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 January 2020

2012 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. P. Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A. Plumbly, Mr. M Rastrick,

Mrs. M Ramsbotham and Ms. J Wright

Public: Cllr M Cavill (SSDC), two parishioners

Apologies: Mr. B Burrough, Cllr C Paul (SCC)

2013 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 21st October 2019 were approved and signed.

2015 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

2016 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

A letter was received and two Parishioners spoke at the meeting in regard to dogs not on leads or under proper control and the continued fouling of the grass verges around the village by dogs.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting the Public Spaces Protection Order made in 2015 by South Somerset District under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which remains in force at the present time. A copy of this notice will be placed on the notice board. There are sanctions enforced by the District Council for failing to comply with the terms of the order. For example, a Fixed Penalty of £ 80 can be issued by a Dog Warden

The dog warden employed by the District Council will be asked to attend the village and place appropriate notices around the village.

The Council placed a dog bin within the village which is cleared every week so there is no need for this nuisance to continue.

A parishioner has raised concerns regarding low flying helicopters and parishioners are reminded that any issues regarding helicopters should be reported directly to RNAS Yeovilton at the time of concern on 01935 840551

It was brought to the Council's attention that the 'SLOW' road markings and Give Way lines in the Village need repainting and this will be reported to SCC Highways.

With regards to pot holes and other highway defects, parishioners are reminded that these can be reported online via the Somerset County Council website.

2017 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

No new issues to report

b) Highway matters

No new issues to report.

c) Planning

No new planning applications have been received.

d) Replacement of Trees on Village Green

The diseased trees have been replaced by a Beech and Flowering Cherry Tree. A working party of parishioners helped to plant the new trees and particular thanks must go to Anthony Stone who helped to remove the existing trees with specialist equipment.

The cost of the trees was funded by a grant from Beercrocombe Village Trust and the Clerk confirmed that this grant had been received and a letter of acknowledgement and thanks had been sent to the Trust's treasurer

2018 TO AGREE BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020/21

A working party of the Chairman, Vice – Chairman and Clerk had met to discuss the budget for 2020-21 and the proposed budget was put to the Council for approval.

It was proposed that the grants to Beercrocombe PCC and CMBCVH would remain at 2019-20 levels. An additional sum of £145 was included in the budget to cover the costs of potential repairs to the telephone kiosk and village fingerposts. The anticipated expenditure amounted in total to £1495.

It was therefore proposed and seconded that a precept of £1495 should be levied for the year 2020-21 and this was unanimously agreed by the Council. This will result in an annual Band D charge of £22.15p.a

2019 TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ERECTION OF PLAGUE TO COMMEMORATE THE FALLEN OF THE PARISH IN PAST CONFLICTS

It had previously been suggested that a plague commemorating the casualties of the World Wars should be erected on the Village Green as there is no official war memorial in the village.

However, it was brought to the attention of the Council that there is a small plaque attached to the Hymn Board in the church commemorating the fallen and therefore members decided no further action was necessary.

2020 TO CONSIDER A COUNCIL PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Following her attendance on a Councillor Training course, Mrs Ramsbotham queried whether the Council had a long-term plan. It was explained that a Parish Plan was completed in conjunction with Curry Mallet PC in 2004 but this has not been updated since.

It was agreed that it would be useful to consult with the Parish to ascertain what priorities the Council should focus on and ideas and suggestions will be canvassed via the Beer & Curry Takeaway, website, minutes and notice in the bus shelter.

Any suggestions should be forwarded to the Clerk by email at beercrocombepc@outlook.com

2021 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

a. Clerk's salary	£145.00
b. Beercrocombe PCC	£150.00
c. CMBCVH	£120.00
d. G Harvey – Wreath	£ 20.00
e. G Harvey – Trees	£ 89.21
f. SALC - Training	£ 25.00

2022 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

- Digital Access to Planning Information SSDC are encouraging Parish Councils to register on the public access Planning site. However at this stage, any PC comments on planning applications should still be forwarded by email or post to the relevant planning officer.
- Great Parish Tree Giveaway

 SSDC will be giving away 50 free trees to up to 60 parishes. Parishes will be randomly selected from those that apply. There is no restriction on where the trees can be planted although the land owners permission must be received. Interested parishes should apply by 3rd February.

Meeting of 'A358 Parishes'

Mr Plumbly and Mr Harvey attended a meeting hosted by Hatch Beauchamp PC for those parishes who straddle the A358 and who will be affected by the proposed A358 Section 2 improvements.

It is proposed to hold regular meetings so that common concerns may be discussed and information shared. Access points are a particular concern and Hatch Beauchamp have seen plans of a proposed flyover leading from Hatch Beauchamp Village Road to Battens Green, thus allowing access over the A358.

Further details of Highway's England Scheme Assessment Report 2019--Stage 2 concerning dualling of the A358 can be found on the Beercrocombe Parish Web-site.

The next meeting will be held at the end of February.

2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th March 2020. at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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2023 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. P. Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A. Plumbly, Mr. M Rastrick,

Mrs. M Ramsbotham and Ms. J Wright

Public: Cllr C Paul (SCC)

Apologies: Mr. B Burrough, Cllr M Cavill (SSDC)

2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2025 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 2020 were approved and signed.

2026 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Action taken re dog fouling (min 2016)

The Clerk had been in contact with the dog warden who will place posters around the Parish. Any instances of dog fouling can be reported to SSDC via their website and action will be taken to remove it.

Renewal of road markings (min 2016)

The renewal of the junction and SLOW markings has been added to the Highways maintenance programme and the refurbishment works should be undertaken in the Spring.

Update on 'A council plan for the future' (min 2020)

To date there has been little response from parishioners. The Parish Plan was discussed and the Clerk will contact Curry Mallet PC to see if they have any plans to update it.

One area of concern raised by a parishioner was the speed that tractors travelled through the Parish and the damage that these caused to the verges and road. The Chairman will speak to local farmers.

2027 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

No items were raised.

2028 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

Many of the footpaths are currently waterlogged. The gate post on the footpath near the Church is broken. A parishioner has indicated that he is prepared to repair this. The chairman also reported that Martin Cooper head of SCC footpath volunteers had said he had programmed in the work to be done in April subject to weather conditions.

b) Highway matters

Following concerns raised regarding the condition of the local roads, the Chairman has spoken to Derek Davies, the Highways Superintendent for the area and requested a detailed inspection with a view to resurfacing the roads. It has been confirmed that many of the Parish roads are due for surface dressing in the forthcoming financial year and that extensive patching will taken place before this. Various roads have now been marked for repair.

A local farmer has unblocked the culvert in Broadmead and made inroads into the verges to assist with drainage of surface water. Council members expressed their thanks.

c) Planning

No new planning applications have been received.

2029 PARISH PLAN LIAISON OFFICER - TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT

The Rights of Way team has contacted the Clerk requesting details of the recorded Parish Plan Liaison Officer (PPLO). Whilst Mr Harvey is the point of contact for footpaths, he is not officially recorded as a PPLO. The Clerk will advise the Rights of Way team of the situation.

2030 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

a. Clerk's salary £ 96.66 b. Curry Mallet PC £141.12

(Beer & Curry Printing costs)

2031 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Visit of Morris Men – June 2nd

The Annual Social event will take place on June 2nd at 7pm prior to the visit by the Morris Men at 8pm A BBQ is planned and it is expected that the event will be self-financing.

Climate Emergency Project Funding

Cllr Paul advised that £1m had been set aside for Climate Change projects and that Parish Councils would be given the opportunity to bid for funds to assist with local projects.

2032 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 18th May 2020. at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8.35pm

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe Bus Shelter on Monday 20th July 2020

2033 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Ramsbotham and Ms. J Wright

Apologies: Mr. A Plumbly, Mr. M Rastrick

2034 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2035 TO RECEIVE THE RESIGNATION OF JULIA WRIGHT AND TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURE FOR HER REPLACEMENT

The Council received with regret Ms Wright's resignation following her move from the Parish. The Chairman thanked Ms Wright for her contribution to the community during her 13 years as a Parish Councillor, in particular her efforts in securing the purchase of the phone box and transforming it into the 'Village Library' and her contribution towards the Beer & Curry Takeaway. Mrs Ramsbotham has agreed to take over Ms Wright's responsibilities.

The Clerk will post the Official Notice of Vacancy on the Noticeboard and website and provided there isn't a call for an election, the Parish Council will be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy with effect from mid-August. At that time the vacancy will be advertised and interested candidates invited to apply.

2036 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16th March 2020 were approved and signed.

2037 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Renewal of road markings (min 2016)

The faded road markings have now been renewed.

2038 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

An incident of fly tipping on the Stewley Road had been reported to a Councillor. Parishioners are encouraged to report such incidences on the SSDC website so that they may be attended to as quickly as possible.

There have been occasions recently when bonfire smoke has inconvenienced neighbouring properties and parishioners are reminded to show consideration to neighbours when lighting bonfires by taking into account the wind direction.

2039 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

The broken gate on Footpath L5/16 is being replaced with a metal gate. The broken gate post on the footpath near the Church is still awaiting repair due to social distancing restrictions.

b) Highway matters

The Chairman has spoken to Derek Davies, Highways Superintendent, who has carried out an inspection of the Parish roads. Major resurfacing of the roads is scheduled to take place in 2021/22, and the poor state of Radigan Lane has been acknowledged.

c) Planning

The Parish Council has recently received 3 planning applications for comment and it was agreed to support each application.

Ref 20/01700/COL- Prior notification for the conversion of agricultural barn to residential at Stewley Orchard, Capland Lane

Ref 20/01558/PAMB – Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use and construction of a 60mx30m riding arena at Beer Mill Farm, Broadbridge Road

Ref 20/01508/FUL – Repositioning and extension to existing agricultural barn at Lower Street Farm, Radigan Lane (Mr Dibble took no part in the Council's discussions relating to this application)

In addition, the Council has received notification of a Certificate of Lawfulness application relating to Manor farm Cottage, Beer Street, but has not submitted any comments.

2040 TO APPROVE SECTION 1 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

The Council unanimously approved Section 1- Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

2041 TO APPROVE SECTION 2 – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2019/20

The Council unanimously approved Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20.

2042 TO CONFIRM THAT THE COUNCIL WISHES TO CERTIFY ITSELF AS EXEMPT FROM THE LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW

The Council confirmed that having met the criteria for exemption, that it would certify itself as exempt from the limited assurance review. The Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Chairman and Clerk

2043 TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2020

The Council agreed to renew its insurance with Zurich Insurance via Community First. It has agreed to enter into a 3-year Long Term Agreement at a reduced premium of £185.72

2044 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

a. Clerk's salary £ 193.32 b. Community First £ 185.72

2045 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A VILLAGE BBQ

The Annual Social event planned for June was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Morris Men have offered to return in September to provide music but there will be no dancing, and it was agreed that the event should take place on Tuesday 1st September. A BBQ will be held if Covid-19 quidelines allow.

2046 TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE VENUES FOR FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

As it is unclear when the Village Hall will reopen, the Council discussed other venues where it may be possible to meet. The Chairman will carry out some research and report back to the Council at a later date.

2047 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A SALT BIN FOR THE PARISH

It was agreed that the provision of a Salt Bin would be of benefit to the Parish. The cost would be need to be met by the Parish Council although the Clerk will investigate whether any funding would be available from the County Councillor. The bin would be located next to the Dog Bin.

