

ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ODCOMBE (7.30 p.m. – 9.05 p.m.)

PRESENT:

Mr P Cooper (Vice-Chairman)	Miss F Cumming
Mr C Francis	Mr R Parr
Mr D Peters	Mr K Perry
Mrs J Tasker	Mr R West

Mrs E M James (Clerk)
Mrs G Seaton (District Councillors)
1 member of the public

OPEN SESSION FOR ODCOMBE PARISHIONERS ONLY

No concerns raised.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Reports had been circulated electronically from Mr Keating and Mrs Clarke.

192/19 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A personal apology for absence had been received from the Chairman.

193/19 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Mr Parr declared a personal interest in items concerning the District Council, as an employee of South Somerset District Council. Mr Parr also declared a personal interest in planning application 19/03481/HOU, as an adjacent neighbour.

194/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2020

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020, which were then signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

195/19 CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

- (a) A report from Police was NOTED.
- (b) It was NOTED that the Police had been advised of the finding of items associated with drug taking in the car park of the village hall. The Police had advised that they will be placing a notice in the car park and will make patrols when able.
- (c) No further concerns were raised.

196/19 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

197/19 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO ARE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES OR MEMBERS OF WORKING PARTIES

Miss Cumming reported on the recent meeting of the Hall Committee and advised of the finding of drugs material. She also reported that no formal agreement had been reached with the owners of the milk shed, at the time of the meeting.

198/19 PLANNING

(a) CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

19/03481/HOU - Demolition of existing garage, erection of side and rear extensions and a double garage with above office space to front of dwellinghouse and alterations to driveway.

Hamdon, Ham Hill Road, Odcombe, BA22 8XE

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL

19/03427/FUL - The erection of an agricultural building for use as a grain store -

Pye Corner Farm, Camp Road, Higher Odcombe, BA22 8XD

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL. However, the Council is concerned over the potential noise levels, and asks if a noise assessment has been carried out.

(b) ANY PLANNING MATTER TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

None

199/19 HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Street Lane – Further to min. no. 176/19) a) a letter had been sent to the Farm Manager at Manor Farm. It was AGREED to request a meeting with the Manager, tenant, Mr Cooper, Mr Peters and the Clerk.

(b) Dray Road – It was NOTED that both South Somerset Highways and the District Council had been informed of a wall that was falling into Dray Road.

(c) Traffic Order RCNSS12736 - Montacute Road – NOTED.

(d) RTA at Odcombe Cross Roads – following an accident, it was NOTED that warning signs had been placed advising that the road was slippery, however, a second accident has occurred. It was AGREED to contact SSDC as there was still debris at the collision site and surrounding area.

(e) Concerns were raised regarding the safety of children walking on Old Road to the school bus. It was AGREED that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

200/19 PATH BLOCKED AT CHAPEL HILL

It was AGREED that it was believed there was an error in the Definitive Map and Statement and that the path at Chapel Hill, which leads to Lower Odcombe, had been omitted. It was AGREED that Mrs Rennie, Mr Cooper and the Clerk would take this up with the County Council. It was also AGREED to contact Odcombe Walkers and the Ramblers Association to ask for their support.

201/19 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence previously circulated, was NOTED, being:

Fit for my Future, Future of Local Government in Somerset : Letter to all Town and Parish Councils in South Somerset, Wessex Community Assets - Community-led Housing in South Somerset, SCC - latest Somerset Health, Care & Wellbeing news and Crewkerne Town Council – event on electric vehicle charging.

202/19 CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Recreation Ground – It was NOTED that the work to create the bund would commence on Monday, 9th March, although the bollards had been installed on 12th February.

(b) Dog mess within the recreation ground and on football pitch – It was NOTED that Paul Huntingdon, SSDC Compliance and Enforcement Specialist, had agreed to attend the next meeting to discuss options.

(c) SSDC Great Parish Tree Giveaway –As the Parish Council had been successful in being given trees by the District Council. It was AGREED that a working party would take place to plant the trees alongside the next Eco Supermarket on 7th March.

(d) Web site – It was NOTED that Vision ICT Ltd had advised that adding content was not included as part of the support package. A monthly report will be supplied giving the number of visitors to the site.

(e) Tree on Recreation Ground – following an inspection by the District Council Arborist it was NOTED that work was urgently required on the oak tree outside the recreation ground fence as a matter of urgency. SSDC was unaware of the owner of the land, but the Clerk had ascertained that the land was unregistered. It was AGREED to advise SSDC of this. Although not within the ownership of the Parish Council it was AGREED to obtain a quotation for carrying out the work required on the tree where the branch overhung the recreation ground. It was also AGREED that the County Council would be advised if the work were to be carried as this would unbalance the tree on the road side.

203/19 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

In view of the height of the grass in the recreation ground and play area, it was AGREED that the contractor should carry out a cut as soon as possible.

204/19 ECO SUPERMARKET

It was AGREED to defer consideration of an advertising board for the Eco Supermarket to the next meeting.

205/19 FINANCE

(a) Bank Reconciliation - The bank reconciliation statement, as at 31st January 2020, was NOTED and APPROVED.

(b) Interest - Members NOTED the receipt of £7.36 interest, paid on 31st January 2020.

(c) Schedule of Payments – It was RESOLVED to approve the following schedule of payments, as already agreed by Council:

SSDC	595	£127.20	Play inspections
Mrs E James	596	£32.86	Office expenses & mileage
Eon Ltd	DD	£29.66	Electricity
Mrs E James	SO	£318.65	Democratic services

(d) It was RESOLVED to approve the signing of two cheques before the next meeting, being SSDC for the Parish Ranger service & D Ruddle Ltd for the installation of the bollards.

206/19 ITEMS OF INTEREST AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Small Improvement Scheme (including safety of children), advertising boards and dog control.

207/19 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION - None

208/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was NOTED that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 16th March 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.