

# BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

### 1352 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

*Councillors:* Mr. R F Burrough, Mr. A Davies, Mr. G Harvey, Ms. J Wright, Mr. C Dale , Mrs. S Prideaux

*Public:* Cllr. Steele (SSDC) (from 19.30pm), no members of the public

*Apologies:* Mr. A Reed

### 1353 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

### 1354 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were approved and signed.

### 1355 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### a) Land at Broadbridge Road

Mr. Dale could not find out any additional information regarding the old well on the land. Matter is now closed.

#### b) Response to Letter of Concern re Loose Dogs

Mr Harvey had spoken to the owners of the dog, who acknowledged the complaint and undertook to control the dog better. However, realistically it will be difficult to prevent the dog occasionally getting onto the road. The Parish Council will respond by letter to the complainant.

#### c) Remembrance Service Parish Wreath

Mr Burrough informed the meeting that until further notice he would meet the cost of the wreath.

### 1356 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

## **1357 MATTERS OF REPORT**

### **a) Footpaths**

Nothing to report.

### **b) Highway matters**

Mr Harvey reported that 50m distance signs were now attached to the Ford Ahead warning signs at Radigan Lane Ford. Mr Harvey also reported that on 30 January the planings supplied by Somerset Highways would be levelled over the Village Hall car park. Some excess planings were available for making good the verge along Manor Farm farmyard if means to transport the planings could be found. The Chairman agreed to contact local farmers to ask for assistance. Regarding the collapsed verge along Broadmead Road Mr Harvey reported that the local farmer from whom he sought assistance was unable to do the work because he no longer owned a suitable digger. The Chairman, who raised the issue with Somerset Highways last August, will contact them again to seek a solution to this ongoing problem.

## **1358 DOG FOULING – WHAT ACTION TO TAKE**

Last Spring the Parish Council received complaints regarding plastic bags containing dog faeces, some of which were broken, being left on the local roads into the village. A letter asking for this practice to cease was published in the Beer and Curry and SSDC Streetscene posted notices within the village. Unfortunately, plastic bags containing dog faeces have again been seen on the local roads. It is assumed that dog owners who go to the trouble of bagging the faeces have the intention of disposing of them properly and leave the bag on the road or verge to be picked up on the return leg of the walk. However, as plastic bags are found it is evident that dog walkers either did not retrace their walk, forgot where it was, or found the bag damaged by other road users and declined clearing up the resulting mess. The village is a dog-friendly community but practices such as this make people angry. The Parish Council asks those dog walkers who are, for whatever reason, leaving plastic bags containing dog faeces on the roads to stop doing it.

It was agreed that a notice regarding dog fouling would be printed in the next edition of the Beer and Curry.

## **1359 LESSONS TO BE LEARNT FROM THE RECENT EXTREME WEATHER**

Mr Harvey and the Chairman had collected the 10 bags of salt from the Highways depot in Yeovil. Mr Harvey was thanked for dispensing this salt along Beer Street very effectively during the recent cold weather. One lesson was that a mechanical dispenser was required and Mr Davies kindly offered use of his garden dispenser. A County Highways' snowplough came into the village but its benefits were questionable as it exposed the ice beneath and piled snow onto the verges and drives. All agreed that had the snow been deeper it would have been very beneficial. Moreover, the judgement on when, or whether, to deploy would have been very difficult. The Parish Council, which has no say in the local use of snowploughs, had received a letter of complaint regarding the snowploughing and Mr Harvey and Mr Davies agreed to respond to the complainant.

### **1360 TO AGREE PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR 2011/12**

The Parish Council agreed to a Precept of £1,050, a rise of £10. The anticipated expenditure for 2011-12 was £1,100. The shortfall would be made up from reserve funds.

### **1361 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

a.	Clerk's salary	£83.34
b.	Training costs	£10.00
c.	Phone Kiosk	£9.18
d.	CMBVH	£100.00
e.	Beercrocombe PCC	£60.00

The Parish Council approved these payments.

### **1362 PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **Application 10/03181/FUL - The erection of a single storey extension to garage and construction of a swimming pool at Beer Farm**

Mr Davies reported that a Condition on the Approval Notice covered our concerns that the village sewage system would not be able to cope with large quantities of chlorinated water.

#### **10/03668/FUL and 10/03369/FUL - The erection of two agricultural buildings for accommodation of livestock and general purpose use at Manor Farm**

As agreed at the last meeting the Chairman had spoken to Mr Norris, SSDC Development Manager, regarding the concerns of the Parish Council. Mr Norris undertook to review the planning application, one result of which was that an Environmental Protection Officer was asked to give an assessment. He recommended refusal on the grounds that the proposed barns were too close to residential properties for the intended use and that there would be potential for odour and noise to give rise to annoyance to the adjoining properties. Decisions on the applications are, however, still pending. The Parish Council agreed that following the planning decisions the Chairman should write to Mr Norris recording our concerns regarding the planning applications and the planning permission process.

#### **10/03972/FUL - The erection of a self contained annexe at Old Manor Barn, Beer Street**

The Parish Council had supported this application but it was refused by SSDC on the grounds that the proposed annexe was too large and was out of keeping with the character of the barn conversion.

#### **10/04200/FUL - The erection of a conservatory and porch to dwelling house and the erection of a double garage at Holmans, Stewley.**

The Parish Council had made no observations regarding this application but it was refused by SSDC on the grounds that the proposed conservatory was of an unsatisfactory standard of design and external appearance which would be likely to have an adverse effect on the street scene.

### **1363 FORTHCOMING ROYAL CELEBRATIONS**

In view of the time of year - late April - and the intended style of the Royal Wedding, the Parish Council had no plans to host a Beercrocombe event. However, it would informally support any event sponsored and hosted by villagers.

Looking to next year's Diamond Jubilee, the Parish Council felt that it would wish to participate in the celebrations, although the final decision would be for the new Parish Council that forms after the May elections.

### **1364 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

- a) Invitation to update briefing at RNAS Yeovilton - Update on operations and Yeovilton - 3:00pm Tuesday 25th January. The Chairman will attend.
- b) March 2011 Census – Request for help. Miss Wright agreed to contact Mrs Angela Cox, SSDC, and seek a notice for inclusion in the Beer and Curry. The Clerk would also inform SSDC of the Parish Council's willingness to support the 2011 Census.
- c) Royal British Legion – Poppy Party Weekend. The Parish Council had received a promotional brochure encouraging a Poppy Party Weekend on the 10, 11, 12 June 2011. The Parish Council thought the Curry Mallet school may be interested in such an event and the Clerk agreed to pass on the brochure to the Head Master.
- d) South Somerset Together – Invitation to attend a meeting to discuss the impact of changes to public services and what can be done to support local communities - 3rd February 2011. Mrs Prideaux and the Chairman would attend this important event.

### **1365 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 19:45 pm

# **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 21st March 2011.

### **1366 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

*Councillors:* Mr. R F Burrough, Mr. C Dale, Mr. A Davies, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. S Prideaux, Mr. A Reed, Ms. J Wright.

*Public:* Cllr. Steele (SSDC), PCSO Ian Ross, one member of the public

*Apologies:* Cllr. D Nelson (SCC)

### **1367 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Mr Burrough declared a personal interest in Planning Application 11/00679/FUL

### **1368 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were approved and signed.

### **1369 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **a) Royal Wedding Celebrations**

The Royal Wedding will be celebrated by a tea party at Muskay, commencing at 4pm. The church bells will be rung for 15 minutes and there will be a Loyal Toast. Commemorative mugs will be given to school age children of the village. Flyers will be distributed to all houses within the village.

### **1370 PARISHIONERS' FORUM**

There were no matters raised.

PCSO Ian Ross reported that there had been no reported crime in Beercrocombe for the month of February.

### **1371 MATTERS OF REPORT**

#### **a) Footpaths**

The stone bridge on Footpath L5/1 is in need of repair. This was noted by SSDC in 2009 and SCC is dealing with the issue. It is the landowner's responsibility to repair the bridge but SCC will assist.

## **b) Highways**

It is hoped that the excess planings will be laid soon to improve the verge. Mr. Burrough will arrange a working party and liase with local residents. Regarding the collapsed verge along Broadmead Road, the Chairman will contact the contractors who caused the damage and request that they carry out the repairs. If no response is forthcoming, he will raise the issue again with Somerset Highways.

## **1372 LOCAL FLOODING SURVEY**

The Parish Council has been asked to inform SCC of any significant flooding events within the Parish so that a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment for Somerset may be produced.

The Environment Agency already has accurate records of river flood events, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would merely confirm that the information already held was accurate and sufficient.

## **1373 SOUTH SOMERSET STRIMMER PROJECT**

This initiative from SCC will allow trained volunteers to cut vegetation on public rights of way by using a petrol driven strimmer. For a cost of £100, SCC will supply and maintain a strimmer, signs, protective equipment, maps of the paths and fuel for the summer.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not be interested in participating in this project.

## **1374 DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE SERVICE - DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN**

The Parish Council has received a consultation document on the Corporate Plan for the Devon & Somerset Fire Service covering 2011-14. It was agreed that no response was required.

## **1375 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

a.	Clerk's salary	£83.34
b.	SALC	£31.85

The Parish Council approved these payments.

## **1376 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **11/000540/FUL - erection of two agricultural buildings for accommodation of livestock and general purpose use at Manor Farm**

The applicant had resubmitted proposals, which the Parish Council supported at a public meeting held on 03/03/11.

**11/0067910/03972/FUL - erection of a new outbuilding to replace existing outbuildings at Holmans Farm, Stewley.**

Mr Burrough declared a personal interest, as he is the applicant of the proposal.

He advised the Parish Council that PV solar panels would be installed on the south face of the building and would not be visible. He confirmed that the construction of the building would be partly reclaimed Blue Lias stone, with the remainder rendered.

Mr Burrough then left the meeting.

The Parish Council considers that the proposal submitted is an improvement on the existing building and supports the application.

Mr Burrough returned to the meeting.

**11/00662//FUL – development of a Photo Voltaic Solar Park at Bushfurlong Farm, Isle Brewers**

The Parish Council has received this application for comment as it falls within an adjacent Parish.

It is proposed to install 992 modules containing 22,000 solar panels on a site of approx 3 acres. A 1.8m tall security fence would surround the site and the lifetime of the site is estimated to be 25 years.

The construction period is 14 weeks, during which time 125 HGV loads of materials would need to be transported to the site.

The Parish Council voiced its concern that usable arable land was being used for the project, and on this basis agreed to object to the proposal.

**11/00690/FUL - use of land as a site for two gypsy traveller pitches, replacement agricultural barn and composting toilet at Crimson Orchard, Curry Mallet.**

The Parish Council has received notification of this proposal, which is in an adjacent Parish. Full details of the application have been requested, and once received a public meeting will be held to discuss the application.

**1377 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

a) PAYE Implementation for Parish Clerks

New guidelines have been issued by HMRC. Parish Councils should register as an employer and operate PAYE on the income the Clerk earns.

**1378 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16th May 2011 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

# **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish held at Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 16th May 2011.

### **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

*Councillors:* Mr. R F Burrough, Mr. A Davies, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. S Prideaux  
Mr. A Reed, Ms. J Wright.

*Public:* Cllr. Steele (SSDC), and three parishioners

*Apologies:* Mr. C Dale, Cllr. D Nelson (SCC)

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were received and approved.

### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

*Mr Burrough gave the following report:-*

“This is my first report as Chairman and I would like to start by thanking you, the Parish Councillors, and our Clerk, Gillian, for your excellent support. Although local elections were held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, Beercrocombe did not need to hold an election for Parish Councillors as there were only 7 nominations, all from the sitting Councillors. I am thankful that you all chose to continue your service for the Parish, as I believe we are an effective and balanced team that has worked conscientiously for the good of the Parish. I take the absence of new nominations as a silent verdict that our parishioners are broadly content with our efforts.

Financially, not requiring an election has saved some £700. Although we will continue to maintain this sum in our reserves it is comforting that we do not need to replenish this commitment. Over the course of the year our balance dropped by some £180 to £1,591, as we exceeded our planned shortfall of £125 by some £55. In the forthcoming year our precept was set at £1,050, a £10 rise on the previous year. Again a shortfall over planned expenditure is forecast, this time some £45.

The Parish Council received 10 Planning Applications for comment, although 4 applications related to one development. I would like to thank Tony Davies for his thoroughness in preparing the planning applications for Council review, which all bar one took place at Beercrocombe bus shelter. I think it is fair to say that we find the District Planning Department a difficult organisation to comprehend and many of its decisions have been contrary to the views of this

Council. In particular, we were extremely disappointed with the handling of the planning applications relating to the development of a new farmyard at Manor Farm. Although we support Mr Hale's wish to relocate his farmyard, the planning application process was flawed. Our concerns have been recorded in a letter, dated today the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 that has been sent to Mr Norris, the South Somerset District Council Development Manager.

During the year the Telephone Kiosk was extensively renovated and refurbished. It now stands proudly with a new coat of red paint and is used as a Book Swap facility. Our thanks go to Julia Wright and her Kiosk Support Team for making the kiosk an attractive and interesting addition to our village.

Regarding our roads and footpaths I thank Graham Harvey for taking over these responsibilities, the two most prominent issues at our regular Parish Council meetings. Although Somerset County Council has reduced the funding on both the roads and the footpaths we continue to enjoy their support. Stock's Lane and Stewley Lane have been recently top-dressed and are now in good condition. Our remaining lanes are in an adequate condition with the major problem being the erosion of the highway edges by over-large vehicles. This problem will only increase. Damage to the verge on Broadmead remains unrepaired, as is the damage to the verge along Beer Street. Both are ongoing issues. On the positive side Graham Harvey obtained 4 large loads of planings, all free, from County Highways, which has been used to resurface the Village Hall Car Park.

As with the rest of the country, the village endured a period of extreme winter weather in December. It raised questions regarding local resilience but in today's centrally controlled and highly regulated society there are no easy solutions.

Our footpaths remain in a satisfactory condition for our rural location. Again our thanks to Graham Harvey for establishing a fruitful relationship with the new County Rights of Way organisation.

Our Village Green continues to be the showcase for the Parish and I would like to record our thanks to the parishioners that maintain it in such good condition.

Our Parish continues to enjoy a low crime rate and the Neighbourhood Watch, overseen by Tony Reed, provides an effective network of self-support within the Parish and an effective relationship with our local constabulary. The only disagreeable issue has been the nuisance caused by some dog owners leaving poo bags on our lanes. We hope action taken by this Council over the course of the year has resolved this issue.

Finally I would like to congratulate our District Councillor, Sue Steele, on her re-election on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, and to thank both Sue and County Councillor Derek Nelson on their generous support and excellent advice given to our Parish and Parish Council."

## **REPORTS FROM PARISH INTEREST GROUPS**

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Mr. Reed reported that he was not aware of any instances of crime in the Parish for the past year. A 'No Calling' zone had been established in Curry Mallet, but Beercrocombe Parish Council had decided such an initiative was not required in the Parish. Details of the 'Scam wise' initiative had been advertised and leaflets were available to householders, but no requests for information have been received.

Mr. Burrough thanked Mr. Reed for his work as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

### **Roads and Footpaths**

Surface dressing has taken place in Stocks Lane to a good standard.

The vegetation cutting programme carried out by SCC has been restricted this year due to cutbacks.

The stone bridge on Footpath L5/1 remains damaged.

### **Parish Plan Update**

The Beer & Curry Takeaway continues and there are sufficient funds available to support this for the next twelve months.

### **Village Hall Report**

The refurbishment programme of the Hall has continued. Volunteers have redecorated the hall: the emergency doors have been replaced and upgraded with toughened glass. The committee is seeking to improve the storage facilities at a cost of £21,000, of which £13,500 has already been raised. The village fete made a profit of £800, and following the Parish Council's lead insurance costs were reduced by £300.

It is hoped to refurbish the kitchen shortly.

Mr. Burrough thanked Mr. Harvey and all the members of the Village Hall Committee, expressing his admiration and appreciation of their achievements.

### **Village Trust**

Mrs. Prideaux outlined the work of the Village Trust.

Grants amounting to £4,025 had been paid in 2010. This included grants made to Beercrocombe PCC for the car park improvements, and a contribution to the salary of the Youth Worker employed by the Benefice.

Funds have also been given to the Social Committee for the purchase of new tables, which will be available for parishioners to borrow, and the purchase of mugs to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

The value of the Trust is currently £36,024.

### **Tree Warden**

Mrs. Davies reported that she intends to stand down as Tree Warden at next year's Annual Meeting and would be interested in learning of anyone wishing to replace her. As Tree Warden she receives regular updates and information, and visits and talks are often arranged.

Mrs. Davies advised that as a result of the harsh winter and dry spring, any trees planted last autumn will require lot of watering to ensure their survival.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

## BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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#### ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

*Councillors:* Mr. R F Burrough, Mr. A Davies, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. S Prideaux  
Mr. A Reed, Ms. J Wright.

*Public:* Cllr. Steele (SSDC), and three parishioners

*Apologies:* Mr. C Dale, Cllr. D Nelson (SCC)

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Burrough was elected Chairman. His nomination was proposed by Mr. Davies, and seconded by Mrs. Prideaux. There were no other nominations and Mr. Burrough was elected unanimously.

Mr. Davies thanked Mr. Burrough for his excellent work as Chairman for the past year.

#### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Harvey was elected Vice Chairman. His nomination was proposed by Mr. Burrough and seconded by Mr. Reed. There were no other nominations and Mr. Harvey was elected unanimously.

#### ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following responsibilities were allocated: -

***Neighbourhood Watch:*** Mr. A. Reed  
***Roads/Footpaths:*** Mr. G Harvey  
***Planning:*** Mr. A Davies  
***J.A.C:*** Ms. J Wright  
***Village Hall Representative:*** Mr. C Dale

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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#### **1379 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

*Councillors:* Mr. R F Burrough, Mr. A Davies, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. S Prideaux  
Mr. A Reed, Ms. J Wright.

*Public:* Cllr. Steele (SSDC), and three parishioners

*Apologies:* Mr. C Dale, Cllr. D Nelson (SCC)

#### **1380 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests

#### **1381 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 were approved and signed.

#### **1382 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### a) Royal Wedding Celebrations

The Royal Wedding was celebrated by a tea party at Muskay. This was a very successful village community event with approximately 60 parishioners attending. The Parish Council thanks the Beercrocombe Social Committee for organising and running the event. At our next Parish Council meeting, Monday 18th July, we will be discussing the village celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 2nd/3rd June 2012. We would warmly welcome members of the Beercrocombe Social Committee and of the parish to this meeting so that the Parish Council may gain from the experience and enthusiasm generated by the Royal Wedding celebrations.

#### **1383 PARISHIONERS' FORUM**

A parishioner present informed the Parish Council of his concerns regarding the Highway drainage opposite Halfway House. Over time, heavy vehicles have eroded the grass bank and damaged the drainage pipe. As a result water is running straight off the fields down to Halfway House, causing a risk of flooding. The Highways department will be carrying out remedial work to improve the drainage and a new ditch is to be cut. This may result in more water collecting in the ditch, which may have an implication for the use of the footpath that straddles the ditch. It is hoped that the work will be completed

during the summer, and the Chairman advised the parishioner that if no progress had been made by September, the Parish Council would pursue the matter on his behalf.

The Parish Council was informed that there is to be a new Parish archive installed in the vestry of the church. The Chairman will investigate whether there are any items of historical importance held with the Parish records which should be placed in the archive.

### **1384 MATTERS OF REPORT**

#### **a) Footpaths**

The footpath from the church to the canal is currently difficult to walk as the crop has been planted right up to the fence.

#### **b) Highway matters**

The Chairman has continued to try to resolve the issue of the collapsed verge along Broadmead Road. The contractors have been contacted but they have denied all knowledge of the incident. Cllr. Steele suggested that the Parish Council contact Highways yet again, and she will arrange a meeting between Mr. McWilliams and representatives of the Parish Council.

A parishioner has advised the Parish Council that a rail situated on the edge of the road near Mushroom Farm is damaged. The rail, which is set in two concrete posts, is leaning and either needs to be repaired or removed. It was agreed to bring this matter to the attention of Mr. McWilliams.

### **1385 TO AGREE ANNUAL RETURN AND RECEIVE RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT.**

The Clerk presented the year-end figures to the Parish Council. Total income for the year was £1,042, with expenditure of £1,222. However, the expenditure figure includes the redecorating costs of the telephone kiosk, which was covered by funds earmarked in a previous year. After allowing for this cost of £181, the income was fully matched by expenditure. The Council's reserves amount to £1,591.

The internal auditor has carried out his review and made a number of observations. Recoverable VAT should be separately identified in the Cashbook and all payments made by the Council should be supported by invoices.

The Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Parish Council. The Clerk presented the risk assessment that had recently been completed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council was taking all necessary measures to minimise its risks.

### **1386 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

a. Clerk's salary	£88.84
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b. Community First (Insurance)	£205.80
c. A F Chapman (Audit Fee)	£20.00

The Parish Council approved these payments.

### **1387 PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **11/000540/FUL - erection of two agricultural buildings for accommodation of livestock and general purpose use at Manor Farm**

Approved by SSDC

#### **11/0067910/03972/FUL - erection of a new outbuilding to replace existing outbuildings at Holmans Farm, Stewley.**

Approved by SSDC.

#### **11/00662//FUL – development of a Photo-Voltaic Solar Park at Bushfurlong Farm, Isle Brewers**

This is due to go before the planning committee in June for a decision..

#### **11/00690/FUL - use of land as a site for two gypsy traveller pitches, replacement agricultural barn and composting toilet at Crimson Orchard, Curry Mallet.**

This application has been amended and the request for two traveller pitches and toilet withdrawn. The Parish Council had no comment to make on the application for the replacement barn.

