

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 18th March 2019

1957 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Public: Cllr C Paul (SCC) Cllr S Steele (SSDC) one parishioner

Apologies: Mr. P Dibble,

1958 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1959 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

1960 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Request for contribution towards Somerset Wood (1955)

Further to the previous meeting, it has been established that there were 6 casualties of the First World War from Beercrocombe. The suggested contribution towards the Somerset Wood would be £150. After discussion, the Parish Council agreed that it was not in favour of contributing towards the project.

However, it was suggested and agreed that the Parish Council would in future pay for the cost of the wreath at the Benefice Remembrance Service.

1961 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

Malcolm Cavill, a parishioner, introduced himself as the Conservative candidate for the forthcoming District Council elections.

1962 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

There were no new issues to report.

b) Highway matters

There was a blocked drain outside Mushroom Farm which has now been cleared.

The potholes in Stocks Lane have been repaired although Broadbridge and Radigan Lane still require attention.

Mr Longstaff pointed out that Church Lane forms part of the Parish highways and needs repair.

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of obtaining scalplings to fill in the road edges which are becoming rutted although the Parish Council would need to arrange for these to be spread.

c) Planning

Planning Application 18/03322/FUL – The addition of a window to end elevation and the change of use of existing stables to house dogs (Retrospective) at Homelea, Beercrocombe

Although the Parish Council opposed the application, SSDC Area North approved the change of use at their committee meeting on 27 February. The Committee emphasised that the granting of this planning permission did not in any way indemnify the applicant against statutory nuisance action.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed that although this warning was specific to this application all parishioners who have dogs should be aware that repetitive barking dogs and fouling of public areas can be a considerable annoyance to other parishioners.

Hopefully, neighbourly discussions with a considerate approach by both parties will remove that annoyance, but all parishioners have the right to report their complaint to the SSDC Environmental Health section on 01935 462462, who have a statutory responsibility to formally investigate the alleged nuisance.

Mr Burrough advised the Parish Council that planning permission had been granted to convert 3 outbuildings into residential units at Stewley Orchard.

1963 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

Following the success of last year's event, it was agreed to hold an event again this year to coincide with the visit of the Morris Dancers on Tuesday 11th June.

Mr Plumbly agreed to be part of the organising committee and Mr Cavill offered the use of his barbeque.

1964 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS- TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURE

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council elections would take place on May 2nd and that nominations were now open.

The closing date for receipt of nominations was Wednesday 3rd April.

1965 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

a. Clerk's salary	£ 93.33
b. Curry Mallet PC	£180.00

The payment to Curry Mallet PC was in respect of the printing costs of the Beer & Curry Takeaway and was calculated as 2/7ths of the total cost.

1966 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

M5 Junction 25 improvements and Nexus 25 scheme

Mr Harvey advised the Council that he had attended a presentation on the improvements to the roundabout at Junction 25, which are due to start in March.

The roundabout will be enlarged, thereby alleviating the queuing on the motorway. A new access road to the proposed Nexus 25 site will be constructed and this will be used by all traffic heading towards Taunton and the motorway roundabout. The A358 leading towards Ilminster will be one way from the roundabout to the Park & Ride and an extra lane will be created. The purpose of the improvements is to reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic on the roundabout.

The work will take approx. 2 years to complete and the majority of the work will be carried out at night although there will be some disruption to traffic during the day.

A358 Forum

Mr Burrough advised the meeting that a meeting had taken place between Highways England and other Parish Councils and expressed disappointment that Beercrocombe PC had not been invited to attend.

Apparently, no new information was forthcoming although it is promised that the preferred route will be announced by June 21st.

The Clerk will contact Highways England asking to be invited to any further meetings.

Musgrove MRI Scanner appeal

The Clerk has been advised that the MRI million campaign has reached its target and the new scanner will be installed in the summer.

Retirement of Sue Steele, SSDC Councillor

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sue Steele for all her help and support during the years that she had been a District Councillor and wished her a happy retirement.

1967 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday **20th May 2019** at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held prior to the Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm