

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2006 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

Present: Mrs. Prideaux Chairperson
Mr. A. Davies Vice Chairman
Mr. R. Burrough
Mr. G. Harvey
Mrs. J. Macleod
Mr. T. Reid
Mr. A. Talbot-Williams
Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor
Mr. M. King Clerk

1070 Apologies:
Apologies were received from Mr. D. Nelson.

1071 Declaration of Interest
There no declarations.

1072 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
Re.minute 1066(b) a reply had been received and read out at the meeting.

Re.minute 1068, it was felt that the minutes ought to be displayed as well as the agenda. However as the minutes had to be agreed at the meetings it would make minutes two months old. It was decided that the Clerk would forward a draft set minutes to the Chair and if agreed they could be displayed as draft minutes.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

1073 Matters Arising:
a) Highways:
The committee were informed that there were sewage pipe works on the A358.

There was a request from the PCC to erect a sign from the Village Green to the church. Mr. Davies suggested that it be put on the signpost in situ but it was felt that permission from SCC would be needed .The Clerk to seek advice from SCC. The PCC would be willing to pay for the sign.

It was suggest that there be a sign be erected to direct people to Curry Mallet Village Hall.

The ditches near the railway bridge need digging out and Mr. Burrough to contact the local authority.

b) Footpaths:

Nothing to report on footpaths.

c) Recycling:

It is believed that the green bin collection is to cease as not enough households have adopted the scheme.

There were concerns that cardboard and plastic bottles are not collected but apparently it is not cost effective to collect these items.

d) Village Hall:

No matters to report.

1074 Planning Procedures:

No plans submitted this period, but the Planning Department has moved from Kelways to Chard. Councillor Steele commented that they had been unhelpful in Her last visit to inspect plans and will pursue the matter.

1074 Matters to Report:

a) Parish Plan;

The Parish Plan is nearing completion and it is hoped it will be presented to Area North on 22nd February with the launch in mid March.

b) Village Web Site;

At present the village news is unobtainable but the other parts of the site are available. Mr. Reid is currently trying to rejig the site. The fee for the web site has been paid by BPC but before paying this year it is felt that further investigation of the site is necessary. The Communications Action Group should deal with these matters. Mrs. Macleod will deal with this matter.

c) Merryfield Activity

A cheque for £350 was received from Merryfield Sprint (profits from one of the activity days) and had been presented to BPC recently.

The MOD leaflets for safety of horse riders was well received and more leaflets were requested, the clerk will arrange this.

1075 Finance:

There needs to be new signatories to the two accounts as they need updating.
The Clerk will sort this out and get the correct forms.

The committee requested that £75 of the grant administered by Mr. Nelson
be used for the Parish Plan.

The above mentioned money from Merryfields Sprint was to be allocated as
follows: £100 for the gate at the rear of the church

£150 for the signs for the village hall

£100 for developing the village green.

1076 Notifications:

There will be an on site meeting for the village green on 1.2.06 at 10.30a.m.
The Tree warden will also be in attendance.

1077 Date of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th March 2006 at 7.30p.m. at Curry
Mallet Village Hall

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Signed Chairperson

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th March 2006 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

Present: Mrs. Prideaux Chairperson
Mr. A. Davies Vice Chairman
Mr. R. Burrough
Mr. T. Reed
Mr. A. Talbot-Williams
Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor
Mr. D. Nelson District Councillor
Mr. M. King Clerk

1078 Apologies:

Mrs. J. Macleod
Mr. G. Harvey

1079 Declaration of Interest

None declared

1080 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairperson

1081 Matters Arising:

a) Highways:

There no serious problems with the highways.

b) Footpaths:

All the footpaths in Beercrocombe have been recently walked and in good condition and a number of the new finger posts are in situ. It was noted that the paths in Curry Mallet were not in such good condition.

It was noted that one part of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, currently going through Parliament, will curtail the use of byways by motor vehicles, by putting an end to claims for motor vehicle access on the basis of historical use by horse-drawn vehicles. This gives some hope that the Frog Street RUPP will not be upgraded to a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic).

c) Recycling:

It was noted that Curry Mallet hopes to have its own recycling plant for compostable materials.

d) Village Hall:

No matters to report.

1082 Planning Procedures:

The matter of Stewley Holdings retrospective plans is awaiting a decision by Mr. Walton of SSDC Planning Department.

