

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe Bus Shelter on Monday 20th July 2020

2033 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. B Burrough, Mr. P. Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. M Ramsbotham and Ms. J Wright

Apologies: Mr. A Plumbly, Mr. M Rastrick

2034 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2035 TO RECEIVE THE RESIGNATION OF JULIA WRIGHT AND TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURE FOR HER REPLACEMENT

The Council received with regret Ms Wright's resignation following her move from the Parish. The Chairman thanked Ms Wright for her contribution to the community during her 13 years as a Parish Councillor, in particular her efforts in securing the purchase of the phone box and transforming it into the 'Village Library' and her contribution towards the Beer & Curry Takeaway. Mrs Ramsbotham has agreed to take over Ms Wright's responsibilities.

The Clerk will post the Official Notice of Vacancy on the Noticeboard and website and provided there isn't a call for an election, the Parish Council will be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy with effect from mid-August. At that time the vacancy will be advertised and interested candidates invited to apply.

2036 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16th March 2020 were approved and signed.

2037 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Renewal of road markings (min 2016)

The faded road markings have now been renewed.

2038 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

An incident of fly tipping on the Stewley Road had been reported to a Councillor. Parishioners are encouraged to report such incidences on the SSDC website so that they may be attended to as quickly as possible.

There have been occasions recently when bonfire smoke has inconvenienced neighbouring properties and parishioners are reminded to show consideration to neighbours when lighting bonfires by taking into account the wind direction.

2039 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

The broken gate on Footpath L5/16 is being replaced with a metal gate. The broken gate post on the footpath near the Church is still awaiting repair due to social distancing restrictions.

b) Highway matters

The Chairman has spoken to Derek Davies, Highways Superintendent, who has carried out an inspection of the Parish roads. Major resurfacing of the roads is scheduled to take place in 2021/22, and the poor state of Radigan Lane has been acknowledged.

c) Planning

The Parish Council has recently received 3 planning applications for comment and it was agreed to support each application.

Ref 20/01700/COL- Prior notification for the conversion of agricultural barn to residential at Stewley Orchard, Capland Lane

Ref 20/01558/PAMB – Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use and construction of a 60mx30m riding arena at Beer Mill Farm, Broadbridge Road

Ref 20/01508/FUL – Repositioning and extension to existing agricultural barn at Lower Street Farm, Radigan Lane (Mr Dibble took no part in the Council's discussions relating to this application)

In addition, the Council has received notification of a Certificate of Lawfulness application relating to Manor farm Cottage, Beer Street, but has not submitted any comments.

2040 TO APPROVE SECTION 1 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

The Council unanimously approved Section 1- Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

2041 TO APPROVE SECTION 2 – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2019/20

The Council unanimously approved Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20.

2042 TO CONFIRM THAT THE COUNCIL WISHES TO CERTIFY ITSELF AS EXEMPT FROM THE LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW

The Council confirmed that having met the criteria for exemption, that it would certify itself as exempt from the limited assurance review. The Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Chairman and Clerk

2043 TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2020

The Council agreed to renew its insurance with Zurich Insurance via Community First. It has agreed to enter into a 3-year Long Term Agreement at a reduced premium of £185.72

2044 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

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| a. Clerk's salary | £ 193.32 |
| b. Community First | £ 185.72 |

2045 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A VILLAGE BBQ

The Annual Social event planned for June was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Morris Men have offered to return in September to provide music but there will be no dancing, and it was agreed that the event should take place on Tuesday 1st September. A BBQ will be held if Covid-19 guidelines allow.

2046 TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE VENUES FOR FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

As it is unclear when the Village Hall will reopen, the Council discussed other venues where it may be possible to meet. The Chairman will carry out some research and report back to the Council at a later date.

2047 TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A SALT BIN FOR THE PARISH

It was agreed that the provision of a Salt Bin would be of benefit to the Parish. The cost would need to be met by the Parish Council although the Clerk will investigate whether any funding would be available from the County Councillor. The bin would be located next to the Dog Bin.

2048 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT

Somerset County Council has put forward a proposal for the formation of a Unitary Council for Somerset. This proposal is opposed by the District Councils.

Further information on the proposal and a short consultation survey is available at: <https://onesomerset.org.uk/>

2049 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday **28th September at 7.30pm** at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm