

ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
102 Monks Dale, Yeovil, BA21 3JH

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15th
FEBRUARY 2021 ONLINE AT ZOOM.US (7.30 p.m. – 20.31 p.m.)**

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

District Councillor G Seaton
Mrs E James (Clerk)

OPEN SESSION FOR ODCOMBE PARISHIONERS ONLY

None present

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Written reports had been circulated from County Councillor Keating and District Councillor Clark prior to the meeting. District Councillor Seaton gave a brief update on the District Council.

162/20 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

163/20 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

164/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2021

It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2021, which were then signed by the Chairman.

165/20 CRIME, DISORDER AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

(a) To consider any report from the Police – none received.

(b) Members NOTED a recent incident whereby an emergency vehicle was held up by vehicles parked on Street Lane. It was believed that the area would be leafleted by the Fire Brigade and a request had been made that this be mentioned in the next village newsletter.

(c) Following a report on the finding of drug paraphernalia locally, Councillors were asked to encourage members of the public to report anti-social behaviour.

166/20 PLANNING

(a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

(b) PLANNING UPDATES

Rex Road – Further to min. no. 149/20(b)(ii), it was NOTED that the resident concerned had not been made aware of the planning condition regarding the visibility splay.

(c) ANY PLANNING MATTER TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL 20/03529/HOU - Cottonwood Heights, Ham Hill Road, BA22 8XE – it was NOTED that this application had been refused.

167/20 HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Speed hump – it was NOTED that, due to the current national lockdown, a meeting has not yet been arranged with SCC.

(b) Oak Tree outside of the boundary of the recreation ground – it was NOTED that no further information had been received from the County Council.

(c) Drainage at Donne Lane & Chinnock Road – further to min. no. 150/20(c) concerns had been raised with County Highways regarding the drainage on these two roads. Having inspected the problem, SCC advised that the problem cannot be raised as a safety defect but will arrange for a gully clearance in the new financial year.

(d) Dray Road - further to min. no. 150/20(c) concerns were raised again with County Highways regarding the crumbling sides of Dray Road. Having re-inspected an order for the work required had been raised.

(e) Street Lane – further to min. 150/20(c), no further action had been taken.

(f) Notification of road closures:

Temporary Road Closure: ttro410432SS - WPD - Dray Road, Odcombe

Temporary Road Closure: ttro414810SS - BT - Balls Hill, Odcombe

Temporary Road Closure: ttro415900SS - BT - Old Road, Odcombe

168/20 RIGHTS OF WAY STRIMMER SCHEME

It was AGREED that further information was required before any expenditure was agreed, to be reported at the next meeting.

169/20 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO ARE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES OR MEMBERS OF WORKING PARTIES

The Chairman & Clerk had attended a SALC event on how SPARK Somerset UK worked and was assisting with the COVID pandemic.

170/20 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Coronavirus – newsletters from both the County and District Councils have been circulated weekly – NOTED.

(b) SSDC – request to place posters on litter bins – it was AGREED not to support the request as posters would soon peel off and become unsightly. The Parish Council also wished to support the use of litter bins.

(c) Winter Newsletter 2021 - Free Flood Packs and Resilience Grants! – NOTED.

(d) Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Somerset: Our County 2019/20 – NOTED.

(e) Save the Oaks – it was agreed to apply for a small number of trees.

(f) SALC – presentation on mental self-health care – NOTED.

171/20 CLERK'S REPORT

(a) It was NOTED that the Clerk would take leave in March.

(b) Woodland Trust – it was NOTED that due to a cyber-incident the Council would not be receiving the tree pack due to arrive in March. A fresh application would be made for planting in the autumn.

172/20 RECREATION GROUND

(a) BMX track – It was AGREED to defer this to the next meeting.

(b) Management Plan - It was NOTED that no draft plan had been received. It was AGREED to defer this item until SSDC were less busy with COVID work.

173/20 OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES

It was AGREED that the only area of interest to share services with other local Councils would be the Parish Ranger service.

Mr Francis declared a prejudicial interest, being Treasurer of the Club, and left the meeting.

174/20 REVIEW OF FOOTBALL FEES FOR 2021-2023

It was AGREED that the Odcombe Football Club, be offered a new two-year contract at a cost of £130 p.a.

Mr Francis returned to the meeting.

175/20 FINANCE

(a) Members NOTED the receipt of 0.39p received in interest on 31ST January 2021.

(b) It was NOTED that a review of internal control will be brought to the next meeting.

(b) It was AGREED to cancel cheque no. 635, being a grant to Citizens Advice South Somerset, as this had been lost in the post.

(d) It was RESOLVED to approve the following schedule of payments:

Mrs E M James, £32.36, Expenses, cheque no. 651

Citizens Advice South Somerset, £100, replacement, cheque no. 652

SSDC, £455.76, Parish Ranger service x 2 months & play inspections, cheque no. 653

Eon, £29.66, Electricity supply, direct debit

Democratic services, £340

176/20 ITEMS OF INTEREST AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Report of Internal Auditor

Review of internal control

177/20 ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION

None

178/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was NOTED that the next meeting will take place virtually on Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.