

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 16th January 2017

1808 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. Burrough, Mr. M Rastrick, Mrs. S Prideaux, Ms J Wright

Public: Cllr S Steele (SSDC) Cllr D Yeomans (SCC)

Apologies: Mr. Harvey, (Chairman), Mr. Dibble, Mr. Longstaff
In the absence of Mr. Harvey, Ms Wright chaired the meeting.

1809 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1810 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 28th November 2016 were approved and signed.

1811 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- **Lambs and the danger of worms (1802)**

A suggested warning notice has been obtained and will be published in the Beer & Curry Takeaway. This issue will also be covered in the farming article that appears in the newsletter.

1812 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

1813 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

Remedial work has been carried out on the footbridge on L5/13 at Mushroom Farm to alleviate the slipperiness.

Wire has been installed across L5/10 at knee height, as a stock control measure. A rag will be tied to the wire to alert users.

b) Highway matters

Following complaints to Highways, some small patching has taken place between Broadbridge and Whittle's Farm. There is no money available for further repairs this financial year.

c) Planning Matters

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission at land adjacent to 4a Broadbridge has been dismissed. The Council thanked Mr Burrough for his contribution to the appeal process and the time he took to submit the Council's representation.

With regard to the water management works undertaken at Paull's Farm, retrospective planning permission cannot be granted, but SCC is satisfied with the works carried out.

d) Renewal of Village Hall lease

The letter that Mr Burrough had drafted was discussed at the Parish Council meeting of Curry Mallet, which is seeking advice from several sources before deciding a course of action.

1814 TO AGREE BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017/18

The Council discussed the budget figures that had previously been circulated. Budgeted expenditure is in line with previous years and is anticipated at £1295.

The Council Tax Support Grant received from SSDC will be reduced from £50 to £10, resulting in £1285 to be financed.

After discussion and taking into account an increased tax base of 66.15, it was **agreed** to levy a precept of £1260, which equates to £19.05 p.a. per Band D property.

This amount was proposed by Mrs Prideaux and seconded by Mr Burrough.

1815 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

a. Clerk's salary	£ 91.67
b. Beercrocombe PCC	£100.00
c. CMBCVH	£120.00

1816 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION AND ITEMS OF REPORT

• **Avian Flu**

In light of an outbreak of Avian flu, all poultry should be housed until at least the end of February and kept separate from wild birds. A guidance sheet has been produced which will be displayed on the noticeboard.

• **Police attendance at Parish Council meetings**

In view of limited resources, the Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed that the Police will no longer attend Council meetings as a matter of course.

The Clerk reported that PC Toni- Marie Lines had requested a meeting to discuss any areas of concern.

- **Changes to collection cycle of household waste**

It has been announced that by the end of 2017, normal household waste will only be collected on a three week cycle. During the year, more items will become recyclable including general household batteries and most plastic items.

1817 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 20th March 2017

1818 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. Harvey, Mr. Dibble, Mr. Longstaff, Mr. M Rastrick, Mrs. S Prideaux, Ms J Wright

Public: Cllr S Steele (SSDC)

Apologies: Mr. Burrough,

The Clerk had also received apologies from Derek Yeoman (SSDC). This would have been Cllr Yeoman's last meeting as he is not standing for re-election as a County Councillor. The Clerk had written to Cllr Yeoman thanking him for his support to the Parish during his term in office.

1819 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1820 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2017 were approved and signed.

1821 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None arising

1822 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

1823 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

An issue has been raised with regard to Footpath L5/20 where there is difficulty with access. Mr Harvey will look into the matter.

b) Highway matters

Mr Longstaff enquired whether the roads were cleaned by a roadsweeping vehicle as a matter of course. This is no longer a regular occurrence but Mr Harvey will contact Chris Cooper of Streetscene to request a clean of the village roads.

The remedial work to the verge outside Mushroom Farm is still outstanding.

c) Planning Matters

A planning application for change of use from agricultural land to extension of residential garden and erection of stable block at Homelea has been received. The Council has no comments to make.

d) Renewal of Village Hall lease

It appears from the minutes of Curry Mallet Parish Council (CMPC) that CMPC are minded to accept a new lease from the duchy on similar terms. The Duchy is not prepared to either cede the freehold or accept a peppercorn rent. The new lease would stipulate CMPC as the tenant.

It is likely that the new lease will be negotiated without the involvement of Beercrocombe Parish Council.

1824 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

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| a. Clerk's salary | £ 91.67 |
| b. Beer & Curry Printing costs | £ 84.88 |

1825 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION AND ITEMS OF REPORT

• **RNAS Yeovilton – Weekly Information Sheet**

The weekly information sheet will no longer be emailed to Parish Clerks but the information is available on the RNAS Yeovilton Community Relations website: www.yeoviltoncommunityrelations.co.uk.

1826 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th May 2017

The Annual Parish Council meeting will follow the Annual Parish meeting which will commence at **7pm**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 15th May 2017

1827 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr., B Burrough, Mr. P Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. S Prideaux,

Public: Cllr. Steele (SSDC),

Apologies: Ms. J Wright, Mr. B Longstaff, Mr. M Rastrick, Cllr C Paul (SCC)

1828 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr. Burrough, that Mr. Harvey be nominated as Chairman. This proposal was seconded by Mrs. Prideaux. There were no other nominations and Mr. Harvey was elected unanimously.

1829 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

In view of the absence of several members, it was agreed to defer this item to the July meeting.

1830 ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Roles and Responsibilities were agreed and allocated as follows:-

Neighbourhood Watch – Mr. M. Rastrick

Village Hall Representative – Mr. B. Burrough

Highways and Footpaths – Mr. G Harvey

Planning – To be decided at a future meeting.

Community Communication Representative – Ms. J. Wright

Village Trust – Mr. G Harvey.

Website – Mr. B. Burrough

1831 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1832 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20th March 2017 were approved and signed.

1833 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Road cleaning (minute 1823)

Mr Harvey has been in contact with Chris Cooper of Streetscene who confirms that the roads should be cleaned twice a year and that Beercrocombe is due its half yearly clean imminently. In the cases of mud on the road, this should be reported in the first instance to SCC Highways, who will then instruct Streetscene to clear the road once the mud has dried.

1834 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

1835 MATTERS OF REPORT

b) Footpaths

Strimming along Footpath L5 has been carried out by a parishioner.

b) Highway matters

No new issues to report.

c) Planning

No new planning applications have been received.

1835 TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2017 were circulated. Income was £1285, and expenditure was £1144, resulting in a surplus of £141. The reserves stand at £1,918.

The Council also received the internal auditor's report which confirmed that there were no areas of concern.

1836 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016/17

The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 and confirmed that it had considered and agreed items 1-9 of the statement. The statement was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

1837 TO APPROVE THE 2016/17 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

The Council approved the Accounting statements for 2016/17. The statements were signed by the Chairman and RFO.

1838 TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

It was **resolved** to renew the Council's insurance through Community First at a renewal premium of £202.11. The premium has increased due to an increase in the level of Insurance Premium Tax.

1839 TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE APPROVE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR 2017

The Council received the risk assessment for 2017 and considers that it has adequate measures in place to mitigate any risks the Council may face. It was **resolved** to approve the risk assessment.

1840 TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND INTERNAL AUDIT CONTROLS

A new set of financial regulations were adopted in September 2014 and the Clerk considers that these are still appropriate. The Clerk has also reviewed the internal control procedures and considers them to be adequate. It was **resolved** to approve the financial regulations and statement of internal control.

1841 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

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| a. Clerk's salary | £ 93.33 |
| b. Community First | £202.11 |

1842 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CURRY MALLET PTFA FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A CLASS IN THE FAMILY FUN DAY

Once again a Family Fun Day is to be held in June in aid of the school and village hall. The Parish Council has been asked to sponsor 'The Best in Show' adult class for the sum of £10.00.

The Parish Council **approved** this request. The Chairman agreed to act as a judge for the event.

