

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 12th August 2019

1989 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. B Burrough, Mr. P. Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A. Plumbly, Ms. J. Wright and Mr. M Rastrick,

Public: Cllr M Cavill (SSDC)

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman announced the death of Tony Talbot-Williams, who had been Chairman and a long serving member of the Parish Council, prior to moving away from leaving the Parish.

1990 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1991 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2019 were approved and signed.

1992 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Parish Social Event (1963)

Once again, the Parish Social Event was a success and the Parish Council thanked Phil, Zane and Malcolm for organising the catering and doing the cooking on the evening.

A profit of £90 was made which was donated to the Halcon Centre, in memory of Robert Eminson who had recently passed away.

Replacement of Trees on Village Green

The creation of a Somerset Wood to commemorate the loss of lives in the First World War has prompted the Parish Council to consider a memorial for the fallen of Beercrocombe and it was agreed that the replacement trees on the Village Green could form part of this.

In addition to the trees, it has been suggested that a plaque could be mounted on the Green (possibly on a stone) with the names of the WW1 casualties. The Parish Council agreed to look further into the matter, firstly obtaining an indication of costs involved.

With regard to replacing the trees, Cllr Cavill (SSDC) was asked if SSDC would be able to provide advice on the types of tree that would be suitable.

1993 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no issues raised.

1994 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

Footpath L5/7 is temporarily blocked at Stocks Lane, following the escape of some livestock. The land owner will resolve the situation shortly.

The gate at the footpath at Halfway House is missing and the landowner will be notified.

The RUPP at Frog Street Farm appears to be blocked by barbed wire.

Mr. Plumbly will look into the situation and report back to the Council in due course.

b) Highway matters

The potholes along Broadmead have been repaired where they meet the correct depth criteria.

Mr Burrough advised the Council that he had reported a highways defect using the online reporting facility on the Somerset County Council website and the defect was repaired promptly. The facility is easy to use and parishioners are encouraged to use this facility when appropriate. A link is provided on the Beercrocombe website.

c) Planning

Planning Application 19/01470/FUL – Erection of agricultural storage building at Little Orchard, Beer Street

The Parish Council supported this application subject to green cladding being used. SSDC has granted approval subject to this condition.

d) Dog Bin

There has been occasions recently where plastic dog bags are being left attached to the dog bin when it is full.

The Parish Council takes a dim view of this practice and would like to emphasise that if the dog bin is full, then waste should be taken home and disposed of in the usual manner.

The dog bin is emptied every Tuesday by SSDC.

e) Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Rastrick reported that an outbuilding at Camelot had been broken into and a strimmer stolen. The burglary took place during daylight hours. The Police have been informed.

1995 TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit report has been completed by Paul Jervis and everything is in order. A copy of the report has been published on the website.

1996 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – TO DISCUSS CO-OPTION FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF MR LONGSTAFF

Since the previous meeting, the Parish Council has received the resignation of Mr Longstaff. As there has not been a demand from parishioners for an election, the Council is able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Following a discussion during which several possible candidates were identified, it was agreed that the Chairman would approach the persons suggested to ascertain their interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

1997 A358 – ANNOUNCEMENT OF PREFERRED ROUTE OPTION

Highways England has announced the Preferred Route for the dualled A358. This is a modified version of the 'Pink' route previously consulted upon. The route will follow the existing A358 from Southfields Roundabout to a new junction at Ashe, where it will join the M5 J25 via a new road through the nexus 25 development, thus bypassing Henlade.

The existing A358 between Hatch Beauchamp and Ashill will be retained as a local road. At present junction proposals and access points are still under review and it is hoped that the Parish Council will have some influence over these decisions by attendance at further Community Forum meetings. Highways England has confirmed that a representative from the Council will be invited to future meetings.

The roadworks to improve the existing Junction 25 of the M5 have started and are likely to take two years to complete. The contractors issue monthly updates on the progress.

1998 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

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| a. Clerk's salary | £145.00 |
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1999 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Cavill (SSDC) informed the meeting that 3 Planning Officers have recently left and whilst they will be replaced, the Planning Department is currently under pressure.

A review of the South Somerset Local Plan is currently being carried out but villages are unaffected by the proposals.

2000 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday **21st October 2019** at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm