

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th January 2004

At Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Present.**

Mrs.S.Prideaux.	Chairperson
Mr B Howell	
Mr A Talbot - Williams	
Mr A Davies	
Mr A Reed (Arrived late)	
Mr C Dale	
Mrs.B.Manu.	Clerk
Mr D Nelson	County Councillor
Mrs S Steele	District Councillor
Members of the Public-	None

### **1051 Apologies.**

Nil.

### **1052 Declarations of Interest.**

Mr B Howell declared an interest in item-Footpaths.

### **1053 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2003 were approved and signed.

### **1054 Matters arising.**

a . Roads.

Mr A Davies has contacted the water authority regarding a large 'bump' outside his residence This has been corrected a number of times but the problem re-occurs almost immediately due to a suspected water leak. The Highway Authority have not so far responded to this issue. The clerk will send a letter to both authorities requesting immediate attention. The drain near to Pauls Farm needs urgent attention as a vehicle became stuck in it this last week. The clerk will send a letter to the relevant authority.

b.Footpaths.

Mr A Talbot- Williams raised the current condition of footpath 5/14 Beer St Bridge to St James Church. The permissive route of the footpath around the edge of the field is now inaccessible due to a large volume of rubbish. Also the field behind Manor Farm is currently being used for tipping waste materials and a large mound has formed. Concerns regarding illegal tipping were raised. The clerk will inform the footpaths councillor, Mr Dibble, of the facts raised for him to address.

Mr A Reed arrived.

c. Local Plan.

Mrs Prideaux raised concerns regarding plans to develop the old railway line into a cycle path. Mrs S Steele stated that no reference is in the current edition of the local plan regarding Islemoor district. Mrs Prideaux will investigate the matter further.

d. Housing Survey.

Each parish household received a form in early December. The forms can still be returned until the end of the month. The council should have some feedback by the next meeting.

**1055 Matters of Report.**

a. Parish Plan.

Mr C Dale confirmed his plans to continue progress during the coming months with Chris Marks of Curry Mallet Parish Council.

**1056 Finance.**

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| a. | Councillor's Expenses. | Nil                     |
| b. | Cheques for Signature  | £24.36 SALC             |
|    |                        | £200.00 SAVINGS ACCOUNT |

**1057 Notifications.**

Mr A Reed confirmed that the home-watch co-ordinators for Beercrocombe and Curry Mallet have agreed to exchange two properties of responsibility. The first two properties on the right hand side exiting the village and the 'top road' properties on the left hand side approaching Hatch Beauchamp.

Mr B Howell stated that Beer Mill Farm is now a County Wildlife Site - restrictions apply to neighbouring fields only.

Mr A Talbot-Williams confirmed that the cost of solar power lighting to the bus shelter totals £1850.

**1058 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8.04pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday March 15th 2004 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting hold on Monday 15th March 2004

At Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7JOpm.

### **Present.**

Mrs.S.Prtdeaux.	Chairperson
Mr B Howell	
Mr A Talbot- Williams	
Mr A Davies	
Mr A Reed	
Mr P Dibble	
Mr C Dale	
Mrs B Manu	Clerk
Mrs S Steele	District Councillor

Members of the Public- One

### **1059 Apologies.**

Nil.

### **1060 Declarations of Interest.**

Mr Howell declared an interest in item Cllr resignation. Mr Reed declared an interest in item PCC Grant.

### **1061 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2004 were approved ad signed.

### **1062 Matters arising.**

a. Planning Application.

Mr P Watts - 'Sunrise' Single storey extension. The council stated - no objections.

b. PCC Grant.

After a lengthy discussion into the history of the payment, current church balances and the issue of ownership of "Muskey" it was agreed to make a payment of £50 to the PCC. A motion was carried by the chair following a three - three vote (one exclusion due to interests)

c. Roads.

The 'Bump' outside Sweethay has now been rectified. It was confirmed that the drain near to Paul's Farm is on the general list of repairs and will be tended to in the near future. A delivery lorry had recently caused damage to hedges and the road surface upon exiting the village along Broadbridge. The clerk will contact W S Atkins re the road surface damage.

d. Footpaths.

A letter from a Mr Pitkin had been received discussing the RUPP. The clerk is to respond accordingly and will also forward a copy of the letter to the relevant landowner requesting action.

A number of complaints have been received from landowners regarding dog walkers using farmland/fields. It was agreed to display a sign at the noted entrances requesting that dogs and their owners refrain from using private farmland.

e. Notice Board.

Mr C Dale will look into the cost of purchasing a laminator and all associated costs.

f. Village Website.

Mr C Dale stated concerns regarding information displayed on the website, especially the parish council meeting minutes. Mr A Davies agreed to the minutes each month before forwarding to the website personnel.

g. Land at Broadbridge.

Mrs Manu will contact Tamlyns regarding new ownership details in order for the dead elms to be dealt with.

### **1063 Matters of Report.**

a. Cllr Resignation.

Mr B Howell stated that he wished to resign following the current meeting as he is leaving the parish. Mrs S Prideaux thanked Brian for all his hard work and stated how much he will be missed. The council will now advertise the position of councillor in the hope of co-option in the near future.

b. Tree Warden Resignation.

Mrs Howell offered a formal letter of resignation. The council will advertise the position.

c. Housing Survey.

The clerk confirmed that a brief letter had been received stating that 50% of residents had returned the questionnaire with only one stated future need for housing. The full report is yet to be received.

### **1064 Finance.**

a.	Councillor's Expenses.	Nil	
b.	Cheques for signature	Audit Fee	£58.75
		Village Hall Hire	£60.00
		Clerk Salary Expenses	£200.91

### **1065 Notifications.**

Mr Dale confirmed that he is to meet with C Marks to discuss the Parish Plan. Council Tax bills have been received today and Mr Dale requested that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable asking for clarification of the funding being allocated to policing needs in Beercrocombe. The clerk will send a letter.

### **1066 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm and the date for the next meeting (AGM) was confirmed as Monday May 10th 2004 in the Village Hall at 7pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday. 6 May 2004 at 5.0 pm at the Beercrocombe bus shelter

### **Present.**

Mrs S Prideaux                      Chairperson

Mr A Davies

Mr A Reed

Mr A Talbot-Williams

Member of the public - one

### **1067 Apologies.**

Mrs B Mann, the Parish Clerk,.

In the absence of Mrs Manu, Mrs Prideaux asked Mrs J Macleod, a member of the public, to take the minutes of the meeting.

### **1068 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2004 were approved.

### **1069 Matters arising.**

a.      Roads.

A reply is still awaited from W S Atkins.

b.      Notice Board.

Further enquiries will be made concerning the purchase of a laminator.

c.      Councillor resignation.

Since the last meeting resignations have been received from Mr C Dale and Mr P Dibble and these vacancies have been advertised.

d.      Tree Warden.

No applications have been received so far.

e.      Housing Survey.

The Clerk confirmed by e-mail that 50% of the residents returned the questionnaire and a full report is awaited.

f.      Notifications.

Parish Plan - the matter will be brought up at the next meeting and more people will be required to take part in discussions.

### **1070 Election of Vice Chairman.**

Mr A Davies was proposed for this vacancy. Proposed by Mr Talbot-Williams and seconded by Mr Reed.

### **1071 Co-option of new Councillors.**

Three villagers have agreed to fill these vacancies, Mr R Burrough, Mr G Harvey and Mrs J Macleod. It was proposed by Mr A Talbot-Williams and seconded by Mr A Davies that they should be co-opted, and was carried by absolute majority.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004

At Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7PM.

### **Present.**

Mrs B Manu  
Mrs S Prideaux  
Mr A Davies  
Mr A Talbot-Williams  
Mr A Reed  
Mr R Burrough  
Mr G Harvey  
Mr D Nelson  
Mr B Howell  
Mr C Dale  
Mr P Dawton  
Mrs J Macleod  
Mrs S Steele

### **1. Apologies.**

Nil.

### **2. Minutes.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2003 were read and approved.

### **3. Matters arising.**

Nil

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

See attached

### **5. Financial Report.**

Mrs B Manu confirmed the financial statement for the year 2003/2004 showed a precept of £975 and spending for the year had left a credit of £114 approx due to the non-payment of the PCC grant. The council had no unexpected costs during the year and councillor's expenses were again reported as a nil return.

### **6. Village Hall.**

Mr Harvey confirmed that the problem with the cladding had now been repaired as had the outside seat. The fete in 2003 had again proven to be very popular and successful - this year's fete will be held on Sat July 17<sup>th</sup> 2004. Mr Harvey further confirmed that an 'Italian evening' had been held in conjunction with the Village Players to raise funds for stage lighting. Funds of £600 were made towards the total required of £4000 - £6000. Mr Harvey concluded stating that the hall has a healthy account balance in excess of £2000.

Mr Talbot Williams questioned the use of the car park by the new pub clientele. Mr Harvey confirmed that discussions were taking place regarding usage with a view to possible assistance with funding towards new chippings in the future. Mr D Nelson questioned the formality of such an agreement and

also the displaying of a liability /responsibility notice. Mr Harvey will raise at next Village Hall Committee meeting. Mr D Nelson & Mrs S Steele confirmed approval of lighting grant for village hall.

**7. Beercrocombe Village Trust.**

Mr Davies confirmed investment income of £1730 and an expenditure figure of £2130 to the year end November 2003. A number of grants to individuals for trees and also a grant to the PCC had been issued throughout the year. Overall investments had risen slightly to approx. £33,000. The trust had held three meetings during the year to which the majority of members had attended.

**8. Neighbourhood Watch.**

See attached.

**9. Tree Warden.**

No report but residents should be aware of there being grants available from SCC for trees.

**10. Miscellaneous Village Events & Information.**

Mr B Howell gave a brief report regarding FLAG and offered his thanks to the Parish Council for its support.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANS REPORT- May 2004**

**ROADS** - It is disappointing to see that some of the problems with roads that I reported on last year still exist. Some holes and bumps have been dealt with but only after having to constantly remind the relevant authorities. The drain outside Pauls Farm near to the railway bridge has still not been dealt with and one vehicle at least has reversed into it with quite a crash. The worry is that a cyclist will go into it and be injured.

We will once again be asking a councillor to take on the task of alerting the authorities. Please report any bad potholes or problems to the parish council.

**FOOTPATHS** - there have again been some complaints about hazards, and the lack of signs on the public footpaths and on the RUPP at Frog Street and we have alerted the footpath Officer at South Somerset of these problems. Please remember that the line of the footpaths should be kept to/that fields used for grazing stock and silage should be kept clean when walking dogs/that gates should be closed again properly. Please report any problems.

**PARISH PLAN** - Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe have been having some preliminary talks about putting together a joint Parish Plan. I recently heard that we were being put forward for a financial grant to fund the publishing of the Plan but there has been no confirmation of that.

A Housing Survey took place here in December-over 50% of households replied - unfortunately only 1 household thought that they would like affordable housing in the Parish-more requested it in Curry Mallet.

I would like to thank Chris Dale for his ongoing input and say that we will need more people to take an interest in this project.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - 2 Broad Mead -The Parish council held an extra ordinary meeting when the plans were sent to us. There were some objections and the PC objected to them. Subsequently amended plans were received. We still objected to the size of the extension and to the effect it would have on daylight to the next door property. However the Planning Committee for Area North passed the plan despite our representation.

Sunrise-no objections

**POLICING** - I hope that Sgt Smith will have answered any questions that you all had. I am disappointed that he has not been 'introduced' to us -we had to go out and get him to come and speak to us. There have been 3 shed breaking at Stewley recently and a theft from outside one of the Village properties this last week. Please report anything missing to us or the police as quickly as possible

**HELICOPTORS** - After a mornings talk this last Autumn at Merryfield with Commander Air, Cdr Nick Taylor, Cdr Richard Seymour rtd Public Relations Officer and Lieutenant Graham Stringer the 4 Parish Council representatives felt that the RN were perhaps beginning to appreciate what annoyances we had with the helicopters flying locally. I certainly feel that the flying has been more widespread and less concentrated on just a few areas since then. Unfortunately Cdr Taylor has now left Yeovilton and we might find that we need to have the same conversation again. However Lt Stringer is the main Controller at Merryfield and does know who he is speaking to if I have to phone - which is not often now.

**BRIAN HOWELL** - Mr Howell tendered his resignation to take effect after the last PC meeting. Brian Howell has been a very influential and hard working member of this Parish Council. He managed to get the Helicopter Group 'off the ground' for

the area and as a result Somerset residents now have a voice and a working liaison with Yeovilton and a better understanding of each others problems.

He and Hilary have involved themselves in nearly all the Parish activities. He was a leading light behind the Millenium Year festivities - our History of Beercrocombe Book and the Jubilee Party and the bell ringing. We do thank him most sincerely for all his work and wish them well in their next Parish. He has been responsible for mowing our Village Green in his spare time

PARISH PRECEPT - In Nov 2002 it was agreed by a majority vote that the PC could not afford to pay our usual payment to the Parochial Church Council for our contribution to the upkeep of the grass in the churchyard and of the area known as Muskay - both are for the use of all people in the Parish. At last years May meeting it was agreed and minuted that this would be looked at again in the last Financial Year -2003-2004.

In November 2003 the precept was set but the budget was not discussed as some councillors were absent. We eventually had that discussion at the March meeting. We had allowed some leeway in the precept to pay rather high audit fees. These were lower than we expected and so we had accrued reasonable reserves. Mr A Davies proposed that we should make a smaller contribution of £50. This was voted on and we had a 3-3 vote. [Mr Reed was not able to vote because of his interest as Treasurer to the PCC]. Accordingly I cast my second vote in favour of the motion.

Sadly a week later Mr Philip Dibble and Mr Chris Dale decided to resign.

RESIGNATIONS –THANKS - I would like to thank Mr Dibble for all his hard work on the Parish Council for a number of years. He has served as Chairman and it has been very beneficial to have a farmer as a councillor.

I would also like to thank Mr Dale for his work for the Parish. He has involved himself in many aspects of the life of the Village since coming to live here.

WELCOME TO THE NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS - The vacancy on the Parish Council was duly advertised and 3 new members were co-opted onto the Parish council at an extra ordinary meeting last Thursday.

Mrs Jill MacLeod has been our Parish clerk in the past.

Mr Graham Harvey is on the committee of the Village Hall.

Mr Robert Burrough lives at Stewley and will be able to represent them and address their problems as well as those of the whole Parish.

SUE PRJDEAUX - Chairperson

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th May 2004

At Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7pm.

### **Present.**

Mrs.S.Prideaux

Mrs J Macleod

Mr A Talbot-Williams

Mr A Davies

Mr A Reed

Mr R Burrough

Mr G Harvey

Mrs.B.Manu

Clerk

Mrs S Steele

District Councillor

Members of the Public- Three

### **1072 Apologies.**

Nil.

### **1073 Election of Chairperson.**

Mr A Talbot-Williams proposed Mrs Prideaux for the position which was seconded by Mr A Reed. Mrs Prideaux accepted office.

### **1074 Election of Vice Chairperson**

It was confirmed that Mr Davies had accepted office at the previous meeting and was please to stand for the forthcoming year. Mr A Talbot-Williams and Mr Reed again proposed and seconded Mr Davies as vice-chairperson.

### **1075 Acceptance of Office.**

The three recently co-opted councillors and new vice- Chairperson all accepted office and completed declaration forms.

### **1076 Standards Board Code of Conduct.**

The council agreed to accept and adopt the regulations.

Sgt Rob Smith of Avon & Somerset Constabulary arrived. He confirmed that the area now has a 'Beat Manager' who will oversee crime reports within the area and following analysis will promote certain action. He encouraged residents to report ALL crime however minor using 01275 818181 and real emergencies ie life threatening via the 999 board.

He also stated that the community contact vehicle can be made available at request.

Mrs S Steele left the meeting.

### **1077 NALC Standing Orders.**

The council agreed to adopt the NALC Standing Orders.

### **1078 Declarations of Interests.**

Nil.

**1079 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004 were approved and signed.

**1080 Matters arising.**

a. Accounts 2003-2004.

Mrs B Manu presented the council with the relevant financial statements and information regarding the previous year's transactions. As the PCC grant for that year had not been made it left the council with a planned surplus - it was agreed to transfer this to the savings account. The council formally approved the accounts and Mrs Prideaux completed the audit Statement of Assurance on behalf of the council.

b. Councillor Roles.

The Councillors have agreed to be council representative for the following :-

Homewatch - Mr A Reed

Planning Applications - Mr A Talbot-Williams & Mrs Macleod

Footpaths & Roads and FLAG – Mr R Burrough.

Financial Signatories - Mrs Prideaux, Mr Talbot -Williams & Mr Davies.

c. Policing.

Mrs Prideaux hoped that having now made contact with a representative, issues would now be dealt with swiftly.

d. Parish Plan.

Mr A Davies agreed to be council representative on Parish Plan. Mr C Dale will continue his input but as a resident.

e. Roads.

Mr Harvey kindly volunteered to cut the hedge along the top road at the T junction. Mr Burrough will contact the relevant authority regarding the pothole at Paul's Farm.

Mr Davies left the meeting to attend Curry Mallet AGM regarding the Parish Plan.

f. Footpaths.

Following recent correspondence regarding the RUPP no further issues had come to light.

**1081 Finance.**

a. Councillor's Expenses. Nil

b. Cheques for Signature 3

£100.00 Transfer to savings account

£254.85 Cornhill Insurance

£25.01 SALC.

**1082 Matters of Report.**

a. Land at Broadbridge.

Mrs B Manu confirmed that the land sale was still ongoing. Tamlyns will

inform the council as and when the new owner details become available.

b. Stoke Meeting.

Mrs Prideaux confirmed attendance at a recent meeting discussing Affordable Housing and internal communications within the district/parish councils.

**1083 Notifications.**

Mrs Manu advised councillors that Freemasons are now required to register an interest if a lodge member.

Councillors are asked to amend current Code of Conduct documentation as a matter of urgency.

Mr Davies returned to the meeting and confirmed that Val Grainger has been successful in reserving Grant monies of approx. £2500, for the joint application from Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe in relation to the production of a Parish Plan. The application is due in by mid June and will require a sum of approx. £125 (shared between both parishes). Mr Reed agreed to attend a follow up meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. A further 3/4 residents will be required for the steering group.

**1084 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.06pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday July 12th 2004 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th July 2004

At Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Present.**

Mrs.S.Prideaux

Mrs J Macleod

Mr A Talbot – Williams

Mr A Davies

Mr A Reed

Mr R Burrough

Mr G Harvey

Mrs.B.Manu.

Clerk

Mr D Nelson

County Councillor

Members of the Public- Nil

### **1085 Apologies.**

Nil.

### **1086 Declarations of Interests.**

Nil.

### **1087 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004 were approved and signed.

### **1088 Matters arising.**

#### **a. Roads.**

Mr R Burrough contacted the relevant authority regarding a number of potholes, which have duly been repaired and/or marked with traffic cones. Mrs B Manu informed members of the recent re-organisation of the Somerset Highways and updated contact details. Correspondence regarding pallet storage at Hatch Beauchamp will be responded to by clerk, stating council's concerns regarding parking along junction.

#### **b. Footpaths.**

A number of local footpaths are currently inaccessible due to crops. It was felt that the issue would not require action as the crops are due to be cut shortly. A number of footpaths also are still missing items of furniture/signs etc. Mr Burrough agreed to contact the relevant footpaths officer for further action. A letter received from Trail Riders regarding the RUPP will be referred to the footpaths district officer.

Mr D Nelson arrived.

### **1089 Matters of Report.**

#### **a. Parish Plan.**

Mr Davies reported that the joint application would shortly be approved and

that Beercrocombe Village Trust Fund had kindly authorised payment of the £90 needed for the project to progress. The next step would be Fact Finding followed by the actual production process which he hoped to be completed by March/ April 2005. Beercrocombe still requires 1/2 members to join the steering group and it was hoped that the organised stall at the coming village fete would be an opportunity to recruit those needed. It was further confirmed that a new account would be opened within the accounts of Curry Mallet Parish Council on behalf of both member councils. Three signatories would be required from the joint steering group who will report once every 4 months.

**1090 Finance.**

- a. Councillor's Expenses. Nil
- b. Cheques for Signature. It was agreed to purchase a thank you gift for Mr K Thomas who has kindly audited the accounts for the previous 3 years. Mr Reed will make the purchase and the council approved the future issue of a cheque to the value of £20. The council witnessed and approved the documents regarding new signatories.

**1091 Notifications.**

Mr D Nelson stated that County was allocating approx. £5000 per councillor to issue to parish councils for needy items/causes. The need for additional notice boards and/or doors for the existing board will be considered for the next meeting. Mrs Prideaux confirmed that a local landowner had purchased the land at Broadbridge - which hopefully will end the village worries regarding raves etc.

**1092 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday, September 13th 2004 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th September 2004

At Curry Mallet Village Hall at 6.30pm.

### **Present.**

Mrs.S.Prideaux.

Mrs J Macleod

Mr A Talbot-Williams

Mr R Burrough

Mr G Harvey

Mrs.B.Manu. Clerk

Members of the Public- Nil

### **1093 Apologies.**

Mr A Davies, Mr A Reed, Mr D Nelson County Councillor, Mrs S Steele District Councillor.

### **1094 Declarations of Interests.**

Nil.

### **1095 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2004 were approved and signed.

### **1096 Matters arising.**

#### **a. Roads.**

Broadmead - potholes have been identified and should be repaired in the near future. Mr Burrough had contacted the relevant authorities regarding various issues and was greeted with positive willingness to solve the problems.

#### **b. Footpaths.**

Concerns regarding the footpath adjacent to Mushroom Farm will be assessed by Mr Burrough. Recently received correspondence regarding a Community Access Fund which is available for small projects will be researched further - with the intent of completing outstanding footpath furniture. The clerk will contact relevant personnel and invite a representative to the next meeting.

The RUPP - letters have been received regarding the re-classification to a Bypass Open to All Traffic. Mr Burrough was in contact with various personnel and will continue to monitor and gather evidence. The council is aware of a forthcoming event organised by the Trail-riders Association and it was felt that Somerset County Council should be informed. Mr Burrough will contact relevant personnel.

#### **c. Planning Application.**

The Old school House - Mrs S Prideaux informed the council of her knowledge that the application had been withdrawn on the grounds that district had felt the planned extension was too big.

d. Notice Board.

Following discussion it was agreed to request funding from Mr D Nelson for the purchase of a new notice board with doors, purely for Council business. The old board will be kept within the bus shelter for the display of all other village/local items. Mrs Manu will try to contact a local carpenter for a quotation to manufacture the board.

e. Bonfires.

Mr Talbot Williams stated it was once again an issue for a number of residents. It was agreed that a poster will be displayed asking for residents consideration regarding the lighting of bonfires.

**1097 Matters of Report.**

a. Tree Warden. It was confirmed that Mrs E Davies has kindly agreed to become the parish Tree Warden. The care of the village green was discussed and it was felt that a resident would be found for the maintenance of the grass. Mrs Macleod will organise temporary arrangements. The clerk will check the council's insurance policy regarding issue of liability cover.

**1098 Finance.**

a. Councillor's Expenses. Nil

b. Cheques for Signature Two

1.	£ 197.11	Clerk Salary
2.	£ 21.01	Website Registration

**1099. Notifications.**

A letter informing the council of the expiry to the website domain name and requested that the council consider funding the on-going project. The council agreed to pay the £21.01 immediately, but to request assistance with the costs to other village bodies/groups, i.e. PCC /History Group.

**1100 The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 7.30pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday November 15th 2004 in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm.

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th November 2004

At Curry Mallet Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Present.**

Mrs.S.Prideaux.

Mrs J Macleod

Mr A Talbot - Williams

Mr R Burrough

Mr G Harvey

Mr A Davies

Mr A Reed

Mrs.B.Manu.

Clerk

Mr D Nelson

County Councillor

Members of the Public- Nil

### **1101 Apologies.**

Mrs S Steele District Councillor

### **1102 Declarations of Interests.**

Nil

### **1103 Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2004 were approved and signed.

### **1104 Matters arising.**

a. Precept.

Following a lengthy discussion the council unanimously approved to set the next precept at a figure of £995.

b. Roads & Footpaths.

Mrs Prideaux reported that an area of road surface outside her residence was 'pooling' water, due to a recently located water leak. It should be repaired by the end of the month. Elm Bridge is currently damaged and excluded by tape. Vehicles had been seen tending to the brickwork but we are unable to ascertain current plans. The road surface dressing for Whittles Lane has been postponed until the spring due to weather conditions.

Mr Burrough confirmed that he had spoken to County Hall regarding the RUPP and the Trail Riders use thereof.

c. Village Noises.

Mrs Manu reported that a number of complaints had been received from residents regarding motorcycles being ridden in the field, to the rear of properties along Broadmead and Beer Street. Mr Davies volunteered to discuss the arrangement with the landowner concerned.

A letter from Mr Peacock regarding the helicopters was received but it was felt that the council has done everything possible to keep disturbance to a minimum. Residents are reminded that instances of particular annoyance can be notified to the airfield directly.

d. Planning Application.

The Old School House. Amended plans were received between meetings. The clerk would like the minutes to show that she advised that an extra-ordinary meeting should be held to discuss the planning application. The chairperson and planning officer decided not to hold the meeting as the council had no objections (file emails confirm).

e. Bonfires.

The posters regarding neighbourly considerations will be once again displayed upon telegraph poles to support the general request upon the notice board.

**1105 Matters of Report.**

a. Notice Board.

Mr Nelson confirmed that funding for a new notice board was still available. Mrs Macleod will contact a number of local carpenters to ascertain quotes which will be forwarded asap to Mr Nelson.

b. Website.

Mrs Manu raised the issue of legal responsibility, ownership, control of input and data protection regarding the website. All of the issues need to be further researched /clarified. Mrs Manu agreed to contact SALC for assistance.

c. Parish Plan.

Mr Davies reported that the body of representatives had been meeting approximately every two weeks and had now decided on the format of the village questionnaire. The results from the questionnaire would form the content of the village plan. It was hoped that the residents will be issued with the questionnaire in early January. Distributors are reminded that a meeting will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall.

**1106 Finance.**

a. Councillor's Expenses. Nil

b. Cheques for Signature Two

1.	£60.00	Village Hall
2.	£15.99	Mr A Reed

**1107 Notifications.**

Mrs Macleod confirmed that she had organised a group of volunteers who are happy to tend to the village green. It was also noted that the green is currently suffering severe erosion due to inconsiderate vehicles cutting the corners.

**1108. The date of Next Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm and the date for the next meeting was confirmed as Monday January 17th 2004 in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30 pm.