2048 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT

Somerset County Council has put forward a proposal for the formation of a Unitary Council for Somerset. This proposal is opposed by the District Councils.

Further information on the proposal and a short consultation survey is available at: https://onesomerset.org.uk/

2049 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday **28th September at** 7.30pm at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe and Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 28th September 2020

2050 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. B Burrough, Mr. P. Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A Plumbly, Mr. M Rastrick, Mrs. M Ramsbotham

Apologies: Cllr Paul (SCC), Cllr Cavill (SSDC, absent due to illness)

2051 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2052 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20th July 2020 were approved and signed.

2053 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Parish Council vacancy (min 2035)

As there has not been a call for an election, the Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy. Mrs Rose Overton has expressed an interest in joining the Council and it was agreed that she will be formally co-opted to the Council at its next meeting.

Provision of salt bin (min 2947)

It was agreed that a salt bin would be purchased at a cost of £150. The bin would be filled initially by salt currently stored by the Parish. The Chairman has agreed a suitable location with SCC Highways, near to the dog bin.

2054 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no issues raised

2055 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

The broken gate on Footpath L5/16 has been replaced with a metal gate. The gate posts on Footpath L5/14 have also been replaced

b) Highway matters

During an inspection of the Parish roads in March, the poor state of Radigan Lane was acknowledged and it was scheduled for surface dressing in the 2021/22 season, with extensive patching prior to that by the end of March 2021.

The Council has since received several complaints from parishioners whose vehicles have been damaged by the high camber, caused by the road subsiding either side of it. The uneven surface is also dangerous to cyclists who are at risk of falling, and to pedestrians.

It was agreed that the Council would send a strongly worded letter to the Assistant Highways Superintendent requesting that remedial work be carried out as a matter of urgency.

c) Planning

The Parish Council has not received any planning applications since its last meeting.

2056 TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2019/20

The Internal Audit report has been carried out and no issues have been raised. The Council thanked Paul Jervis for carrying out the audit.

2057 CLIMATE EMERGENCY FUND – TO DISCUSS WHETHER THE COUNCIL WISHES TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

SCC has announced that it has earmarked £1m to be made available to local Councils to help local communities take action to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change. Grants are available from £5000-£75000.

After discussion, it was agreed that Beercrocombe Parish was too small to implement a suitable project of a scale that would be eligible for funding but that it would be prepared to consider joining with larger Parishes if approached.

2058 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

a. Clerk's salary \pounds 96.66 b. SALC \pounds 40.48

2059 LOCAL GOVERNEMENT REORGANISATION - UPDATE

The District Councils have responded to Somerset County Council's Unitary proposal with an alternative proposal, which recommends 2 smaller unitary authorities, split on an east/west basis, with separate trusts overseeing social care and education for the county. Both proposals are currently with the Secretary of State for consideration.

Further details are contained on the following websites:

2060 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT

Reading Room Repairs

The Reading Room door requires repair as the wood at the bottom of the door is rotting. Mr Plumbly agreed to carry out some remedial work and once this has been carried out, the door can be repainted. Mr Harvey has a supply of the paint previously used.

Mrs Ramsbotham has agreed to clean the kiosk on a regular basis.

Flower Tubs on Village Green

The flower tubs are collapsing as the wood is now rotten. The Council authorised approval of up to £100 for the purchase of replacements. Mrs Kilgour has volunteered to maintain the new tubs.

New Residents Pack

Mrs Ramsbotham enquired whether these were still available. The packs were originally compiled and financed as a result of the Curry Mallet & Beercrocombe Parish Plan, but once the initial supply was used, it was decided that the information would be accessed via the village websites instead.

• Appointment of Chairman

Mr Harvey gave notice that he would not be seeking re-election as Chairman for the year 2021/22.

