

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**JANUARY 2023 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (7.30 p.m. – 9.25 p.m.)**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr D Rennie (Chairman)  
Cllr K Perry  
Cllr R West  
Cllr J Ashton

Cllr R Parr  
Cllr C Francis  
Cllr B Dufty

**REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Updates on Chinnock Hollow and the new Somerset Unitary Authority were provided by County Councillor Hewitson.

**153/22 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D Peters and Cllr. F Cumming

**154/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**155/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**156/22 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

A member of the public (MoP) was in attendance to raise concerns with parking and speeding in Lower Odcombe. A request from the MoP for painted parking bays was rejected by Council. Council highlighted the ongoing commitment to fund an HGV 7.5t exclusion zone throughout Lower Odcombe and their aspiration to obtain a reduction to the speed limit to 20mph, although to support Councils case, strong safety related evidence will be required to accompany any application. Currently the evidence log is not strong enough to move forward with an application. County Councillor Hewitson agreed to work with Council on this matter. Council proposed writing a piece in the next village newsletter and on Facebook, politely asking residents to be respectful of others when parking in Lower Odcombe. Council thanked the MoP for attendance and bringing these important issues to the table.

**157/22 CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

No report received from the PCSO.

Council reiterated the importance for residents to report any suspicious event, witnessed crime or Anti-Social behaviour to the police ASAP. The Chair agreed to add a piece on this to the next village newsletter.

## **158/22 PLANNING**

The Clerk reported the current position of planning applications.

### **(a) Applications Approved In Month**

22/03414/TCA - Notification of intent to Fell No. 4 Trees and carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 12 Trees within a Conservation Area. Land At Church Terrace Higher Odcombe Yeovil Somerset

22/03380/TCA - Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area, Barn Court Dray Road Higher Odcombe Yeovil Somerset BA22 8UG.

### **(b) Applications Awaiting Decisions**

21/03305/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and the erection of 3 No. dwellings, garages, access, landscaping, and associated works (revised application of 21/00447/FUL), New-Close Old Road Higher Odcombe Yeovil BA22 8XA.

### **(c) New Applications**

No new planning applications received in month.

## **159/22 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Concerns were raised from Members regarding ongoing parking issues throughout the Village with some examples provided. The Clerk was actioned to write to County Highways regarding residents parking on grass verges and to Abri inviting them to a future meeting to discuss parking difficulties in Broadway.

Cllr. Perry reported back to Council regarding an on-site meeting with County Highways and representatives from West Coker parish Council in which issues surrounding drainage and flooding along Camp Road were discussed.

## **160/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report

## **161/22 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO ARE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES OR MEMBERS OF WORKING PARTIES**

The Clerk was requested to progress the filling of potholes in the Village Hall car park with KTD.

The Car Park Working Group agreed to scope out the car park refurbishment requirements and report back to Council. The Clerk was asked to discuss with County Councillor Hewitson opportunities to secure grant funding that to support the future the car park refurbishment project.

The possibility of converting the 2 street lights in the car park to solar panel was discussed.

Cllr. Parr reported that he is planning to pollard the willow tress on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and would welcome volunteers to help. The Clerk agreed to speak to the Ranger regarding removal of debris from this task.

### **162/22 RECREATIONAL AREA**

The 2023 recreational area grounds maintenance contract specification was discussed. Cllr. Parr proposed an amendment to the previously issued specification, which was seconded by Cllr. Francis. Members unanimously agree to the amendment and the Clerk was actioned to obtain 3 quotations to bring back to Council at the February 2023 meeting.

### **163/22 FINANCE**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the following payments:

£318.20	Mr T Heath	Democratic Services
£25.00	Odcombe Village Hall	Hire of hall
£192.07	SDDC	Ranger Services

The following Payments made by Direct Debit or Standing Order were noted

£7.50	Tesco	Clerks Phone
£42.27	Npower	Electricity supply

Members noted receipt of £32.91, Interest and £130.00 from Odcombe Football Club  
It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the bank reconciliation statement as of 31st December 2022.

### **164/22 FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT**

Members noted the quarterly monitoring statement issued as part of the Clerks January 2023 report. No questions were raised.

### **165/22 SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the transfer of £40,000 to a Unity Bank easy access savings account as soon as practicable.

### **166/22 ASSET REGISTER**

Members accepted the updated asset register as documented in the January 2023 Clerks report.

### **167/22 HAM STONE PROJECT**

The Clerk reported that all legal and planning paperwork had been submitted to Somerset County Council. Harvey's have been commissioned to produce and site the Hamstone. Members agreed that the Hamstone unveiling should coincide with the Kings Coronation in May 2023.

### **168/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM CLERK'S REPORT**

Members agreed that there was not enough space in the Lower Odcombe telephone box to house a seed and book swap facility. Another venue will now be sought.

### **169/22. ITEMS OF INTEREST AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The Camper Van located in the Village Hall car Park  
Selection of contractor for the 2023/2024 grounds maintenance contract

### **170/22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of council will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

..... Chairman

20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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