

# **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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### **2312 Attendance and Apologies**

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

*Public:* None

*Apologies:* Mr. Dibble, Cllr M Stanton (Somerset Council)

### **2313 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2314 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **2315 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

### **2316 Parishioners' Forum**

There were no issues raised

### **2317 Matters of Report**

- **Footpaths**

Flooding continues to be a problem along Footpath L5/13 and the Council discussed how this could be prevented. The ditch needs to be dug out and the footpath surfaced raised to avoid future flooding but access to the ditch could be difficult due to the narrow nature of the path. The Clerk will ascertain whether any grants are available to carry out this work and Mr. Down has agreed to look at the situation to see if he can assist.

- **Highways**

The Council wished to place on record its thanks to Mr Down for clearing the ditches along Broadmead Road which will help to alleviate any future flooding.

The potholes in Broadmead Road have been reported and some repairs have been carried out.

- **Planning**

No new applications have been received since the previous meeting.

- **Village Hall**

Two recent fundraising events have been successful and raised approx. £1000 in total. This will help to reduce the deficit for the year to below £1000.

**2318 To consider in what ways the Parish Council could support the purchase of The Bell Inn, Curry Mallet as a community run asset.**

The Bell Inn, Curry Mallet, has been put up for sale and there has been interest within the community in establishing a Community Benefit Society to purchase and run the pub as a community asset. Pledges of more than £100,000 have been received from local residents and it is hoped that grant funding could be secured for the balance of funds required. In order to apply for grants, the Community Benefit Society must first be set up. This is a legal organisation registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and set up costs will be approx. £800.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would be willing to make a contribution up to a maximum of £400 for the specific purpose of establishing the Community Benefit Society.

**2319 Formal Expenditure Approval**

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

a) Clerk's Salary	£ 116.66
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**2320 Correspondence for information and items of report**

- **Somerset Prepared Resilience Road Show – 25/02/25**

Mrs Mann attended the Resilience Road Show which provided useful information on what measures can be taken to protect properties from flooding. An updated list of emergency contact numbers will be put up on the noticeboard.

- **Date for Village BBQ**

It was agreed that the Village BBQ would be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**2321 To confirm date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

**This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.