2061 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 18TH January 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe Bus Shelter on Thursday 15th October 2020

2062 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. B Burrough, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A Plumbly,

Mr. M Rastrick, Mrs. M Ramsbotham

Public: 2 parishioners

2063 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2064 TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION 20/02728/FUL Barns at Lower Street Farm Radigan Lane, Beercrocombe

The Council discussed the proposal to convert an agricultural barn into three individual properties which will either be rented out to long term tenants or used by family members.

Concerns raised by parishioners included the increase in traffic which may add to the deterioration of the poorly maintained roads within the Parish, and the effect that additional properties may have on the broadband infrastructure.

The Council agreed that additional affordable housing units would be a useful infill to the village and would improve the site in general as the current dilapidated building would be restored.

It was agreed to submit the following response to SSDC Planning.

"Beercrocombe Parish Council supports this application as it converts an old agricultural building into useful affordable accommodation in a manner and style in keeping with its locality.

The Parish Council wishes it to be noted that the local roads to this development have deteriorated to below acceptable standards and we ask SSDC to ensure that promised sustainable improvements by Somerset Highways, South Somerset Office, Yeovil are actually carried out.

The Parish Council is also concerned that this development and the neighbouring 3 farming enterprises and one residential house lack a satisfactory broadband network. Consequently, any Community Infrastructure Levy collected from this development should be passed to the Parish Council for broadband improvements to this outlying hamlet."

The meeting closed at 4.25pm

Application No: 20/00700/FUL

Location: Stewley Orchard, Capland Lane

Beercrocombe Parish Council strongly supports this application for the following reasons:

- The current planning permission for the site is very restrictive, permitting only minor alterations to the sheds. The external appearance would remain essentially as is. The sheds have no aesthetic appeal so the resulting development would be of a similar low quality and would not be in keeping with the standard of housing within the parish.
- The planning proposal from the new owner of the site is a great improvement in that 2 modest homes could be built on the site to 21st century standards. The slight change in location of the houses within the site will also greatly enhance the residential amenity of the 2 homes.
- The applicant is a plumber by trade and lives locally. His grandmother lives further along Capland Lane. He wishes to settle in one of the houses. The second house will provide an affordable home, which supports local planning objectives.
- The site holds permission for residential development, so Beercrocombe Parish Council strongly supports this greatly improved development proposal.

Beercrocombe Parish Council 20 April 2020

Application No 20/03016/FUL Location: Stewley Orchard, Capland Lane.

Beercrocombe Parish Council strongly opposes this application for the following reasons:

The Parish Council supported application 20/00700/FUL as it provided two modern, affordable homes within a curtilage similar to that granted under the Class Q application 19/00010/PAMB. This application diverges significantly from both previously approved applications. Capland Lane is predominantly an agricultural area and the Parish Council opposes the change of use of the area outlined in the application from Agricultural to Residential use. It is approximately one acre greater in area than that granted by 20/00700/FUL and there is no reason disclosed in the application for such a large area to become residential. The Parish Council is very concerned that should approval be granted there would be further development pursued within the site.

The Design and Access Statement concludes that the principle of residential development in this location is not generally supported by policy, yet argues that this principle should be set aside because of the exceptional quality of design and sustainability of the proposed new house. The Parish Council 's opinion is that the proposed property has no exceptional design qualities. It is designed in an ultra-modern style and with materials not in keeping with other properties in Capland Lane or indeed the parish of Beercrocombe. The design of the multi-faceted roofs is particularly unattractive. The thermal efficiency of the house with so much glass orientated to the Northwest is also questioned.

Paragraph 10 of the Applicant's statement appears incorrect. The proposed property is situated very close to the large hedgerow that borders Capland Lane and the hedgerow would be cut with the new proposed access.

The applicant and architect attended the Parish Council planning meeting and constructively stated that in view of the opinions given at the meeting a reappraisal of the application would be undertaken. Should this result in a new application the Parish Council is of the firm opinion that any proposed development should lie within the residential area granted under application 20/00700/FUL.

Beercrocombe Parish Council