1843 TO CONSIDER COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE A358 CONSULTATION

Highways England commenced a public consultation at the end of March with regard to the proposals to upgrade the A358.

The proposal is to widen the existing carriageway from Southfields Roundabout (Ilminster) to West Hatch Lane, where a new dual carriageway section will be formed leading to a new motorway junction onto the M5 near to Killams in Taunton.

There will be two junctions allowing access onto the A358, one near to ashill, the other at West Hatch Lane.

The consultation period was due to end in May but has been extended due to the General Election taking place in June and the rules of 'purdah' which apply.

A general discussion took place regarding the proposals but it was agreed to defer the item to the July meeting when more information may be available, on which to base a considered approach.

1844 TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF TRANSPARENCY GRANT

The Clerk confirmed that a cheque for £630.00 has been received as a grant from the Transparency Fund. This amount covers the expenditure incurred with setting up the website and will also be used to enable the Council to purchase its own computer and associated equipment.

1845 TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF PRECEPT 2017/18

The clerk confirmed that the precept of £1270 has been received from South Somerset District Council (SSDC).

1846 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- **Young Farmers event**

Mr Dibble advised the Council that a Young Farmers' Fundraising event will be taking place on his farm on 10th June. It is intended that traffic will be directed to enter via Radigan Lane but there may be some excess traffic passing through the village that evening.

1847 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish held at Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 15th May 2017

ATTENDANCE

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Clerk to the Parish Council, SSDC District Councillor, and 3 parishioners.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2016 were received and approved.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. Harvey gave the following report:

I would like to again express my thanks to my fellow Councillors for their support during the past 12 months especially those with specific reports. Equally it is very important to thank Gillian, our Clerk, for all her hard work particularly keeping us up-dated on changes effecting Beercrocombe and producing excellent minutes.

There has been one change to the Council on the resignation of Chris Dale who has moved away from the village and the co-opted appointment of Brian Longstaff to the Council. The Council has a full compliment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Burrough again for all his hard work in connection with the appeal by the applicant against the refusal to grant planning approval for the siting of a private mobile home on Land Adjoining 4 Broadbridge Road. The Inspector dismissed his appeal and hopefully this is the finish of the matter. All other applications have been straight forward and I see that work has commenced at Orchard View after planning approval was granted by the District Council. No doubt Bob will give further details on planning applications received in the last 12 months

In regard to the Beercrocombe and Curry Mallet Village Hall I will leave it to Bob Burrough to give you a full report.

Our financial situation remains very healthy although the Council Tax Support Grant received from South Somerset DC was reduced from £50 to £10 resulting in a precept levy of £1260 which equated to £19.05per annum on a Band D property. These changes caused a slight increase in the parish precept to all householders.

It will be interesting to see how the proposed changes to normal household waste from a 2 week cycle to 3 weeks works when it commences in late 2017.

I hope it does not result in an increase in fly-tipping in the countryside. We shall look forward to see what increases in recyclable items are permitted particularly plastic.

I would finally like to thank Councillor Derek Yeomans Somerset District Council for all his support of the Parish Council during his time as a County Councillor and particularly his very informative monthly newsletter which I read every month and on occasions was very depressed with all the changes and lack of funding especially for the elderly and disabled. .

REPORTS FROM PARISH INTEREST GROUPS

Neighbourhood Watch

In the absence of Mr Rastrick, the Chairman read the following report:

Apart from a domestic break in last June, once again we have been blessed with an event free year. However, now that we are entering the summer & the holiday season it is especially important not to become complacent about security. It is the period in which the opportunist criminals can take advantage and:-

Enter open doors whilst residents are in the back garden.
Enter doors & windows that have been left or insecure whilst residents are asleep.
Reach through insecure windows to steal property.

When you go on holiday:-

Take steps to make your house look occupied.
Ask a trusted neighbour to open & close your curtains for you.
Put a timer on some of your lights, do not leave a landing light on.
Cancel your milk & paper deliveries.
Ask a friend or neighbour to park their vehicle on your drive.
Cut your lawns & hedges. Hedges under three feet high will aid surveillance.
Do not advertise you are going away on social media.

Last year saw a spike in livestock theft & the Rural Crime Team are working hard to stop this happening again this year. Keep your eyes & ears open. If you see livestock being moved & you think it is a strange time of day or night, please call them. Legitimate farmers do not mind being stopped, & this may prevent or detect crime.

999 is the number for reporting a crime in progress, just occurred, suspicious activity that is happening now, or concern about someone's welfare.

101 or www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact: is for general enquiries & crimes that have happened.

Roads and Footpaths

Mr. Harvey delivered his report on roads and footpaths as follows:

Roads.

The road conditions are generally in reasonable order and the weather in the last 12 months has been very favourable with few frosts and little flooding. The lower half of Broadbridge Road continues to cause concern. I have been informed by Chris Weeks last week that safety repairs have been completed but he can look at some patching to wider areas. I will discuss this with him after this meeting. I asked him to look at Radigan Lane in Ashill Parish as it was in a terrible state when I last drove along that part of Radigan Lane and it is an access road into Beercrocombe. He is awaiting a report. In regard to possible bollards outside Mushroom Farm no action has been taken and now a new term maintenance contractor has been appointed and the paperwork is not fully functional. No news on a warning sign at Stocks Lane Elmbridge in regard to possible deep flood waters. On a positive note the grass verges outside the New Barns in Beer Street continue to look very good.

Footpaths

The footpaths are generally in good order to my knowledge. Strimming has been carried out again along footpath L5/13 Mushroom Farm to Halfway house junction L5/12 by Graham Harvey's neighbour Nigel. Little strimming in Beercrocombe is now carried out by the County Council.

There remains an outstanding issue on L20 as mentioned in March minutes.

Beer & Curry Takeaway

There are no issues or developments to report.

The newsletter continues to be well received by parishioners.

Village Hall Report

Mr. Burrough, the Village Hall representative gave the following report:

Regarding the Village Hall there are 2 issues to report.

Firstly, the Village Hall Management Committee, under the Chairmanship of Richard Allard, has successfully run the Village Hall to achieve an operating profit of £1,316. In addition to normal maintenance, energy efficient lighting has been installed and this Committee Room has been refurbished.

Although I am the Parish Council Representative I am not on the Village Hall Management Committee so I have no knowledge of the day-to-day management. Fortunately, David Cannon and Paul Jervis, still serve on the Committee and are responsible people.

The VH AGM was held on 18 April and on behalf of our Parish Council I congratulated the Committee on a successful year. I was also assured that the Committee's policy is to run the Hall at a profit every year using traditional sources of income to cover expenditure.

This last point takes me to the second issue, which is the renewal of the Lease this coming September. As the Lessee is solely Curry Mallet Parish Council this Council has no formal involvement, although we have encouraged them to challenge the Duchy's commercialism and to seek a peppercorn rent. I am not clear how negotiations are faring, as the sub-Committee formed by Curry Mallet Parish Council never issued a recommendation or advice and the Parish Council is providing no feedback. I fear they are not prepared to challenge the Duchy so probably the annual rent will be commercially based. That said, providing the Management Committee can continue to run the Village Hall on the present commercial basis there will be no requirement for additional funding by this Parish Council.

The new Lease may precipitate an updating of the 1987 Village Hall Trust Deed. This will require our involvement should Curry Mallet Parish Council seek to change Beercrocombe's relationship with the Village Hall.

Village Trust

Mr. Harvey reported:

There have been two meetings of the trust during the period I have been a member. The September meeting co-opted Niall Kilgour for a period of 5 years to replace Suzanne Dibble who has retired. A grant of £75.00 was given to Beercrocombe PCC towards the upkeep of Muskay. A further meeting was held in December when a grant of £500 was given to Beercrocombe and Curry Mallet Village Hall towards planned improvements to the Committee Room. The Trustees discussed how the trust could support children in the village and it was agreed.

(a) Rev Paul Reynolds to talk to the head teacher of the local primary school regarding the needs of the planned preschool facility.

(b) Some children already apply to the Trust for support as they move into higher education or into work place, not all children are comfortable to do so. It was agreed that all students should automatically be offered support of £200 as they begin a new life after school. The change to be advertised by personal contact and on the village notice board, the new arrangements to begin in July 2017.

The trust's financial situation remains in good order and reviews take place to ensure investments bring in a good return.

QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no matters raised.
The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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1848 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. Harvey (Chairman) Mr. Burrough, Mr. Dibble, Mr. Longstaff, Mr. M Rastrick, Mrs. S Prideaux, Ms J Wright

Public: One parishioner

Apologies: Cllr Aparicio-Paul (SCC), Cllr Steele (SSDC)

1849 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1850 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr. Burrough and seconded by Mr Longstaff, that Ms Wright be nominated as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations and Ms Wright was unanimously elected.

1851 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2017 were approved and signed.

1852 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Allocation of members' roles and responsibilities (1830)

Mr Burrough agreed to continue as the first point of contact for planning matters

1853 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

1854 MATTERS OF REPORT

c) Footpaths

The Parish Council appreciated the efforts of two parishioners who ensured that the most popular footpaths were kept free of vegetation.

b) Highway matters

It was noted that once again pot holes were appearing in Stock Lane.

d) Planning Matters

A planning application for a single storey extension at 2 Broadbridge Road has been received. The Parish Council is happy to support this application which replaces a previous application for a 2 storey extension at the same property.

d) Renewal of Village Hall lease

Beercrocombe Parish Council has not been party to any discussions relating to the renewal of the lease.

1855 TO AGREE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE A358 IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council agreed that the following response would be submitted to Highways England:-

1. The proposed route does not help to relieve the flow of traffic going through Henlade and with the proposed Industrial/Business Park adjacent to the Taunton Park and Ride even more traffic will be generated in that area. If this route is adopted it is essential that a link road should be constructed from Junction 25a directly into Taunton and a link road from the proposed route to the existing M25 junction to incorporate the proposed development close to the junction.
2. Highways England's theory is that traffic on the A358 proposed new junction 25a would join the northbound M5 and travel back to junction 25 before entering Taunton and travelling to such places as Exmoor. This will cause extreme pressures between the two junctions and the northbound exit 25.
3. It is essential for a junction to be constructed which incorporates Capland, Hatch Green and Bickenhall roads to the new A358 to give access to Taunton, Ilminster and the surrounding villages on either side of the A358
4. A fly-over connecting Stewley Lane to Wood Road/Kenny, Ashill is essential, particularly for agricultural traffic serving farms that fall on both sides of the A358. Equally this route is used by traffic wishing to join the A303 west avoiding Southfields roundabout or wanting to access the Blackdown Hills area.
5. The Southfields roundabout where the A358 and A303 meet needs extensive rebuilding to accommodate a dual carriageway, not just minor improvements. A slip road going east should be constructed to avoid traffic having to negotiate the roundabout and at the same time the first part of the A303 going east from that junction should be dual carriageway not as at present a single carriageway on a three lane road.

6. The failure of the proposed scheme not to incorporate improvements to the A303 Ilminster bypass is without doubt going to cause a severe bottleneck particularly at peak times with vehicles coming from Wiltshire on A303 dual carriageway and likewise from Devon and Cornwall on dual carriageway and motorway.
7. Highways England's Preferred Option appears to be the worst option for our locality.
8. Beercrocombe Parish Council wishes to be registered as an interested party.

1856 TO CONSIDER MAINTENANCE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN AND CHURCHYARD

The Chairman has received a letter from Beercrocombe PCC for increased financial assistance towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard. It was agreed to increase the annual grant to £150. The PCC has incurred extra costs relating to tree surgery and it was suggested that an application be made to the Village Trust for help towards these additional costs.

The wooden seat near to the Village Green needs some maintenance and Mr Longstaff agreed to carry this out on behalf of the Council.

