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## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2002  
at Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Present:**

Mrs.S.Prideaux	Chairperson
Mr.B.Howell	Vice-Chairperson
Mr A Talhot-Williams	
Mr A Davies	
Mr A Reed	
Mr P Dibble	
Mr W Vigus	
Mrs B Manu	Clerk

The District Councillor, Mr.R.Hughes, was also present.

### **961 Apologies.**

Nil.

### **962 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **963 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on January 21st 2002 were approved and signed.

### **964 Matters arising.**

#### **a. Audit.**

Mrs B Manu stated that upon attending the annual interview the auditor had accepted the accounts without criticism except for a few minor administrative and presentation issues. It was agreed that a record of signatories relating to individual cheques would be introduced.

At this point a number of issues within the agenda were given a brief resume for the benefit of Mr Hughes who had to leave the meeting early.

#### **b. Code of Conduct.**

The council agreed to formally adopt the code unanimously. All relevant documents are to be received by the clerk before the end of the month.

#### **c. Queen's Jubilee.**

It was stated that a celebration party will take place on the village green following the ringing of the church bells. The agenda has not yet been finalised but the following guidelines were as follows:

1pm	Official Toast followed by formal lunch.
2/3pm	Presentation of gifts to village children followed by games and/or competitions.
4pm	Afternoon tea.

Plans for an evening continuation are to be looked into.

Any villager wishing to volunteer themselves or ideas would be more than welcome to contact any of the following councillors:-Mr A Davies, Mr P Dibble & Mr A Reed.

d. Village Roads & Footpaths.

The clerk will contact Atkins requesting that the following locations be attended to :- the road leading to the Mitchums residence; the lane between Keysey's and Paul's farms and finally Radigan lane and Broadmead regarding new deep potholes.

It was stated that oak posts previously purchased some years ago by the council, for use along various footpaths had now been located and B Howell offered to collect and store the posts.

e. Planning Application.

The Cottage: The council stated no objections.

**965 Matters of Report.**

a. S.H.L.G.

Mr B Howell confirmed he was now in receipt of the noise survey undertaken in 1995. He felt that the survey was both poor and partial in its methods and conclusions. He further confirmed that the group would still continue to exist even though the Ministry of Defence had recently confirmed that planned reallocations of squadrons would not now proceed. Due to this change the group may now consider a name change to incorporate all fixed wing flying activities.

b. AGM 2002.

It was agreed to circulate more notices this year to the residents to encourage a larger attendance at both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. The meeting was confirmed as Monday May 20th 7pm.

**966 Finance.**

a. Councillor's Expenses. Nil

b. Cheques for Signature 2 cheques:

£115.00	P.C.C.
£179.56	Mrs B Manu (Salary)

It was also agreed to increase the clerk's salary by one point (on the scale recommended by SALC.) with effect from 1 December 2001.

**967 Notifications.**

Mrs Prideaux could attend the session in Langport on the 6th March and asked for another volunteer.

The History Group would like to re-form but it needs a new chairman, funding and willing members await any volunteers for the position.

**968 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9 pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday May 20th 2002 in the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **BEERCROCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2002

at Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7pm.

### **Present:**

Mrs.S.Prideaux

Mr.B.Howell

Mr & Mrs A Talbot-Williams

Mr A Davies

Mr & Mrs A Reed

Mr P Dibble

Mr W Vigus

Mrs.B.Manu

The District Councillor, Mr.R.Hughes and Mr D Nelson County Councillor were also present.

### **1. Apologies.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr & Mrs Dale

### **2. Minutes.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2001 were read and approved.

### **3. Matters Arising.**

A number of residents are still concerned about the noise and speed of village owned cars and motorcycles which is still causing a disturbance. It was agreed to let the Parish Council attend to this problem.

### **4. Chairperson's report.**

Mrs Prideaux stated that the Foot & Mouth epidemic during the last year had certainly prevented any more 'raves' from occurring. It was confirmed that an Abatement Order has now been served upon the landowner by the Department of Environmental Health. All reports of future incidents are to be directed immediately to the chair and vice-chair.

Mrs Prideaux confirmed that the recent Crime Report for traffic issues had not included the A358 and a letter had been sent requesting inclusion for future studies.

Potholes and general road surfaces had been a major issue for residents earlier in the year and all particular locations had been inspected during a site meeting with Mr K Sharpe. All but a few have now been attended to although some roads i.e. Broadmead / Radigan Lane were again in need of attention. The road bridge at Broadbridge has also been widened and strengthened.

A number of footpaths now have new gates/stiles/ posts and it was confirmed that the RUPP was near completion.

A number of dogs appear to be fouling the private gardens within the village and Offence Notices are to be obtained and displayed.

Once again the police cover was minimal within the village and we had only one outbuilding theft during the year.

The numerous planning applications for village properties had proven to be

non-controversial.

Mrs Prideaux confirmed her attendance at the Code of Conduct Councillor training meeting - a new government policy to which all councillors now have to declare adoption to. Mrs Prideaux reminded the council that they currently have one more year in office and thanked them for their services. The Parish Clerk Mrs B Manu was also thanked.

**5. Financial Report.**

Mrs Manu confirmed the financial statement for the year 2001/2002 showed a precept of £895 and spending for the year had left a credit of £2.28. The saving account funds had recently dropped considerably and it was felt that any surplus this year was to be re-invested to boost the balance. The new Audit changes about to take effect should ensure a small surplus of approximately £100.

**6. Village Hall.**

A representative was not present.

**7. Beercrocombe Village Trust.**

Mr A Davies discussed the various investments the Trust held and issued to all present a detailed portfolio of all funds held. It was further confirmed that an accountant and an expert in Charitable Trusts had given his advice free of charge.

**8. Neighbourhood Watch.**

Mr A Reed reported 1 burglary/incident (Theft from shed) during the previous 12 months. It was confirmed though that Curry Mallett had recently suffered a number of break-ins. Mr Reed emphasised the need to protect all outbuildings and also to be cautious of all callers to our properties as a number of 'bogus officials' had been reported within the area.

Mr Reed confirmed attendance at two liaison meetings at which the issues of traffic calming on the A358 and police response and manpower levels had been discussed. Yeovil and Bristol are hot spots for crime and therefore lead to fewer police for the more rural areas. It was further stated that drug use was now at epidemic levels within the county and causing more related incidents such as theft of property from cars (mobiles laptops bags etc). Barrington has suffered 30 incidents recently and it was emphasised that the village must protect the properties and persons within the village and not be seen as a 'soft spot/touch' to the criminals outside.

Security marking kits are available from the Parish Clerk and Mr A Reed also offered the use of an etching kit to any resident.

**9. Tree Warden.**

Mrs. H Howell reported that she plans to write a number of small articles for the Parish Magazine. The possibility of planting a Jubilee Tree was proposed. Mrs. Howell confirmed that such an occasion could be done at a more suitable planting period later during the Jubilee Year. It was confirmed that recent hedge cutting within the Parish was taking place at the wrong time of the wildlife/growing season and villagers are asked to please take note.

**10. Any Other Business.**

Mr B Howell thanked Mrs Prideaux for being chairperson over the previous 12 months.

Mr. Howell discussed the recent activities of the Somerset Helicopter Liaison Group and confirmed the following points:

The group represented 14 councils and has spent the previous 12 months consolidating the group and improving its knowledge base from a variety of sources, personnel and meetings with RN members from Yeovilton.

The group has negotiated 4 corridor routes for flying in and out of Ilton at a minimum height of 700 ft and a weekly report of all anticipated flying schedules to be sent to affected villages. Yeovilton have stated that a website is to be developed by its personnel to enable access to all flying information and patterns etc. It was further confirmed that the Harrier jets are not now expected to leave until 2006 which will leave the base as a centre for helicopter flying only.

Mr. Howell commented that the website had been tremendously successful and was regularly receiving email from around the world as well as people wishing to discover the village before considering moving here. He thanked Mrs Longstaff and Mr Reed for their efforts in keeping the various pages/sections up to date.

