (8.00 P.M. – 8.10 P.M.)

In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Parr proposed and it was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Mr David Welfare to act as Chairman

PRESENT:

Mr D Welfare (Chairman)
Mrs E James (Clerk to the Parish Council)
Mrs G Seaton (District Councillor)
7 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Rennie, Mr Cooper and Mr Francis.

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Annual Report of the Parish Council**

Mr Welfare read the annual report of the Parish Council, copy attached to the minutes.

4. **Open Session**

No questions were raised in the Open Session.

5. **Date of next Annual Parish Meeting**

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 16th April 2018

Chairman's Report. Odcombe Parish Council 2017

Odcombe Parish Council have met every month over the past year. Jenny Tasker and Fiona Cummings was co-opted to fill the vacancy created by the death of our longest serving member Bridget Langdon in May.

Money donated in memory of Bridget Langdon and gifted to the council was used to purchase an extremely colourful bench for the children's play area. The old spring riders have been re-sited in the play area. A village working party led by Rob Parr pruned the plantings in recreation field and tidied up the area.

The defibrillator supplied by the British Heart Foundation was stolen from outside the village hall. This has been replaced and a new door fitted to its cabinet with a key pad lock. The code to access it will be supplied by the emergency call handler when telephoning for an ambulance. This has delayed the training which had been planned. However as the instructions given by the machine for its use are so clear this is not thought to be a problem but training will be arranged for anyone who wishes to attend it.

The traffic calming measures in Old Road between Ham Hill Road and the Village Hall entrance have completed the consultation process and been agreed, they should be implemented in due course. We are liaising with County Highways to try and reduce the speed of traffic as it enters the village in several locations. The Parish Council have agreed that they will repaint the finger signposts in the village.

The precept has been increased to cover the reduction in the grant which SSDC have given us in the past. This grant is being reduced year on year until its removal in two years time. A village ranger is employed to undertake minor maintenance around the village. Grants are given towards the maintenance of the village hall, the Churchyard and to support the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Councillors have attended various committees, training and forums to represent the village over the past year and we are grateful for their commitment.

Thanks must be made to our District Councillors – Cathy Bakewell and Gina Seaton who have offered much support at district and county level and to Marcus Fyshe who has supported our small improvements grant allocation from the County.

Thanks were given to the Parish Clerk, Elizabeth James for her assistance during the year.