

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.**

#### **1176 Attendance:**

Mr. A. Davies Chairman  
Mr. T. Reed Vice Chairman  
Mr. R.F. Burrough  
Mr. G. Harvey  
Mr. A. Talbot-Williams  
Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor  
Mr. M. King Clerk

Apologies from Mrs. Prideaux, Ms. Wright, and Mr. Nelson.

#### **1177 Declaration of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **1178 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman stated he had received two positive comments on the swift production of the minutes.

#### **1179 Matters Arising:**

##### **a) Highways:**

The Chairman has written to Mr. Morrison of Somerset Highways about the state of the roads in Beercrocombe and the fact the pot-holes are not repaired prior to the

surface dressing. He has received a reply from Mr. Sharpe who stated that the contractors will be made to return to remedy some of the work they have previously carried out. Mr. Sharpe suggested he have a site meeting with Mr. Davies in order to be able to carry out the necessary work in the spring. Mr. Davies is going to arrange this meeting.

**b) Footpaths:**

Regarding footpath L15/13 Mr. Burrough e mailed Paul Atwell about the rabbit holes on the path and the discussion they had at the footpaths workshop. Mr. Atwell has not replied and we need to know where SSDC stand on their and our responsibilities re .the rabbit holes on the path. It was reported that a large number of rabbits had been shot and netted in the vicinity. There are still holes in the path but Mr. Harvey has erected laminated signs advising ramblers to keep off the area and choose a more suitable path.

On footpathL5/14 due to the inclement weather Mr. Davies and Mr. Burrough had been unable to walk this path. It appears that a pond has been formed in the old canal but whether it holds water all summer seems doubtful. The route of the footpath is not an urgent matter and can be resolved later on.

Mr. Peter Keeleyside with Mr. Burrough walked up the path behind the churchyard and felt that the limited use of the path would not make in viable to make a hole in the hedge for access.

**1180 Planning Procedures:**

The planning at 3, Broadridge has been dealt with by Mr. Talbot-Williams and the observations returned favourably to SSDC Planning.

The matter of the planning at Crimson Hill, in Curry Mallet, was discussed at length. It is due to be discussed at the Area meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

It was felt that we should reiterate our objections but nobody was able to attend in Person. The Chairman agreed to contact the Clerk to the meeting to have

Beercombe Parish Council objections read out at the meeting. It was felt that the definitions of the term “nomad” within the necessary legislation would cover this case and make our objections pointless. Mr. Harvey stated that previously potential purchasers of the land had been informed by the Planning Department of South Somerset District council that there would never be any planning permission for this site.

Mr. Davies will mention this in his contact with the Clerk to the meeting of SSDC Area North.

It was noted that both Curry Mallet and Hatch Beauchamp Parish Councils had agreed to the planning application with conditions on the development.

#### **1181 Matters of Report:**

##### **a) Parish Plan:**

The only matter of report was that the closing date for articles for inclusion in the Beer and Curry Takeaway was today so Mr. Davies sought to extend this deadline in order to include details of this meeting.

##### **b) Village Green:**

Mr. Davies had sought a start date for the work on the village green as the corners were getting chewed up with the wet weather and the date awaits.

##### **c) Re-Cycling Collection:**

Mr. Davies reported that the re-cycling lorry had failed to collect on 15<sup>th</sup> January and was told that due to flooding the lorry could not complete the round. SSDC inferred that the collection would take place on 16<sup>th</sup> January but this did not happen. The collection will now take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Mr. Davies was concerned that there was no mechanism in place to inform the residents of this. He felt that there should be a system in place to avoid leaving the collectable rubbish outside the houses. Councillor Steele stated that SSDC no longer dealt with this but it was contractors and will look into this matter.

##### **d) Major Incident Plans:**

Mr. Reed had produced and circulated a discussion paper on major incidents and made several very useful observations on the matter. It was decided that Mr. Reed, Mr. Davies and Mr. Harvey would meet and work together on this project.

#### **1182 Finances:**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from another company seeking to insure the Parish Councils and nearer the time the Clerk will obtain alternative quotes to that of Cornhill Allianz.

Mr. Harvey sought a cheque for £70 for the hire of the hall for the meetings .This was issued.

**1183 Matters of Report:**

The Chairman produced the RNAS Yeovilton notice with all the relevant dates for 2008. This is to be displayed on the village notice board.

He also produced a document from Avon and Somerset police outlining the key objectives which are i) Anti-social speeding in rural villages

ii) Anti-social behaviour

iii) Criminal Damage

Mr. Burrough produced a leaflet from SSDC outlining the legality of local signs and that the enforcement will be more robust in the future.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he would be away until 8<sup>th</sup> March and had arranged for the redirection of the mail and e mails.

**1184 Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of the next meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

Chairman

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.**

**1185 Attendance:**

Mr. A. Davies Chairman  
Mr. T. Reed Vice Chairman  
Mr. R.F. Burrough  
Mr. G. Harvey  
Mrs. S. Prideaux  
Mr. A. Talbot-Williams  
Ms. J. Wright  
Mr. D. Nelson County Councillor  
Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor  
Mr. M. King Clerk

The Chairman apologised that he would have to leave the meeting and left at 7.50p.m. Mr. Reed took over as Chairman.

**1186 Declaration of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1187 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**1188 Matters Arising:**

**c) Highways:**

The pot hole by Manor Farm has been repaired.

Mr. Nelson commented that SCC had noticed that the edges of the roads in some places have been eroded due to people driving on the edges of the verges. With the recent heavy rain this has become more noticeable.

Radigan Lane is draining gradually but due to the rain the drains are full of silt. Mrs. Prideaux said that the Ashill section of Radigan Lane by Cottage Orchard, the Stewley end floods regularly. She asked that the Clerk writes to the Clerk of Ashill to highlight this ongoing problem.

**d) Footpaths:**

The farmer wants to reinstate the original route of footpath 5/15 across the middle of the field behind Beer farm instead of round the edge. This is the proper route of the path and he can install the original path in accordance with the correct route. There is still a problem at the church end of the path. Mr. Burrough is to speak to the farmer to sort this matter out.

Mrs. Prideaux raised the matter of footpath L5/2 and states it is not marked or signed in places. As this path is very rarely used it was felt it was impractical to sign the path.

Concerns were expressed at the poor condition of the three footpaths leading into Curry Mallet Parish and the Clerk is to write to the Chairman of Curry Mallet expressing these concerns.

Mr. Harvey stated more signs were needed on the paths and the Clerk has a supply of these signs and will deliver him some.

**1189 Planning Procedures:**

Mr. Talbot-Williams reports that he sent a negative reply to SSDC Planning for Little Orchard but they had not been noted on the web site.

**1190 Matters of Report:**

**e) Parish Plan:**

There is a meeting of the Parish Plan steering group next Wednesday.

The Youth Project is in the process of setting up their own accounting system.

The Post Office at Curry Mallet is not at present going to close.

Mr. Talbot-Williams complained about the inaccuracies in the Curry and Beer Takeaway about forthcoming events. Ms. Wright will take this back to the group.

The concept of a toddlers play area is causing problems as to where to site the area. There is not enough space outside the village hall.

**f) Village Green:**

The new edge to the village green has been completed and is excellent. The Chairman is to write to Mr. Sharpe of SCC Highways thanking him for his efforts in support of this project.

**g) Amelioration of Curry Mallet Village Hall:**

Members of the village hall committee to explain the need for work to be done on the village hall. In general work needs to be done on the kitchen, storage areas, the main area and the car park. Mr. Harvey explained that the kitchen needs to be overhauled to come in line with current legislation for food preparation and storage. The village hall committee sought the support of Beercrocombe Parish Council in the improvement of the hall. There has yet been no costing for the projects which would be carried out in self contained modules. Mr. Nelson inquired if this was on the Parish Plan and was informed that it was.

BPC supported the principle of the work to be done on the village hall and discussed the options open to BPC to assist in raising the funds for the work.

**h) Major Incident Plans:**

Mr. Reed, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Davies are going to meet next Thursday to discuss this matter.

**1191 Finances:**

The Clerk requested a cheque be signed for £27.84 for Somerset Association of Local Councils and this was signed.

The Clerk reported there would be a full financial update at the next meeting which is AGM.

Mr. Reed asked on behalf of the BPPC for a donation for the grass cutting at the church which we pay each year. The Clerk will arrange this.

Mrs. Steele stated that she had obtained grants of £300 from SSDC for the playgroup At Curry Mallet village hall which was very well supported.

**1192 Matters of Report:**

It was noted there had be no reported crimes since the last meeting and a new crime prevention notice was to be displayed on the notice board.

The Chairman reported he had received a letter from Mr. Longstaff reporting that a

Buzzard had been shot on his land. This was noted by the Parish Council.

It had been noticed how untidy the village street had become and a clearing up group would be organised.

Mrs. Steele informed the meeting that the dates for refuse and recycling collections were to be changed on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Notices to this effect was being circulated to all Households with copies displayed on the village notice board.

It was noted that there had been no meetings of the Helicopter Group and Mrs. Prideaux had phoned Yeovilton recently to complain of helicopter activity.

**1193 Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of the next meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.00p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall. It is also the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Chairman



## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.**

#### **Attendance:**

All members of the parish council see minute 1194 below were present along with 3 members of the public and two PCSOs.

#### **Reports from the various interest groups:**

##### **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported that it had been a good year for Beercrocombe and the improvements to the village green had been most welcome. He took the opportunity to thank all the councillors for their good work over the last year. He also thanked the Clerk for his work over the last year.

##### **Police:**

John Martin and Andy Searle attended and reported to the meeting that there had been one recorded crime in the previous year which was vehicle interference. Over the whole area they cover there had been a decrease in crime from 107 to 92 recorded crimes. The local police had mounted three large scale operations in the area which had been deemed as successful. These were multi agency approached and geared towards the site at Chubbards Cross.

They asked for villagers to remain vigilant and report unusual matters.

They intend to attend the village fetes with a display (Sheduction) outlining the need to keep sheds and outbuildings secure.

##### **Neighbourhood Watch:**

Mr. Reed that Mr. Townrow of Curry Mallet continues to organise a surgery at the Post office at Curry Mallet every month.

##### **Village Hall:**

Mr. Harvey reports with a balance in the accounts of £1600. They had obtained two grants for a new cooker. Lettings had increased over the last year. Mr. Pitman is to retire from the village hall committee this year and they are going to employ a caretaker/cleaner in July.

The kitchen is to be inspected by the Environmental Health in the near future and this area needs improving.

A grant has been obtained to the sum of £5000 for a children's play area.

Mr. Harvey also reports that he will be responsible for bookings from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Village Trust:**

The Village Trust report shows that there is £4393 in the fund with grants of £1160 and interest income of £1860 for the previous year. The invested amount in the fund is approximately £38,000.

The criteria for application to the fund are to be published in the Beer and Curry Takeaway.

**Parish Plan:**

The Parish Plan Advisory committee met three times in the last year and the Beercrocombe representatives are Mr. Davies and Ms. Wright. There is £328 in the account with a further £138 available from the sale of the footpaths guides.

The play area grant is to be paid into this account. The current projects are to continue to support the Beer and Curry Takeaway, and a new notice board in Curry Mallet.

**Footpaths:**

These matters are fully covered in minute 1197 of the ordinary meeting of the parish council.

**Planning:**

There were 5 applications in 2006/7 and 4 in 2007/8. All this year's applications had been supported by the parish council.

**FLAG:**

There have been no meetings of this group despite a number of complaints about flying activities over the village.

**The Annual Parish Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.**

**1. Attendance :**

As at minute 1193 of the ordinary parish council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**2. Election of Officers:**

Mr. Davies was elected Chairman and Mr. Reed as Vice Chairman, both unanimously.

**3. Roles of Responsibility:**

The following roles of responsibilities were adopted by the parish council:

Highways and Footpaths – Mr. Burrough

Planning- Mr. Talbot-Williams

Neighbourhood Watch- Mr. Reed

PPAG- Mr. Davies and Ms. Wright

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Curry  
Mallet Village Hall.**

**1194 Attendance:**

Mr. A. Davies Chairman  
Mr. T. Reed Vice Chairman  
Mr. R.F. Burrough  
Mr. G. Harvey  
Mrs. S. Prideaux  
Mr. A. Talbot-Williams  
Ms. J. Wright  
Mr. D. Nelson County Councillor  
Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor  
Mr. M. King Clerk

There were two members of the public present.

**1195 Declaration of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**1196 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minute numbering was amended for date of next meeting from 1184 to 1193.

**1197 Matters Arising:**

**e) Highways:**

The matter of Radigan Lane (minute 1188), the Clerk reported he had spoken by phone with the Clerk of Ashill about this matter. The committee requested the Clerk to write a letter confirming this conversation.

Concerns were expressed at the top dressing programme where the pot holes are not repaired prior to the dressing. The Clerk is to write to SSC Highways about these concerns. The roads around Beercrocombe are listed for the 2009 top dressing programme.

**f) Footpaths:**

Mr. Burrough reported all the footpaths were in a good state. He has received correspondence regarding the status of L5/20 at Frog Street. After a test case SCC have decided that it is not a BOAT and cannot be used by motorised traffic.

The footpaths adjoining Curry Mallet are a concern but the Clerk pointed out that as he was now also the Clerk to Curry Mallet he would make sure they received the necessary attention.

Footpath L5/14 can be reinstated back to its original route and the farmer is allowed to do this.

SSDC have cut back a number of the footpaths and seem to cut the more used ones as a priority.

**1198 Planning Procedures:**

There were no planning matters.

**1199 Matters of Report:**

**i) Parish Plan:**

This matter was full discussed at the AGM held prior to this meeting.

**j) Village Green:**

The Clerk reports that he has received a red demand for £823.22p for the work on the village green verges. He has not received a detailed account and is to contact SSC about this matter. The contents of the letter stated that the job had costed more than the original estimate which was for approximately £600.

The Chairman is to write to Mrs. Mcleod to thank her for having the village green cut.

**k) Major Incident Plans:**

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

**1200 Finances:**

The Clerk requested the following cheques be signed:

300297 £182.85 Clerks Wages

300298 £20.00 Clerks expenses

300299 £338.75 Insurance

300300 £60.00 BPPC

These were signed.

The Clerk produced the audited accounts which had been audited by an independent qualified person. These were agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk is to submit these to the independent external auditors, Moore Stephens.

### **1201 Matters of Report:**

There is the annual meeting of SSDC (Area North) on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 and Mr. Burrough is to attend.

There is a local scheme to plant daffodils in villages and areas that are suitable need to be defined. The Clerk is to arrange for the necessary paperwork to be sent to Mr. Burrough.

Concerns were expressed at aircraft and helicopters flying over the village. The Committee appreciate that in the present climate flying training is essential and the Chairman is to write to Commander Seymour at Yeovilton in general terms about this problem. It was felt that meetings of FLAG (the monitoring group for the area) might resolve this issue.

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence about grants for youth and Senior citizens from SSDC and had application forms if needed.

### **1202 Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of the next meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008 at 7.30p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

Chairman

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st July 2008 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.**

#### **1203 Attendance:**

Mr. A. Davies Chairman  
Mr. T. Reed Vice Chairman  
Mr. R.F. Burrough  
Mr. G. Harvey  
Mrs. S. Prideaux  
Mr. A. Talbot-Williams  
Ms. J. Wright  
Mr. D. Nelson County Councillor  
Mrs. S. Steele District Councillor  
Mr. M. King Clerk

#### **1204 Declaration of Interest:**

Mr. Reed declared an interest in agenda item 7(c) the future of Muskay as he was on the PPC.

#### **1205 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **1206 Matters Arising:**

##### **g) Highways:**

Mrs. Prideaux reported she had spoken to Mr. Randall of Somerset CC (Highways) who stated that the potholes in Radigan lane are to be repaired in January/February prior to the top dressing.

## **h) Footpaths:**

(i) It was reported that footpath 5/13 as it had been cut either end but not in the middle. The rabbit holes are still there but obscured by undergrowth. The Parish Council felt that displaying notices warning people about the holes was the best way of dealing with this. Walkers should walk as near to the path as possible and this might mean walking on the edge of the crop but this cannot be avoided.

SSDC now are giving more attention to the cutting of the paths which are well used rather than all footpaths.

(ii) Mr. Talbot-Williams raised the matter of parking on the verges and the erosion of the verges by overgrowing hedges. He felt we should be made aware of this seizure of the verge land. Concerns were again expressed about the hedges in Beer Street on the land owned by the Duchy. The hedges have grown over the verges and now abut the road. Although this land is in Curry Mallet it has an adverse effect on vehicles travelling into Beercrocombe. The new tenant is to take over in October 2008 and it was felt that this matter should be resolved prior to the present tenant leaving. The Clerk informed the meeting that there was a new manager of the Duchy. The Chairman is to again write to the Duchy to try to resolve this matter.

## **1207 Planning Procedures:**

There were no planning matters.

## **1208 Matters of Report:**

### **1) Parish Plan:**

The Chairman reported he had a meeting with Mr. Hughes, Chairman of Curry Mallet Parish Council about the Parish Plan. There is at present £403.53 in the account. The new notice board in Curry Mallet is to cost £100.

There is more money in the account as £5000 is being held awaiting decisions on the new play area. The fund also administers the money for the youth group.

Funding will continue for the Beer and Curry takeaway.

The Village Hall committee has designated an area of 100 square metres for the play area. This matter is of a very complicated nature as Curry Mallet Parish are custodian trustees for the village hall and probably the ground around. Mr. Davis is to speak to Mr. Hughes to ascertain Beercrocombe Parish Council's position in this matter.



**m) Village Green:**

The Clerk reports that he has received a letter about the £823.22p for the work on the village green verges. It still does not show the amount of VAT so the Clerk is to clarify this situation. The committee agreed that when this has been established he can arrange for a cheque to be made out for this amount.

**n) Maintenance of Muskay:**

The land at the rear of the churchyard known as “Muskay” is currently being cut regularly but the maintenance cost will increase and be about £800 to £1000 per year. The Chairman raised this matter for councillors to consider and give their views at the next meeting. This is to be an agenda item at the September meeting.

**o) Election of Representative to the Village Trust:**

The committee elected Mr. Davis as the representative and noted that he had been a valuable member of the Trust since its inauguration.

**1209 Finances:**

The Clerk reported that the annual audit had been returned for an explanation as to why there had been a decrease in outgoings. The Clerk explained this was as we had not completed the work on the village green during 2007/8. The Clerk had omitted to sign the Governance statement and the Auditors wanted further information about the interest on the national Savings account. The Clerk amended the return and it was countersigned by the Chairman prior to returning to the Auditors.

The Chairman is to arrange for a cheque for £150 from the Village Trust towards the work on the village green.

**1210 Matters of Report:**

Mr. Nelson reported that he had a budget of £15,000 for local projects and all applications should be submitted by November.

Mr. Reed presented a draft of the Emergency Planning for the village which needed some additions mainly the telephone numbers of farmers who kept heavy lifting gear. It was also felt that the Parish Council should be the co-ordinators of any

actions brought about by emergency planning.

It was decided that this should be appraised annually and reported on at the AGM.

Mrs. Prideaux raised the matter of a dangerous tree in Radigan Lane. She had spoken to the landowner who had only cut down half the tree and she felt it was still dangerous. She will contact Mr. Randall of SSC Highways about this matter.

Mrs. Prideaux also stated that the landowner had closed the lane to cut the tree down. She felt that he should have warned the residents prior to this action.

The Clerk reported that BT had postponed its plan to remove telephone boxes and would start the process all over again.

It was reported that a large yew tree was resting on the BT line at Beer Mill Farm. and the Clerk is to report this to BT before it pulls the line down.

The Chairman reported he had written to Commander Seymour (Minute 1201) and had received a reply about the fixed wing plane flying low, the increase in the flying of Chinooks, and the present status of the FLAG group.

It was felt that at least there should be an annual meeting of FLAG and the Chairman will write back.

**1211 Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of the next meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

Chairman

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2008 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.**

### **1212 Attendance:**

Mr. T. Reed Vice Chairman

Mr. R.F. Burrough

Mr. G. Harvey

Mrs. S. Prideaux

Mr. A. Talbot-Williams

Ms. J. Wright

Mr. D. Nelson County Councillor

Mr. M. King Clerk

Apologies from Mr. Davies and Mrs. Steele.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting elected Mr. Burrough to be the chairman.

### **1213 Declaration of Interest:**

Mr. Reed declared an interest in the item concerning the future of Muskay as he was on the PCC.

### **1214 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

### **1215 Matters Arising:**

#### **i) Highways:**

There were no matters arising.

#### **j) Footpaths:**

It was reported that on footpath 5/13 the path had not been cut by the rabbit holes. Mr. Burrough reported he had spoken to SSDC and they stated they would cut this.

They asked if we as a parish council would like to adopt any of the footpaths and cut them as a parish council. The opinion of the parish council was we should not adopt footpaths in this manner. Apparently SCC pay SSDC to cut the paths and they were hoping to encourage parish councils to volunteer to cut footpaths.

The encroachment of verges was discussed and it was noted that the new tenant had cut the hedge back a bit in Beer Street. It was noted that BT lines ran through this area and they cut back vegetation around their lines. Mr. Talbot-Williams is to investigate this matter.

#### **1216 Planning Procedures:**

Mr. Talbot-Williams gave a précis of the new planning guidelines adopted by SSDC and stated that solar panels, wind turbines, and stand alone panels are becoming more acceptable.

Under Section 215, of the Town and Country planning Act 1990, anything that lowers the “tone” of the village may be an offence. SSDC can serve an enforcement notice to rectify the nuisance. It was felt that this legislation could be used to deal with the oil drum outside one the houses and to tidy up the frontage of Manor Farm. The parish Council decided that the Clerk should write to SSDC about issuing a Section 215 notice to the occupier of the premises with the oil drum. Mr. Harvey will speak to the owner of Manor Farm explaining the legislation.

#### **1217 Matters of Report:**

##### **p) Parish Plan:**

There has been a revised plan for the play area at C.M. village hall with an estimated cost of £19,000. There followed a discussion on the cost of maintaining a play area and it was felt that this should be dealt with by a sub-committee of the Parish Plan group. Ms. Wright is to discuss this matter with Mr. Davies who both represent Beercrocombe on the group.

##### **q) Village Green:**

The Clerk reported he had been in contact with SCC (Highways) and there is no VAT on the account for the work on the village green as it VAT exempt. This

leaves with a final bill for £823.22p. The Village Trust has donated £150 to the project plus a previous grant from SSDC.

**r) Maintenance of Muskay:**

There was a discussion about the history of Muskay but it was decided to defer any decisions about the future of the land until the next meeting.

**1218 Finances:**

The Clerk reported he had received a cheque for £150 from the Village Trust.

A cheque was issued for £823.22p for the work on the village green.

**1219 Matters of Report:**

The additions to the Emergency Plan had been circulated by e mail and this is now Complete. This is to be revisited at the AGM and can be removed from the agenda.

The Clerk raised the matter of the matter of the new Government Pharmacy White Paper and its effects on the residents of Beercrocombe. This will result on the removal of some of the services at present provided by the surgery in Langport. The Clerk is to write to the local MP and the Minister for Health to complain about this matter.

Mr. Nelson stated he had some grant money and Mr. Harvey asked if we could have £250 for new chairs for the village hall. Mr. Harvey was going to report this to the Village Hall committee. Mr. Nelson said there was up to £300 for suitable projects and This needs to be discussed at the November meeting.

The Parish Council felt that the Chairman should write to RN Yeovilton about the FLAG meetings requesting at least an annual meeting.

**1220 Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of the next meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

Chairman

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2008 at Curry Mallet Village Hall.**

#### **1221 Attendance:**

Mr. A.Davies

Mr. R.F. Burrough

Mr. G. Harvey

Mrs. S. Prideaux

Mr. A. Reed

Mr. A. Talbot-Williams

Ms. J. Wright

Mr. M. King Clerk

Apologies from Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Prideaux and Mrs. Steele.

#### **1222 Declaration of Interest:**

Mr. Reed declared an interest in the item concerning the future of Muskay as he was on the PCC.

#### **1223 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Concerns were expressed about the issue of draft minutes and the amended minutes. It was agreed that the Clerk should publish the draft minutes as soon as is practicable, hopefully seven days after the meeting and councillors would have forty eight hours to agree amendments prior to publishing the minutes. This would mean the minutes could be displayed on the village notice-board about ten days after the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

#### **1224 Matters Arising:**

Item 1215(b) the footpath 5/13 has been cut back by SSDC and the farmer intends to dig out the rabbit warren this winter.

Item 1216 the Parish Council noted the improvement of the appearance of Manor Farm and Mr. Harvey spoke to the farmer who states he will continue to tidy up the property.

The Clerk reported he had written to SSDC re. Section 215 Town and Country Planning Act regarding the oil drum and builders rubble. He has as yet received a reply but will follow the matter up.

Item 1219 Mr. Harvey reported he had received a cheque for £250 for new chairs for the village hall.

**1225 Planning Procedures:**

There were no planning matters.

**1226 Matters of Report:**

**s) Parish Plan:**

The development of a play area in Curry Mallet is to be dealt with as a sub-committee of Curry Mallet Parish Council. The Village Hall committee does not wish to be involved in the process except for agreeing on the availability of the plot of land needed for the play area.

**t) Village Green:**

The Clerk reported he had returned the forms for the adoption of the phone box on the green. He explained that the box has an electricity supply from Western Power but is not metered. We as a P.C. would be responsible for the electricity and the maintenance of the box. The P.C. asked the Clerk to see if he could find out how much the electricity would cost and how much it would cost to have the supply cut off.

**u) Maintenance of Muskay:**

The PCC have signed a contract for the grass cutting for the church yard and Muskay. It was agreed that the P.C. would therefore donate £100 towards the cost of maintenance.

**1227 Finances:**

The Chairman produced an estimate of the costs for the year 2009/10 and details of expenditure for this financial year. This was discussed with the proposal of setting the precept at £1040 for the financial year 2009/10. The proposal was accepted and the Parish Council felt it was important in the current financial climate not to increase the precept.

The P.C. agreed the following two cheques: £182.85 Clerks half year wages and £80 for CM Village Hall for rent for the meetings.

The Clerk mentioned that Councillor Nelson had said there was grant money still available and the only project suggested were signs for “Beercrocombe” but the P.C. could not agree where they ought to be placed.

**1228 Matters of Report:**

It was decided to approach Commander Seymour at Yeovilton to ask for at least one meeting of FLAG a year so the local villages can have a say and have their views listened to by Yeovilton. It was felt that perhaps a new name might help the process.

The Clerk produced correspondence from SCC Highways about a gully survey and although the letter was for Ilton Parish Council it was hoped Beercrocombe could be included in the process. Mr. Burrough volunteered to do the necessary work and the Clerk will write to SCC to see if this is possible.

Mr. Talbot-Williams reported the tree had been cut back at Broad Bridge but was still resting on the GPO wire. It appears the tree is on land for which there is no owner.

The Clerk will write to SCC Highways as if the tree falls it will damage the bridge and to write to the GPO about potential damage to their wires. There are also trees in Beer Street resting on the wires, the Clerk will include this in his letter.

**1229 Date of Next Meeting:**

The date of the next meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.30p.m. at Curry Mallet Village Hall.

Chairman