

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 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The diseased trees have been replaced by a Beech and Flowering Cherry Tree.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