

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20th
MARCH 2023 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (7.30 p.m. – 9.15 p.m.)

PRESENT:

Cllr D Rennie (Chairman)
Cllr C Francis
Cllr R West
Cllr J Ashton

Cllr R Parr
Cllr. F Cumming
Cllr B Dufty
Cllr K Perry

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Updates were presented by County Councillor Hewitson. Members expressed their gratitude to the retiring District Councillor Gina Seaton for her support and work over the last 15 years.

189/22 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Peters.

190/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr. Ashton declared an interest in a topic to be discussed in the public open session.

191/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th February 2023

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2023.

192/22 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A member of the public (MoP) outlined to Council their disappointment at the location, proximity to property, of the newly erected 7.5t HGN signs and the perceived lack of public consultation on this matter. The Chair stated that due process had been followed in obtaining of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The Clerk was actioned to provide the MoP a timeline detailing the process undertaken by Somerset County Council. County Councillor Hewitson offered to liaise with the MoP outside of the meeting on this matter.

193/22 CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

No formal report received from the PCSO.

The Clerk reported that following the recent newsletter distributed to residents he had received 3 separate requests to facilitate putting in touch the acting PCSO and residents to discuss parking issues.

Members noted that 3 separate residents had emailed the Council regarding 2 cars seen spinning in the Village Hall car park as well as damage caused to verges at the Village Hall and Broadway Banks. The Clerk has informed the PCSO of these incidents who responded to say she will liaise with her colleagues and request additional patrols throughout the village. The Clerk continues to advise residents, where possible to formally report any occurrence of Anti-Social Behaviour or criminal activity to Avon and Somerset Police.

194/22 PLANNING

The Clerk reported the current position of planning applications.

(a) Applications Approved In Month

None

(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.

195/22 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Council noted the Traffic Regulation Order associated with 7.5t enforcement signs through Lower Odcombe came into force on 26th January with signs erected the week beginning 6th March 2023. In addition, Somerset County Highways have completed sign removal as agreed with Cllr. Peters before Christmas.

196/22 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported to Members that following last month's meeting communication with Somerset County Council had taken place resulting in Odcombe being reassigned to the Yeovil Local Community Network Area.

197/22 CAR PARKING POLICY

Prior to the meeting a proposed Village Hall car parking policy was circulated to Members. Following discussions Cllr. Parr proposed, seconded by Cllr. Francis to remove the wording '*and resident owners of commercial vehicles.*' This amendment was overwhelmingly accepted. Cllr Parr proposed a further amendment which was seconded by Cllr. Francis to remove the paragraph '*The Parish Council welcomes donations from the owners of commercial vehicles taking advantage of overnight parking. Funds received will directly contribute to maintenance of the facility*'. This amendment was overwhelmingly accepted. Cllr. Dufty then proposed, seconded by Cllr. Parr to adopt the amended car parking policy and was duly accepted by a majority of Members.

198/22 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO ARE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES OR MEMBERS OF WORKING PARTIES

Environmental Working Group - Reported that pollarding of the willow tree and planting of young trees took place at the Recreation Ground.

Car Park Working Group – Filling of the potholes has been delayed due to advise from KTD on filling substance. A meeting with KTD to be arranged to agree the way forward.

The Clerk reported a letter has been issued to the owner of the Camper Van requesting removal within 4 weeks.

Village Hall Rep – A new Chairperson will soon be appointed. Western Power are planning to undertake an inspection to ascertain the route for enhancing electricity supply to the hall, Council have been invited to a meeting as there may be a requirement to undertake works on Council managed land.

Recreational Ground working Group – The Clerk reported the contract for the 2023/2024 recreational grounds maintenance contract will be signed this coming week. Successful negotiation on price was undertaken, meeting Councils requirement.

199/22 FINANCE

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the following payments:

£318.20	Mr T Heath	Democratic Services
£112.00	SALC	Membership
£78.00	Vision ICT	Website
£40.00	SALC	Training
£192.07	SSDC	Ranger Services
£238.80	HMRC	PAYE

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

£7.50	Tesco	Clerks Phone
£36.35	Npower	Electricity supply

Members noted receipt of £36.98, Interest

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the bank reconciliation statement as of 28th February 2023.

200/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM CLERK'S REPORT

Following discussions with the supplier, the Clerk reported delays to the production of the Hamstone, putting at risk the planned date for unveiling.

The easy access savings account with Unity Bank has been opened and plans are in place to transfer reserve monies into the account.

201/22. ITEMS OF INTEREST AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Solar Street Lighting
- Annual Financial Statements
- Certificate of Exemption (if applicable)
- Annual Governance Statement
- Analysis of Variation
- Chairmans Allowance

202/22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of council will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 17th April 2023. The meeting will break at 8:00pm for the Annual Parish Meeting.

..... Meeting Chair

17th April 2023