

ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
77 West Street, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, TA14 6QL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL & ORDINARY MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 16th MAY 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (7.30pm to 8.40pm)

Mrs D Rennie (Chairman) Miss F Cumming
Mr R Parr Mr K Perry
Mr R West
Mrs S Moore (Locum Clerk)
2 Members of the public

25/22 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Following a proposal by Cllr Parr and seconded by Cllr Cummings, it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Mrs Rennie as Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year. The Chairman signed the declaration of office.

26/22 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence, were received from Cllr Peters and Terry Heath

27/22 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.

28/22 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATED COUNCILLORS

Cllr's Cummings, Parr, Perry, Rennie, and West signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Locum Clerk who duly signed the documents. Councillor Peters signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Parish Clerk ahead of the meeting. The Clerk duly signed the document and provided it to Cllr Rennie.

29/22 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None received

30/22 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Following a proposal by Cllr Perry and seconded by Cllr Parr, it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Mr Peters as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

31/22 CO-OPTION – 3 VACANT POSITIONS

It was agreed by Council that the Clerk should advertise the vacant positions on the Village Hall noticeboard, the Parish Council website and on Odcombe Matters Facebook page.

32/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

33/22 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES, COMMITTEE & WORKING PARTIES

It was agreed that the following would represent the Council on outside bodies, committees and Working Parties:

Village Hall Committee, Cllr Cummings
Somerset Association of Local Councils, Cllr's Rennie, and Perry
Area South Community Forum, Cllr Rennie
Staffing Committee, Cllr's Peters, Parr, and Rennie
Grievance Working Party, Cllr Rennie
Environmental Working Party, Cllr's Parr, Cummings, and Peters

34/22 CHAIRMANS ALLOWANCE

It was RESOLVED that the sum of £75, as budgeted, be the amount of the Chairman's allowance for 2022-2023, in pursuance of Section 15(5) of LGA 1972.

35/22 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was agreed by Council to continue to hold meetings on a monthly basis with the following table detailing exact dates for year 22/23, subject to hall availability.

2022	2023
20th June	16th January
18th July	20th February
15th August	20th March
19th September	17th April – Annual Parish Meeting
17th October	15th May - Annual meeting of the Parish Council
21st November	
19th December	

36/22 PUBLIC SESSION

A resident expressed concern relating to a recent attack on a lady in the Village Hall Car Park. The Chairman stated this issue will be covered later in the agenda.

37/22 CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

IT was agreed by Council to request the Clerk to investigate the feasibility of installing CCTV that covers the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park.

A range of quotes, requested by Council at the April 22 meeting were provided by the Clerk in his monthly report. Following a proposal by Cllr West and seconded by Cllr Perry, it was unanimously RESOLVED that procurement and fitting of one off 4.34m. speed hump kit including ends, for car park entrance, and 2 off 9.34m speed hump kit including ends, for middle of car park, should be undertaken.

38/22 PLANNING

No new planning applications had been submitted in during the month. The one existing application, 21/00447/FUL, is still pending a decision.

39/22 HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was reported that the Council are awaiting a plan from County Highways against issues raised by the Council.

40/22 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from an anonymous resident regarding a complaint about noise, nuisance and disruption from the dog sitting service in Broadway, Higher Odcombe was received. Council recommended that the resident contact the Environment Officer at SSDC.

Members RESOLVED to APPROVE expenditure of up to £150.00 for Football pitch repairs.

It was requested that the Clerk speak to the Parish Ranger regarding moving of seats at the recreational area.

41/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM CLERK'S REPORT

Council noted the good progress made to install a defibrillator in the phone box at Lower Odcombe.

Cllr Parr reported that the warranty for paint on the play equipment had expired.

Cllr Perry stated he would contact Leonardo Helicopters to ascertain if there was an apprentice scheme that may be able to repaint the equipment.

42/22 VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARD 2020

The Chairman reported that a ballot is planned to be undertaken at Platinum Jubilee events in the village.

43/22 PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY

In line with min.142/21 a grant of up to £1000 has been provided to the Village Hall Jubilee Committee.

44/22 FINANCE

The Bank Reconciliation Statement as of 29th April 2022 was signed and approved. Members approved a list of payments, which was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

45/22 ITEMS OF INTEREST AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Members discussed a number of areas in the village that required the Parish Ranger to tidy. The Chairman will speak with the Clerk regarding arranging for these to be undertaken.

46/22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 20th, starting at 7:30pm.

..... Chairman
20th June 2022