1083 Matters to Report:

a) Parish Plan;

The Parish Plan has been circulated and will be presented on 22nd March at Area North of SSDC.

The Parish Council felt the committee had worked hard on the Plan and asked the Clerk to write to the Parish Plan committee congratulating them on a job well done. The Clerk is also to write to the two members from Beercrocombe (Chris Dale and Sue Albrow) to thank them.

There followed a discussion as to how to progress the ideals of the plan, whether it should be by the P.C. or the focus group. The view was that the focus group should continue achieving the aims of the Plan but the P.C. should monitor the progress. This should be an agenda item in future.

b) Village Web Site;

It was agreed that the draft minutes be published on the website but be marked as draft minutes.

c) Merryfield Activity

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter in his capacity as Clerk to Ilton Parish Council re the flying of radio controlled models at Merryfield and replied saying that IPC had no objections for them to continue.

d) Village Green

A discussion about how to progress the work on the village green especially about how to edge the green to protect it from vehicles and erosion. It was felt that the edges should have kerb stones. It is believed that SCC Highways might fund this. Mr. Davies stated that quotes were being obtained for the work on the trees. It was hoped the Village Trust would donate £350 and the grant from SSDC through Mr. Nelson of £350 go towards this work. The committee agreed with Mr. Davies' proposals in this matter.

Other matters to report were the current situation of the village history files. Mr. Davies has completed an inventory and the filing cabinet is currently in Mr. Talbot-Williams barn for the time being.

Mr. Talbot Williams felt that further information about the request to alter the Boundaries needed to be submitted and he would further these to the Clerk who would forward these ideas to the appropriate authority. These were to include the concerns about the main access to the village.

1083 Finance:

The Clerk stated that a check for £21.01 was to be signed for the Village Web Site registration.

The Clerk also requested cheques for the Clerks half year pay for £182.85 plus £20 for stationery and phone calls. This was agreed.

1084 Notifications:

There were no notifications and all current correspondence has been circulated by the Clerk.

1086 Date of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Monday 15th May 2006 at 7p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall this also incorporates the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

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Signed Chairperson

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2006 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

Present: Mrs. Prideaux Chairperson
Mr. A. Davies Vice Chairman
Mr. R. Burrough
Mr. G. Harvey
Mrs. J. Macleod
Mr. T. Reed
Mr. A. Talbot-Williams
Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor
Mr. D. Nelson District Councillor
Mr. M. King Clerk
There were also present seven members of the public.

Apologies: There were no apologies

The Chairpersons Report:

Attached is a full copy of the chairpersons report and has been previously circulated..

(a) Village Shop

The Government funding for rural post offices will end in 2008 and more of the services are to be out-sourced. These services are to be reduced on cost effective grounds. The new products available are not really suitable to the rural post offices. All villagers are requested to sign the "Save our Post Offices" petition. The shop side of the business has had new freezers and fridges with newspapers, DVDs and home made cakes available with a resultant increase in turnover. The future plans are for more local produce, more gift items and increase in goods for children.

(b) Village Hall

There is currently £2,938 in the hall fund. Over the last year money has been spent on emergency lighting, granting of a premises licence and a disabled parking area. There are to be new signs for the village hall for which Curry Mallet P.C. will be responsible. There have been people working on the maintenance of the hall from the Community Service scheme. The field at the rear of the hall has been cleared and new fencing erected.

(c) Village Trust

This was set up in 1978 and now has £40,137 in the trust. The investment income gives about £1700 per year,

Over the last year money has been spent on repairs to the church, bible school and the Parish Plan.

(d) Neighbourhood Watch

There was no reported crime in Beercrocombe last year.

The Clerk at Curry Mallet had organised a surgery at the village shop but these had been poorly attended.

(e) Tree Warden

Information leaflets are available from the Tree Warden. There are some grants available for which the warden will apply. She reports that the local landowners have done a lot of planting over the last year and hopes they will encourage the hedges to grow thicker and higher. The work on the village green continues.

(f) Helicopter Group

There is no news yet as to the future use of Yeovilton and Merryfield. It was felt that there had been an increase of flying over the last year.

(g) Parish Plan

There was great approval of the Village plan and it was felt that the group had done an excellent job especially Chris Dale and Sue Albrow. It was felt that this had to be kept going with it becoming an agenda item on the BPC meetings.

The Communications group is to continue.

There being no other business the Annual Parish Meeting was closed.

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMANS REPORT- May 2006

ROADS

Mr Robert Burrough has continued the task of keeping an eye on our roads and liaising with the authorities. All the outstanding work has been done but again potholes are appearing in the surface. I do thank him for his work in this capacity. Please inform him of any problems.

FOOTPATHS

More of the footpaths have now been signed from the roads. Some way markers are still required on paths that change direction or divide. There is legislation going through Parliament at present on the grading of rural tracks. We hope that our RUPP will be downgraded to a Bridleway and not to a BOAT [Byway Open to All Traffic]. It is not suitable as such as part of the route runs along the bed of the river. Walkers can walk the footpath that follows the route of the RUPP-[Road used for Public Passage]. Robert Burrough is also monitoring these. Please let him know if there are problems.

RAILWAY BRIDGE NEAR FROG STREET FARM

As I report last year, there were a number of complaints about the way that the parapet to this bridge had been repaired-in brick rather than in stone. We made strong representations to Highways who wrote to British Rail who are responsible for the upkeep. They stated that the contractor could not find suitable stone to repair it with. We also realised that the bridge stands in Hatch Beauchamp Parish. We have discussed the possibility of Listing all the local bridges. They were not keen but it was pointed out that that bridge would then be Listed together with the present repairs. So far we have not advanced this suggestion. There has been no further discussion on this. Builders assure us that stone is available

PARISH PLAN

This will be reported on later. The questionnaire took place last year and we have had the results distributed in the form of the very attractive booklet which went to all houses. The task now is to realise some of the schemes that were highlighted.

PARISH PRECEPT

This was set at £10 above the rate for last year - £985 to £995. Insurance takes a very large proportion of our funds.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been 3 applications in this year. The extension at Stewley Holdings was amended and is under way .This included the building of an outdoor exercise arena. There was a further retrospective plan for the repositioning of the stables.

There were no objections to the plans to demolish and rebuild Roselea, Beer Street and these have been passed.

The proposal for a house on land adjoining Fairlanes, Broadmead Road have been withdrawn.

POSSIBLE BOUNDARY CHANGES

South Somerset District Council has invited Parish Councils to submit suggestions for changes to the Parish boundaries. We submitted a proposal for the inclusion of the 5 properties in Beer Street, Curry Mallet into the Parish of Beercrocombe. Many of us have always felt that these properties were logically part of Beercrocombe as they are situated so close to our main street. Our main reason was the need to get the main access into our village - the road entering from the north - under our surveillance rather than having to appeal to Curry Mallet for help to get upkeep on it.

The 5 properties were circulated and asked for their opinions. One owner replied to the Curry Mallet clerk and another to me, but this one was too late to be included in the reply to SSDC. They wished to remain in Curry Mallet. We were given very little warning of this possible opportunity for change. We expect it to be some time before we hear any more about it.

POLICING

The Neighbourhood Watch report follows.

GRANT

A cheque for £350 was presented to the Parish Council by the RN Motor Club. It was part of the profit made by them from a Car rally held at Merryfield airfield. Isle Abbots and Ilton received similar amounts.

We earmarked the money to be used accordingly; £100 for a new gate between Muskay and the churchyard, £150 to the Village Hall Committee, and £100 for maintenance and enhancement of the Village Green.

We are exploring the possibility of making good and strengthening the verges of the Green which have been badly damaged by lorries.

HELICOPTERS

Mr Burrough will report on meetings of the Helicopter Group.

Mr Burrough wrote to The Public Relations Officer, Cdr Seymour at RNAS Yeovilton on our behalf giving condolences on the deaths 2 weeks ago of 3 Service Personnel from there in the crash in Iraq. I know that some people have written privately as well. We may love to hate the helicopters but they are a very necessary part of our Armed Services and Defence.

I would like to Thank All the Parish Councillors and our new Clerk, Mike King for their support during this year.

I would also like to thank the District Councillor and County Councillor for their interest and help to us.

I will not be standing for re election as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Sue Prideaux, Chairperson

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Attendance

The attendance was as the APC and there were no apologies.

Election of Officers

Mrs. Prideaux stood down as Chair of the Council and was thanked by the committee for her hard work over the last three years.

Mr. Davies was nominated as chair and accepted the post.

Mr. Reed was nominated as vice chair but there needs a check to see if a Co-opted member can hold office so the matter will be resolved at the next meeting.

The responsibilities of the various councillors is to continue as previously.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council

1087 Attendance

The attendance was as for the Annual Parish Meeting.
There were no apologies.

1088 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1089 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

1090 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Highways

There were no serious problems with the roads.

b) Footpaths

Nothing to report.

c) Recycling

This item is to be removed from the agenda.

1091 Planning Procedures

Mr. Talbot-Williams expressed concerns on the sheer number of people who have to be consulted in a planning application. He also felt that there should be more emphasis on

pre-planning consultation. Mr. Talbot -Williams is to write to the Planning Department to forward these views.

The retrospective plans for Stewley Holdings has been granted despite the committee's objections. Councillor Steele will follow this up as it appeared that the original planning application had been flaunted.

1092 Matters to Report

a) Parish Plan

The Chairman produced a discussion document prepared by the clerk to Curry Mallet Parish Council on how he felt the Parish Plan should be progressed. A debate followed up in which the Chairman expressed concerns on how the Parish Plan could be monitored and how there could be checks on the financial aspect of the plan. Mr. Nelson stated that it was not for the Parish Council to oversee the Plan but for the Parish Plan participants to run the projects.

It was felt that a meeting with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the two councils should meet to attempt to find a suitable solution to this dilemma, Mr. Davies to arrange the meeting. It was proposed and carried that there should be a Parish Plan stall at the village fete.

b) Village Green

The tree has been cut down and cleared away. The Council await ideas from SCC, Kim Sharpe, on the kerbs and building up of the green. This also needs costing so as the council can decide how to finance the project.

The PCC will pay for a sign to the church, and the clerk is to progress this matter.

1093 Finance

The council agreed to renew the insurance at a cost of £322.49

1094 Notifications

There were no notifications and the clerk has circulated all the current correspondence.

1095 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th July 2006 at 7.30p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall

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Signed Chairman

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BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th September 2006 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

1105 Attendance and Apologies:

Mr. A. Davies Chairman
Mr. R. Burrough
Mrs. J. Macleod
Mrs. S.Prideaux
Mr. A. Reed
Mr. A. Talbot-Williams
Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor
Mr. M. King Clerk
Apologies were received from Mr. Harvey and Mr. Nelson

1106 Declaration of Interest:

Mr. Burrough declared an interest in respect of the planning matter for Holmans, minute 1109 refers.

1107 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes were accepted and agreed as a true record

1108 Matters Arising:

a) Highways:

Councillor Steele had spoken to Beth Prince re the rubbish left by the recycling and the relevant dates and details are needed to follow this matter up.
The top surface of Radigan Lane is now full of pot holes and the Clerk is to report this matter to the Council.

b) Footpaths:

The chairman has spoken to the clerk of Curry Mallet re the state of the adjoining footpaths and will monitor the situation.

1109 Planning Procedures:

The Clerk reported that the views of the Council re.Roeslea had been forwarded To SSDC.

A discussion over Holmans retrospective plans revealed concerns about the all night security lights which the Council believed were causing light pollution and the Clerk is to contact the Planning Department about this.

1110 Matters to Report:

(a)Parish Plan

The Chairman sought a member of Beercrocombe parish Council to be on Monitoring group for the Parish Plan and Mrs. Prideaux agreed to do this.

Mr. Davies is the Chairman and Mrs. Prideaux is to be the secretary.

There have been two meetings and these are the current projects:

The Beer and Curry Takeaway newsletter has been very successful. It needs the injection of £20 this year and £20 next year to keep it going and the inclusion a quiz for youngsters. The Council agreed to this expenditure.

The welcome pack is being printed.

The Parish footpath map and booklet requires £50. The Council could not agree On this matter as they felt that the Beercrocombe footpath representative, Mr. Burrough should have some input into this project. Mr. Davies is to take this matter back to the monitoring group.

The Community safety booklet prepared by Mr. Dale had not been agreed by the Area Safety panel and needs to be reviewed.

The Council felt that the money should be in place before starting projects. Curry Mallet have some forthcoming projects which will include an initiative to deal with dog mess especially near the school, and minor rubbish tidy –up. Beercrocombe could if they wish join these projects.

(b)Helicopters

The situation has improved of late but monitoring should still continue.

(c) Village Green:

The Clerk reported that SCC had arranged to have the signs on the village green to be renovated but asked that BPC pay £250 for a sign to the church. The Council felt this was too expensive and asked the Clerk to inform SCC. It was

suggested that an aluminium sign be attached to the bus shelter.
The suggested improvements to the edges of the village green were rejected by Mr. Sharpe of Somerset Highways but he suggested we put oak post around the green. The Council felt that this would be too expensive .Mr. Burrough suggested plastic and rubber gridding and would investigate this idea.
The council agreed expenditure on a tree, an English variety, to be planted Oct/Nov on the green.

1111 Finance:

Mr. Davies asked whether a grant cheque for £350 had been paid into the account. The Clerk is to follow this up.

1112 Notifications:

There had been a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch police and public at the shop in Curry Mallet two weeks ago.

Mr. Reed is to circulate a “nominated neighbour” booklet.

There had been a meeting with the local M.P. at the post office in Curry Mallet where the issue of the closure of rural post offices was raised.

1112 Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th November 2006 at 7.30p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall

Signed

Chairman.

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BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th November 2006 at
Curry Mallet Village Hall.**

1114 Attendance and Apologies:

Mr. A. Davies Chairman

Mr. R. Burrough

Mrs. J. Macleod

Mr. A. Reed

Mr. A. Talbot-Williams

Mr. D. Nelson County Councillor

Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor

Mr. M. King Clerk

Apologies were received from Mrs. Prideaux and Mr. Harvey

1115 Declaration of Interest:

There were no declarations of interests.

1116 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

At Minute 1110(a) should read £40 and not £20. Minutes were amended.

1117 Matters Arising:

a) Highways:

Radigan Lane is to be closed temporarily for re-surfacing.

b) Footpaths:

Mr. Talbot-Williams reports that the footpath at the rear of his property is as the farmer has ploughed right up to the hedge. He is to speak to the farmer about this matter.

There are concerns that the footpath by Roselea may have been eroded by the residents and the deeds need to be examined to ascertain the exact location of the path. This matter is to be looked into and Mr. Talbot-Williams is to speak to the previous owner of Roselea.

1118 Planning Procedures:

There were no planning matters.

1119 Matters to Report:

(a) Parish Plan

Mr. Burrough has seen the footpath plan/booklet and has agreed its contents. Mr. Davies suggested that it should be printed in the spring. The public safety booklet by Mr. Dale has been revised and Area North Safety Committee have agreed with the contents. It is anticipated that the £200 will be provided by the Area North Committee for the publication.

The next years programme for the parish Plan will be:

A grant of £40 for the beer and Curry Takeaway

Curry Mallet to try to start a youth group

Provision of dog bins in the lane by C.M. School.

Provide some funding to help keep a village post office in Curry Mallet.

(Hopefully SSDC will also help with funding)

(b) Village Green :

The new tree has been planted on the village green.

Mr. Burrough has costed the plastic cover to retain the edges of the village green and a strip 2m by 7 m will be sufficient. This will cost £250 plus the cost of the securing stakes. The committee agreed to go ahead with this.

1120 Finance:

Mr. Davies produced an outline of the spending for 207/8 which meant the setting of a precept of £1070. After a discussion the committee agreed to cut this to £1030 and that was the figure set for the precept for 2007/8.

There was still some confusion as to whether we had had all our grants from SCC and the Clerk was to look into this.

1121 Notifications:

Mr. Talbot-Williams is going to attend the meeting of the Boundaries review on 27th November 2006 to put forward the views of B.P.C.

Mr. Davies produced correspondence from Mr. Dale to the Master of the Hunt complaining of the congestion of the Hunt support vehicles and the speed at

which they had driven through the village. The master had replied that his comments had been noted.

There is to be a meeting on 12th December of SSDC to discuss the implications of the Government White Paper about the restructuring of local Government reducing the tiers of management from 3 to 2. It is hoped that BPC will be represented at the meeting.

Mr. Davies and Mr. Talbot-Williams intend to write to the Chief Executive of SSDC about this matter.

1104 Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Monday 15th January 2007 at 7.30p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall

Signed
Chairman.

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