### **1388 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

#### **b) Request from Alzheimer's Society to give talk at future meeting**

The Clerk has received a request from the Countywide Dementia Awareness Raising Worker to attend a future Parish Council meeting and outline the services available to persons with dementia in the area. It was agreed to invite the representative to the July meeting.

#### **c) Further Electoral Review of Somerset**

Somerset is to be the subject of a further electoral review by the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC). The review will take a year to complete and it is likely that a meeting will be held for Parish Council representatives shortly.

#### **d) SALC Meeting**

The next SALC meeting will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Mudford Village Hall.

### **1389 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

## **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

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#### **1390 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

*Councillors:* Mr. R F Burrough, Mr. C Dale, Mr. A Davies, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. S Prideaux, Mr. A Reed, Ms. J Wright.

*Public:* Cllr. Steele (SSDC), and two parishioners

*Apologies:* Cllr. D Nelson (SCC)

#### **1391 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Mr G Harvey declared a personal interest in Minute 1402 as he is the applicant of Planning Application 11/02063/FUL

#### **1392 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were approved and signed.

#### **1393 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### **1394 PRESENTATION BY STEVE HAIGH, ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY**

Steve Haigh of the Alzheimer's Society gave an informative presentation on the services available to people suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's. There is a need for sufferers to be diagnosed earlier so that they may receive the appropriate support and treatment at an early stage. Anyone suffering from memory loss is encouraged to see their GP who will carry out a 30 question test and make a referral to a memory clinic if necessary.

Somerset is a pilot scheme for the Dementia Advisor Service; a service funded by the NHS, which involves making home visits to people with dementia and their carers on a confidential, no cost basis.

There are several activities available locally to support dementia sufferers and the Parish Council were asked to consider supporting these activities through the Parish Plan.

#### **1395 SALE OF FIELD WITHIN PARISH**

Several parishioners have received notification from Smiths Gore (land agents) that a seven acre piece of agricultural land may be available for

purchase, and have been asked to register their interest in some or all of the plot. There is general unease within the Parish that should the land be advertised widely or be put to auction, that the field may be sold to parties who are prepared to undertake unlawful development.

The Parish Council has been asked to write to Smiths Gore expressing the unease felt within the village. The Parish Council agreed that in the first instance it would seek a meeting with Smiths Gore to try and ascertain the owners' intentions with regard to the sale of the field. Mr Burrough and Mr Davies agreed to represent the Parish Council in this matter.

**Note of Action: On 26<sup>th</sup> July, Mr Burrough and Mr Davies paid an office call on Smiths Gore to discuss the Parish Council's concern that the land could be bought by persons who are prepared to undertake unlawful development. Although unable to provide details of the discussion, Mr Burrough and Mr Davies were reassured by Smiths Gore's professional attitude to the sale and by their response to our concern.**

### **1396 PARISHIONERS' FORUM**

Comments made by parishioners were received under Minute 1395. There were no other matters raised.

### **1397 MATTERS OF REPORT**

#### **a) Footpaths**

Mr Harvey reported on several issues that require attention.

Mrs Prideaux reported on the stone bridge that is in need of repair. SCC has made contact with the owner with regard to its repair and the Parish Council has been asked to consider making a small contribution towards its maintenance, or forming a working party to help clear the vegetation. As very few members of the Parish Council were familiar with the bridge in question, it was agreed to discuss the matter at the September meeting, to allow members to familiarise themselves with the site.

#### **b) Highway matters**

There has been no progress made with outstanding highway issues, as despite Cllr. Steele's efforts, no contact has yet been made by the Highways Authority. A meeting is still awaited with Mr McWilliams.

### **1398 INITIAL PLANNING FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

The Parish Council wish to consider how the Parish want to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. It was agreed to include an article in the next issue of the Beer & Curry Takeaway to canvas views of the parishioners. The matter will be further discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **1399 LOCAL BROADBAND PERFORMANCE**

The Parish Council has received complaints concerning the current performance of broadband in the village, as it is perceived that there has been deterioration in broadband speeds.

Somerset County Council has recently been successful in obtaining funding to introduce super fast broadband to the county, and it is hoped that by 2015 85% of users will have improved access.

Improvements to the Hatch Beauchamp exchange will start in 2014/15.

It was agreed that there is no further action that the Parish Council can take at present.

#### **1400 COMPLETION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The Clerk confirmed that the external audit has been completed. The auditors had no comments to make and the conclusion of the audit has been advertised in accordance with the Audit Regulations.

#### **1401 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

a. Clerk's salary	£85.84
b. Moore Stephens (Audit Fee)	£60.00

The Parish Council approved these payments.

