

## **Proposed Odcombe Car Park Policy**

**Adopted 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### **Rationale and assumptions.**

- The purpose of this policy is ensure the most effective and equitable use of the car park for Odcombe residents and other stakeholders;
- No particular stakeholder has a claim to priority use of the car park;
- The aim of the policy is to provide availability of parking for all users on the understanding that it is provided for the benefit of all Odcombe residents as well as other stakeholders;
- The car park is an asset which should be utilised to relieve parking congestion for the benefit of Odcombe residents;
- The maintenance and safe provision of the car park is currently funded solely by Odcombe parishioners; other means should be considered to supplement their contribution.

### **Stakeholders include:**

- Odcombe precept payers and residents;
- Attendees at Odcombe Parish Church functions;
- Attendees at Village Hall events;
- Attendees at sports activities at the recreation ground;
- Users of the play area and BMX track;
- Dog-walkers and other casual users of the recreation ground;
- Parents and children using the school bus service.

### **Draft Policy proposal.**

Odcombe Village Hall & Recreation Ground Car Park (Car Park) is managed and maintained by Odcombe Parish Council (Parish Council).

The Parish Council expects all users of the Car Park to do so safely, park appropriately and be respectful and considerate of other users of the Car Park.

All vehicles, persons and property using the Car Park do so entirely at the owner's risk. The Parish Council aims to manage and maintain the Car Park in a reasonably safe and serviceable condition for its users. The Parish Council will therefore accept no liability for theft from or damage to vehicles using the Car Park.

The Parish Council maintains an appropriate level of public liability insurance in the event a claim is made against the Parish Council.

Odcombe Parish Council will seek by whatever legal means necessary to enforce this policy, which may include the removal of vehicles or any other unauthorised property from the Car Park. Furthermore, the Parish Council reserves the right to remove and exclude users of the Car Park that are considered to be parking inconsiderately and/or causing a public nuisance.

This policy will be subject to review when considered necessary or appropriate by the Parish Council. The Parish Council reserves the right to deviate from this policy should it be considered in the best interests of Odcombe Parish Council.

- Overnight parking at the Car Park is available for Odcombe residents.
- 'Overnight' is defined as parking between the hours of 6.00pm and 9.00am. This includes weekends;
- Vehicles are not permitted to be left continuously. 'Continuously' is defined longer than 24 hours;
- Camping is not permitted;
- To enable the Parish Council to monitor and manage the use of the car park effectively, residents intending to park overnight should email the clerk with their name, address and the registration number of their vehicle.

**Considerations for possible future development of the car park.**

The Parish Council could also consider:

- the enactment of bylaws to enable the enforcement of the removal of a vehicle if necessary.
- Increased lighting at the car park; this could be done in conjunction with the proposed solar replacement of the existing streetlamps;
- Installing a small number of electric vehicle charging points;
- Creating two or three dedicated spaces for single-night tourist stays through the 'Park4night' scheme.