

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

### **2283 Attendance and Apologies**

*Councillors:* Mr. A Plumbly (Chair), Mr. R. Burrough, Mr. P Dibble, Mr. J Down, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. J Mann, Mr. M Rastrick

*Public:* None

*Apologies:* Cllr M Stanton (Somerset Council)

### **2284 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2285 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **2286 Matters arising from the minutes.**

- **Update on Telephone Kiosk Repairs**

A working party of 5 volunteers has started the refurbishment of the Telephone Box. Costs to date are approx. £250 and it was agreed that the working party could commit to expenditure totalling £550 without further reference to the Parish Council.

Mr Harvey wished to place on record the Parish Council's thanks to the volunteers for taking on the project.

- **Report on Village BBQ**

The Village BBQ was a successful event, with 47 parishioners attending. The cost of the event was £273 and after taking into account donations received, it was agreed that the Parish Council should reimburse Mr Plumbly the sum of £170 as the event is for the benefit of the Parish.

## **2287 Parishioners' Forum**

Some parishioners may not be aware that the car park at Tesco Ilminster has now imposed a parking limit of 2 hours and there is a penalty of £70 for stays in excess of this time. The Chairman has contacted Ilminster Town Council to enquire whether this is in accordance with the original planning permission granted when the supermarket was built but the Town Council does not have any control over the parking rights and is unable to take any action.

## **2288 Matters of Report**

- **Footpaths**

Mr Harvey reported that there has been little progress with regards to the blocked ditch on L5/13, although the path has been cut by Somerset Council contractors as in previous years. Part of the problem is that the course of the footpath has altered over the years and has now in effect disappeared into the ditch.

Mr Harvey has been in contact with Glyn Edwards, the new interim Area Warden, and hopes to meet with him shortly to discuss what options are available.

- **Highway matters**

Mike Stanton, Somerset Councillor, has confirmed that the jetting at Stocks Lane has been programmed but as yet no date has been allocated. It is hoped that the jetting will unblock the drain, which is causing flooding on the road.

John and James Down have cut some of the roadside vegetation throughout the Parish, which has made a great improvement. The Parish Council is very grateful for their support and help to the community.

- **LCN Update**

The Levels and Moors AGM has been held and the annual report has been circulated to the Parish Councillors. The Parish Council will consider whether it should switch to the Ilminster LCN at a later meeting.

- **Planning**

No new applications have been received since the previous meeting.

- **Changes to website provider**

There has been a change to the website provider of the Parish Council website and the address of the site has changed to:  
[www.beercrocombe.org.uk](http://www.beercrocombe.org.uk).

The new domain name gives the Council better protection as it is governed by UK rules. The cost of the new domain name is £89.67, and the contract lasts for 3 years.

## **2289 Formal Expenditure Approval**

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

a) Clerk's Salary	£ 116.66
b) Website Renewal	£ 89.67
c) Telephone Kiosk Repairs	£ 256.27
d) Village BBQ expenditure	£ 170.00

## **2290 Correspondence for information and items of report**

- **Temporary Road Closure – Silver Street, Curry Mallet**

A section of Silver Street will be closed for up to 5 days with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> July. This closure may affect access to Beercrocombe from the Beer Street junction.

- **Contribution of £50 from Beercrocombe Village Trust**

The Clerk confirmed that a sum of £50 has been received from the Village Trust as a contribution towards the costs of the telephone box repairs.

## **2291 To confirm date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm. Mr Plumbly offered his apologies in advance as he will not be able to attend the meeting, and Mrs Mann will chair the meeting in his absence.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.