#### **1402 PLANNING MATTERS**

Since the previous Parish Council Meeting, the following planning applications have been received. The comments of the Parish Council have been submitted to SSDC and are available on their website.

**11/01932/FUL** Use of land for stable at Land OS 1549

**11/02063/FUL** Erection of two-storey extension at Old Manor Barn

#### **1403 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

##### **Dog Control Order Notices**

Two dog control order notices have been introduced by SSDC with effect from 1/07/2011. These relate to dogs on leads and the fouling of land by dogs. These orders are displayed on the Parish Notice board.

##### **Emergency Evacuation Procedures**

The Parish Council has received correspondence from Somerset County Council relating to contingency plans being drawn up to cover any emergency situation, which may arise.

#### **1404 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

# **BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### **1405 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

*Councillors:* Mr. R F Burrough, Mr. A Davies, Mr. G Harvey

*Public:* Cllr. Steele (SSDC), Cllr.Nelson (SCC)

*Apologies:* Mr. C Dale, Mrs. S. Prideaux, Mr. A. Reed, Ms. J. Wright

### **1406 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1407 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved and signed.

### **1408 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **1409 PARISHIONERS' FORUM**

There were no parishioners present.

### **1410 MATTERS OF REPORT**

#### **a) Footpaths**

The matter relating to the stone bridge near Radigan was adjourned until the November meeting.

#### **b) Highway matters**

A useful meeting with Mr McWilliams of the Highways Authority has taken place. He has noted the Parish's concerns and will be providing a report on the actions to be taken in due course.

The drainage work opposite Halfway House has been completed. The Parish Council wished it to be noted that the work was of excellent quality and the whole scheme had been well thought through.

### **1410 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

a. Clerk's salary	£85.84
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The Parish Council approved this payment.

#### **1411 PLANNING MATTERS.**

**11/02063/FUL** Erection of two-storey extension at Old Manor Barn.  
This application has been approved by South Somerset District Council.

#### **1412 TO CONSIDER CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP OF SLCC**

The Clerk requested that the Parish Council contribute towards the cost of her membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks. The Clerk outlined the benefits of membership, which includes a telephone advisory service answering queries on legal and financial issues which may affect the Council. It was agreed that Beercrocombe Parish Council would contribute £20 towards the annual subscription of £60.

#### **1413 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

##### **Annual Meeting with Area North Town and Parish Councils**

The annual meeting with Area North Town and Parish Councils will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Long Sutton Golf Club. Mr Burrough and Mr Harvey agreed to represent Beercrocombe Parish Council.

##### **Electoral Review of Somerset**

The Local Government Boundary Commission has carried out an electoral review of Somerset County Council and it is proposed that the County Council should have 55 councillors, three fewer than at present. The consultation period runs until 14<sup>th</sup> November and further details are available on [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

Cllr. Nelson also advised the meeting that there are likely to be changes to the parliamentary constituency in due course, with the existing Somerton and Frome constituency joining together with Glastonbury and Wincanton.

#### **1414 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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### ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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#### 1415 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

*Councillors:* Mr. R F Burrough, Mr. C Dale, Mr. A Davies, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. S Prideaux, Mr. A Reed, Ms. J Wright.

*Public:* Cllr. Steele (SSDC), Cllr. Nelson (SCC), and one parishioner

*Apologies:* None

#### 1416 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 1417 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were approved and signed.

#### 1418 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr Burrough gave a report on the Area Annual Meeting that he had attended with Mr Harvey.

There were three presentations of particular interest: -

**Planning** – The new framework is still being developed at central government level and more detail will be available in due course.

**Superfast Broadband** – this project should be completed by 2015 and 85% of users will benefit by increased speeds.

**Affordable Housing**

#### 1419 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

A parishioner has expressed concern that building works in progress in the Parish appears to be larger than the plans for which planning permission has been granted. The parishioner has been advised to contact South Somerset Planning Department.

#### 1420 MATTERS OF REPORT

##### a) Footpaths

Mr Harvey reported that he had cut the footpath near Mushroom Farm. He is not aware of any other problems.

## **b) Highway matters**

Mr McWilliams' report has now been received advising the works that will be undertaken.

- The post and rail barriers on Beer Street will be repaired, rather than removed.
- Any carriageway defects, such as potholes, will not be repaired unless previously noted by Highways on their routine visit.
- The longitudinal fissures on Stocks Lane will be repaired at the contractor's cost.
- The blocked ditch on Broadbridge Lane is the responsibility of the landowner, and Highways will not clear this.
- The plantings near Manor Farm will now be left until that area is redeveloped.

The Parish Council is disappointed with this response and Cllr. Nelson (SCC) will make further representations on the Council's behalf.

### **1421 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

a. Clerk's salary	£85.84
b. Contribution to SLCC	£20.00

The Parish Council approved these payments.

### **1422 PLANNING MATTERS.**

Approval has been given from South Somerset District Council for the following applications: -

- a) 11/03092/FUL Demolition of existing kitchen and erection of new 2 storey extension and detached garage at Little Portion, Broadbridge Road
- b) 11/01932/FUL Use of land for the erection of a stable block at Land OS 1549 at Broadmead Road.

It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted shortly for the erection of two residential dwellings at Manor Farm, Beercrocombe.

### **1423 FOOTBRIDGE NEAR RADIGAN LANE**

Mrs Prideaux had brought this matter to the attention of the Parish Council in a previous meeting as this stone footbridge on Footpath L5/1 is falling into disrepair. The bridge is currently used for farm vehicles. Somerset County Council has surveyed the bridge and considers that provided it is no longer used for vehicles, it is sufficiently robust for pedestrian use. Indeed, any repairs carried out may disturb the stability of the bridge.

Mrs Prideaux raised concerns as to the suitability of the stile on the same footpath and it was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Parish Council meeting.

## **1424 AIRCRAFT NOISE ARISING FROM MERRYFIELD AIRFIELD**

A situation arose in late summer, when the deployment of two Chinook helicopters in the area was considered by some parishioners to be causing a disturbance.

**The Parish Council advises any parishioner who feels that noise is a nuisance to contact the Officer in Charge at Merryfield Airport on 01460 52018, and report the noise, asking that it be logged as a nuisance.**

The Parish Council has been advised that Cdr. Seymour RN, the Community Relations Officer at Yeovilton will be retiring in December and as yet no successor has been appointed. In addition the Community Relations/Flying Issues section of the Yeovilton website has been discontinued and the weekly air operations listing is no longer being received.

The Parish Council agreed to write to Air Ops at Yeovilton expressing it's disappointment at these changes.

## **1425 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

The article in the Beer & Curry Takeaway resulted in three volunteers coming forward. Mrs Prideaux has volunteered to be the lead contact and will arrange a meeting for anyone willing to help in due course.

It has been suggested that a village lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June would be appropriate and would be similar to that arranged for the Golden Jubilee.

A series of beacons/bonfires are to be lit across the UK on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, and it was suggested that if a suitable site were to be found then this might also be an option. Mr Harvey agreed to research this more fully.

## **1426 TO AGREE PRECEPT FOR 2012/13**

The Parish Council has received an informal request from the PCC requesting an increase in its contribution towards the cost of maintaining Muskey. This piece of land is rented from the Wyndham Estate on a peppercorn rent, and traditionally the responsibility for the upkeep has been shared between the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council.

The Parish Council resolved that in order to consider this request further information was required. The PCC has been asked to provide details of the grass cutting costs for the previous two years and a forecast of the costs involved for the coming year.

The Parish Council has also received a request to contribute towards the cost of producing the Beer & Curry Takeaway. The cost of production is approximately £40 per issue, with four issues per year. It was agreed to consider a contribution of £50 for 2012/13, subject to Curry Mallet Parish Council also supporting the publication in the same way.

The Parish Council agreed to defer the agreement of the precept until the January meeting of the Council, by which time the information from the PCC would be available.

#### **1427 TO CONSIDER A VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

The last Village Design Statement was drafted in 2004 as part of the Parish Plan preparations. The Chairman has suggested that it may now be appropriate to review the plan in light of proposed new planning proposals, and consult with parishioners as to how they see the parish in 10/15 years time.

The Parish Council agreed to consider the matter further in January.

#### **1428 CORRESPONDANCE FOR INFORMATION**

##### **Somerset Electoral Review**

The proposals for the new South Somerset District divisions have been published, and it has been proposed that the existing electoral division of Curry Rivel (which includes Beercrocombe) will be combined with Langport to create a new division named Curry Rivel and Langport. Some parishes currently within the Curry Rivel division will be moved to other divisions. A further consultation period will run from 21<sup>st</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.

##### **Somerset Countywide Parking Strategy**

The consultation period for the above strategy runs until the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and details are available on the website [www.somerset.gov.uk/transportstrategy](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/transportstrategy)

A reference copy is also available in County Hall reception.

#### **1429 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.47 pm