Mrs Prideaux thanked those residents present for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2002

at Curry Mallet Village Hall at 8.05pm

### **Present:**

Mrs.S.Prideaux.	Chairperson
Mr.B.Howell	Vice-Chairperson
Mr A Talbot-Williems	
Mr A Davies	
Mr A Reed	
Mr P Dibble	
Mr W Vigus	
Mrs.B Manu	Clerk

### **969 Election of Chairperson.**

Mrs S Prideaux agreed to stand for one year more. Mr Howell proposed and it was unanimously seconded.

### **970 Election of Vice-Chairperson.**

Mr A Talbot-Williams proposed Mr B Howell and again it was unanimously seconded.

### **971 Adoption of SALC & Code of Conduct Standards.**

The standards for both were adopted.

Mr A Davies left the meeting after giving a brief resume of the Jubilee arrangements to date.

### **972 Declarations of interest.**

Three councillors declared interests.

### **973 Minutes of meeting held on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2002.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

### **974 Matters arising.**

#### **a. Village Footpaths & Roads.**

The Oak posts for the footpaths have woodworm and it was confirmed that Mr B Howell will ascertain the location for each post to enable Mrs Prideaux to contact the relevant bodies of the posts' existence. The recent survey received by Mrs Prideaux had highlighted 3 paths to be inspected. The land owners/affected properties were informed. A number of residents appear to be using farmed fields as shortcuts it was asked to minute that all residents should use only public footpaths so as not to damage crops. The residents are also asked to ensure that all gates are closed to prevent animals escaping

#### **b. Village Roads.**

Mr W Vigus agreed to be the official village contact for the SSDC roads contact Mr K Sharpe. Due to the poor conditions of the Broadmead Lane there are some very large potholes and surface deterioration along Radigan Lane he

agreed to contact the relevant body once again, following two previously issued letters from the clerk regarding the said locations to no avail. Mr D Nelson stated that we needed to contact the bodies concerned as early as possible within the financial year for the council's bids to be dealt with,

c. Code of Conduct.

The clerk confirmed that new guidelines had been received with regards to all relevant interests to be declared. It was also stated that insurance protection was a matter for the individual and to be aware that the council offers zero protection against declaration claims against individual councillors.

d. Audit procedures.

The council's external auditor has been declared as Moore Stephens of 30 Gay Street Bath BA1 2PA. The clerk is awaiting the necessary paperwork and documentation to follow the new guidelines and had produced a statement of receipts and payments for this financial year end.

**975 Finance.**

a.	Councillor's Expenses	Nil
b.	Cheques for Signature	two:
	1.	£183.78 Cornhill Ins.
	2.	£21.28 SALC

**976 Matters of Report.**

a. Jubilee Celebrations.

It was confirmed that the village party arrangements were going to plan and that to date a total of 110 will be attending. The wet weather arrangements were confirmed as being held at Lower Street Farm in the hay barn/grain store.

**977 Notifications.**

Nil.

**978 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday July 15th 2002 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th July 2002  
at Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Present:**

Mrs.S.Prideaux Chairperson

Mr.A.Talbot-Williams

Mr W Vigus

Mr A Reed

Mr P Dibble

Mrs.B.Manu. Clerk

The District Councillor, Mr.R.Hughes and County Councillor Mr D Nelson were also present.

Members of the Public- One

### **979 Apologies.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Howell and Mr A Davies.

### **980 Declarations of Interest.**

Two councillors declared interests.

### **981 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on May 20th 2002 were approved and signed.

### **982. Matters arising.**

#### **a. Audit.**

Mrs B Manu confirmed that the new documentation for the year ended 31 March 2002 has now been received from Moore Stephens. An internal auditor has now to be appointed who has no involvement with Council business. A resident was suggested and will be asked to fulfil this role.

#### **b. Village Footpaths & Roads.**

Mr R Hughes confirmed that the speed restrictions for rural locations have begun to be processed. Unfortunately no time scale is listed for implementation.

Mr Vigus will again contact the relevant body regarding the road along Broadmead. Mrs S Prideaux confirmed the completion of the footpath survey. All the parish paths were 'walkable' but only 1 path passed the criteria demanded by the survey! Mr Vigus confirmed he had verified that from July 1<sup>st</sup> each year the hedges along roads are allowed to be cut.

Mrs S Prideaux discussed the road at Stewley which has a dip and often floods. The water does not run away but sits on the surface causing residents severe difficulty. Mr Nelson will follow this up with Ashill Parish Council.

### **983 Matters of Report.**

#### **a. S.H.L.G.**

It was confirmed that the group has now been re-named FLAG (Flight Liaison

Advisory Group). Mr B Howell will forward an update to each councillor and a copy for the file.

Mrs Prideaux stated that she had contacted Yeovilton with specific regards to the flying patterns of the helicopters over her own and neighbouring properties on the 'North West Circuit' during the two week period following the Jubilee celebrations.

**984 Finance.**

- a. Councillor's Expenses. Nil
- b. Cheques for Signature. Nil

**985 Notifications.**

The Jubilee Celebrations were reported as a huge success and the council offered it's thanks to all involved. A copy of the financial breakdown for the event is attached.

The Code of Conduct -confirmation of acceptance, will shortly be advertised by the district office.

The Tree Warden will be asked to request a free tree currently being offered in 'Tree Talk'. Residents will be asked for ideas regarding the location for planting.

**986 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday September 16th 2002 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2002  
at Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Present:**

Mrs.S.Prideaux Chairperson

Mr B Howell

Mr A Davies

Mr.A.Talbot-Williams

Mr W Vigus

Mr A Reed

Mr P Dibble

Mrs.B.Manu Clerk

County Councillor Mr D Nelson was also present.

Members of the Public- One

### **987 Apologies.**

None.

### **988 Declarations of Interest.**

One councillor declared interests.

### **989 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on July 15th 2002 were approved and signed.

### **990 Matters arising.**

a. Planning Application.

Mushroom Farm: The application is not supported in its present form but the council agreed that it would support an application for a one-to-one replacement of the existing dwelling.

b. Village Footpaths & Roads.

The council has received two letters regarding conditions of two footpaths within our parish. It was confirmed by the chairperson that the matters raised had been forwarded to the relevant district personnel for immediate attention. The clerk will notify the correspondent.

Mr R Hughes, the District Councillor arrived.

The poor visibility at 'Elm corner' (roadside next to village sign) was again reported. The hedges/trees are again causing a danger to all users of the road and are in need of urgent attention. The clerk will write to the land tenant and ask for the matter to be dealt with forthwith.

c. Council Precept.

The council will set the precept at the next meeting. Mr A Davies will look into the possibility of the P.C.C. obtaining current council funding direct from other district sources.

**991 Matters of Report.**

a. F.L.A.G.

Mr B Howell gave an update and confirmed that any flying complaints should be in written form to ensure they are logged and responded to. It was also confirmed that a new web site is currently under development, which will supply all aviation information to the general public. Mr A Davies commended Mr Howell's efforts to date and thanked him on behalf of the Council.

b. Land use changes.

It was agreed that recent events within Curry Mallet (sudden land sale and clearance) had highlighted the Council's need to improve awareness of similar locations within its own parish.

c. Audit.

Mr Keith Thomas has kindly agreed to act as the new Internal Auditor to the Council. The statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return of Audit was approved and signed by Clerk and Chair. The possibility of claiming back the VAT from the Jubilee Celebrations costs will be verified and claimed when all documentation is duly received.

d. Late night shooting.

A number of residents had been disturbed by gunshots late at night and without any further information it was felt that the Council should take no further action.

**992 Finance.**

a. Councillor's Expenses. Nil

b. Cheques for Signature 2 cheques

Mrs B Manu	£183.72
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District Audit	£79.31
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**993 Notifications.**

The receipt/invoice for the 'Tree Day' - Cheque no:300136 £16.00 issued in November 2001 is urgently required by the clerk from one of the two attending councillors.

**994 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday November 18th 2002 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2002  
at Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Present:**

Mrs.S.Prideaux Chairperson

Mr B Howell

Mr A Reed

Mr P Dibble

Mrs.B.Man. Clerk

County Councillor Mr D Nelson and Mr R Hughes (District cllr) were also present.

Members of the Public- One

### **995 Apologies.**

Mr A Talbot-Williams, Mr W Vigus and Mr A Davies.

### **996 Declarations of Interest.**

Councillors A Reed and B Howell declared interests.

### **997 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on September 16th 2002 were approved and signed.

### **998 Matters arising.**

a. Planning Application.

Holmans Farm: The council stated no objections and will request the use of hedges/trees for screening be included.

b. Council Precept.

The council agreed to keep the precept at the current figure of £975. A motion not to make the annual grant to the P.C.C. was carried.

c. Roads.

A number of complaints have been received regarding the excessive speed of tractors and other farm traffic within the parish boundary. The clerk will send a letter to Mr Down requesting his assistance in this matter.

It was confirmed by Mr Nelson and Mr Hughes that the issue of the speed notices was causing consultation difficulties in some villages. There is a county plan to introduce mile per hour zones in and around Somerset Villages. The speed limits vary according to specifics (schools/crossings etc) and whilst most villages approve the zoning, the actual signs may be quite intrusive to the rural surroundings. It was felt that the council and Beercrocombe residents should view currently installed signing, in neighbouring villages, to ascertain the complexity of the matter, with a view to future discussions and/or any decisions .

d. Footpaths.

The hedge along the footpath by the village sign has been trimmed following a written request after the last meeting.

e. Parish Plan/Heritage project.

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

f. Firework Displays.

A number of complaints had been received following a display that occurred within the village on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The length of the display, the noise and disturbance to residents, pets and livestock and the subsequent litter were the main issues. It was agreed that in the next publication of the village guide it would include a request that residents notify neighbours accordingly. South Somerset District Council is due to discuss 'fireworks' this week and Mr Hughes will inform the council of any outcomes to the discussions.

g. Neighbourhood Watch.

It was confirmed that PC Maclean is no longer the community beat officer for Beercrocombe and at present Avon & Somerset Constabulary do not have a replacement. It was felt that given the recent shed break-ins and lack of contactable personnel, a letter be sent to the Chief Constable and the local M.P stating the council's concerns regarding lack of rural policing. Mr Reed will shortly circulate a newsletter and would welcome any ideas/suggestions regarding neighbourhood watch. The possibility of introducing a contact system - for the entire village to be informed of incidents/information was suggested. Also the creation of a similar contact 'ring ' between watch co-ordinators in neighbouring parishes.

Mr D Nelson left the meeting.

### **999 Matters of Report.**

a. F.L.A.G .

Mr B Howell gave an update and stated that the group had recently met with RNAS. It was confirmed that one 'harrier' squadron a year is expected to leave Yeovilton and the process was to be completed by 2006. It was also confirmed that any changes to flying activities would not occur until 2005 at which point the plans for the helicopter squadrons may be announced. Any body wishing to know further details regarding the group's activities is welcome to contact B Howell directly.

It was noted that the use of 'model aircraft' at the airfield during weekends-could on occasion be disturbingly noisy.

Mr B Howell agreed to organise a 'village' meeting with the new commander at Merryfield.

b. History Group.

The group is open to any person wishing to join to discuss/research local history. The first welcoming meeting is to be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Longstaff has agreed to become Chairperson and Mr B Howell is the new secretary.

c. Council Elections.

Councillor W Vigus has indicated his wishes to resign before the year-end. The clerk is to verify arrangements for possible co-option of a new councillor and further clarify procedures to be followed.

**1000 Finance.**

- a. Councillor's Expenses. Nil
- b. Cheques for Signature Nil

**1001 Notifications.**

The Council has been informed of an additional recycling scheme soon to be adopted within Somerset. Beercombe should be issued with special boxes during summer 2003 for items as follows - Paper, aluminium, cans, shoes and clothing.

**1002 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday January 20th 2003 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.