1857 TO RECEIVE THE RESIGNATION OF MRS SUE PRIDEAUX

The Parish Council received with regret the resignation of Mrs Prideaux following her departure from the Parish. Her contribution to the Parish Council over many years was appreciated and the Council wished her well in her new home.

The vacancy caused by Mrs Prideaux's resignation will be advertised.

1858 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

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| a. Clerk's salary | £ 93.33 |
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1859 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION AND ITEMS OF REPORT

- **Beer & Curry Printing costs**

The Clerk has received notification from Curry Mallet PC that the printing costs of the Beer & Curry are subject to a decreasing discount and therefore the Council can expect to pay more this year. The contract is subject to one print run notice.

1860 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As many members of the Council are not available in September, the next meeting will be held on **Monday 16th October 2017** at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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1861 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. Harvey (Chairman) Mr. Dibble, Mr. Longstaff, Mr. Plumbly, Mr. M Rastrick, Ms. J Wright

Public: Cllr Steele (SSDC)

Apologies: Cllr Aparicio-Paul (SCC), Mr. Burrough

1862 TO CO-OPT MR ANDREW PLUMBLY TO THE COUNCIL

The Council agreed to co-opt Mr. Andrew Plumbly to the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Prideaux. Mr. Plumbly completed his Declaration of Acceptance and immediately became a member of the Council.

1863 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1864 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2017 were approved and signed.

1865 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

1866 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

1867 MATTERS OF REPORT

d) Footpaths

There were no new issues arising.

b) Highway matters

There has been some progress regarding the hazard outside Mushroom Farm. The damaged railings have been removed and will be replaced by

bollards. The danger has been resolved although the work has not yet been fully completed.

There has been no remedial work carried out on Elmbridge and the Clerk will contact Highways to get an update on the situation.

e) Planning Matters

No applications have been received since the last meeting.

d) Renewal of Village Hall lease

Curry Mallet PC has agreed to renew the Village Hall lease for a further 10-year period at an annual rent of £875.

1868 UPDATE ON A358 IMPROVEMENTS

Highways England will be carrying out a supplementary consultation on its proposals for the route from West Hatch Lane to Taunton. This is in response to feedback criticising the lack of any other options to consider. It is understood that two further options will be put forward for consultation, which will take place in November.

1869 TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF DOG BIN

In order to reduce the amount of dog waste on the footpaths and in the Parish, the Council agreed to request a dog bin. The Council discussed possible locations and it was agreed that in the vicinity of both Manor Barn and the telephone box would be suitable. The Clerk will contact Streetscene to request a bin.

1870 TO REVIEW SIGNATORIES ON BANK ACCOUNT

It was agreed that Mr Longstaff and Ms Wright would become signatories on the bank account, in addition to Mr Harvey and Mr Rastrick.

1871 TO CONFIRM PURCHASE OF LAPTOP

The clerk confirmed that a laptop had been purchased in the Council's name. Funds are available from the Transparency Grant to purchase a scanner at a later date.

1872 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

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| a. Clerk's salary | £140.00 |
| b. Reimbursement of computer | £ 558.00 |

1873 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION AND ITEMS OF REPORT

- **Musgrove Hospital MRI Scanner appeal**

Cllr Steele reported that several local Parish Councils were supporting the MRI scanner appeal. It was agreed that the Council would consider making a donation to the appeal at its next meeting.

- **Conclusion of audit**

The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit had been completed and that a clean report had been issued by the auditors. This has been displayed on the website.

- **Beercrocombe Village Trust**

Mr Harvey gave an update on the Village Trust. Grants have been issued for the upkeep of Muskey and to Curry Mallet School to provide equipment for the Pre-school.

- **Maintenance of Village Assets**

It was suggested that the Council considers financing a 'handyman' to carry out routine maintenance of village assets, such as cleaning the bus shelter. The Clerk will make enquiries regarding the Parish lengthsman scheme and this matter will be discussed fully at a future meeting.

1874 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that there is insufficient business to warrant a meeting in November and the next meeting will be held on **Monday 15th January 2018** at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm