

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 21st January 2019

1943 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. B Burrough, Mr. G Harvey, and Mr. M Rastrick,

Public: Cllr C Paul (SCC)

Apologies: Mr. P Dibble, Mr. B Longstaff, Mr. A Plumbly, Ms. J Wright, Cllr. C Paul (SCC)

1944 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1945 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2018 were approved and signed.

1946 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

1947 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

1948 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

There were no new issues to report

b) Highway matters

Further to the visit by Derek Davies, the Assistant Highway Service Manager, all the major roads leading into Beercrocombe, will be put forward for surface redressing. In the meantime, extensive patching work will be carried out in Stocks Lane.

Highways will also adjust the opening of the culvert near to the Telephone kiosk to reduce the possibility of vehicle damage.

Elmbridge – TDBC Highways has confirmed that the situation is still being monitored but that there are no current plans to carry out works. The proposed crack sealing method previously mentioned has been ruled out by the service contractor.

c) Planning

A meeting took place at the Bus Shelter on Monday 14th January to discuss **Planning Application 18/03322/FUL – The addition of a window to end elevation and the change of use of existing stables to house dogs (Retrospective) at Homelea, Beercrocombe**

Cllrs Harvey, Burrough, Longstaff, Plumbly and Dibble were present together with five members of the public and the applicant.

The report of the meeting is as follows:

Bob Burrough the planning member for the Parish Council addressed the meeting on the history of the application and the applicant was given the opportunity to expand on any points raised by Mr Burrough.

Members of the public present were then given an opportunity to make their points in regard to the application whether in favour or against the application.

After due consideration the Beercrocombe Parish Council opposed the application for the following reasons:

The application seeks retrospective approval of the conversion of a stable built in 2017 under planning application 17/00145/FUL to a kennel for up to 5 rescue dogs. The Parish Council is concerned that the property is being used as a dog rescue centre and the stable conversion is part of a wider development for which the applicant does not have specific planning permission.

The site, Homelea, is a semi-detached residential property with a small extension on the northern boundary onto which the applicant sought and gained planning approval for the construction of a horse stable. The Parish Council had no concerns regarding that development as horses and stables were a common feature in the local landscape and the environmental issues were understood and considered minimal. This cannot be said of a dog rescue centre as it has environmental issues that do not fit at all well within a close group of residential houses.

During 2018 the Parish Council received complaints against Mr Radford regarding noise of barking dogs and dogs defecating on private property. The Parish Council also notes the findings of the Planning Inspectorate Appeal Ref: PP/X1545/C/15/3130168, 3130171 in which the Inspector concluded the character of a dog rescue centre was materially different from the character of a previous equestrian use. The Inspector also concluded that the dog rescue centre was not a use that was incidental or ancillary to the use of the property as a residence. The Parish Council judges the same conclusions apply to Homelea and hence opposes the application. The decision to oppose the development of a dog rescue centre at Homelea is consistent with the Parish Council's established policy to oppose all livestock building development close to residential houses within the village.

Furthermore, until the applicant acquires planning approval for a dog rescue centre the Parish Council asks the applicant to stop kennelling rescue dogs on the property.

1949 DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE

The Council has received reports of dog fouling on the verges in the village.

It was agreed that a notice would be placed in the bus shelter asking owners to be responsible and remove any fouling. A dog bin has been provided for this use.

1950 TO REPORT HMS MERRYFIELD FLYING INCIDENT IN PARISH

The Council has been advised of a recent incident involving a helicopter from HMS Merryfield when an underslung load became detached and fell onto land in Frog Street. A complaint was made, following which a full investigation was carried out by the Commanding Officer of RNAS Yeovilton. The investigation revealed an unusual set of circumstances and additional measures have been put in place to prevent any recurrence in the future.

1951 TO AGREE BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019/20

A budget had been prepared showing anticipated expenditure to be £1385. A sum of £80 had been included to cover any costs in restoring the Parish Fingerposts. No further new items of expenditure are anticipated. The Council therefore agreed to adopt the budget and levy a precept of £1385 to meet the expenditure. This equates to £21 p.a per Band D property.

1952 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE PARISH SHOULD RENOVATE ITS FINGERPOSTS

As the County Council no longer has the resources to maintain the historic fingerposts, the Council considered whether it should assume this responsibility. There are 3 posts in the Parish which appear to be in good condition but require decorating. The District Council run a 'Ranger' scheme which may be able to assist and the Clerk will investigate this possibility. As an alternative it is hoped that the work could be carried out by volunteers with materials financed by the Council.

1953 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

a. Clerk's salary	£140.00
b. Beercrocombe PCC	£150.00
c. CMBCVH	£ 120.00

1954 TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL'S COMPLIANCE WITH GDPR

Further to the previous meeting, Mr Burrough has carried out further investigations into the Council's responsibilities with regard to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and reports as follows:

The GDPR is a EU Regulation that has been turned into UK law through the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). It replaces the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA 1998), which obviously has existed for the past 20 years and under which the Parish Council was required to manage the collection, retention and disposal of personal data. This we

did in our normal pragmatic, but responsible, manner. I don't recall one complaint regarding our data management over the past 20 years.

The DPA 1998 set out eight data protection principles and these are largely carried over to the DPA 2018. However, the latter also provides a new accountability principle and it is this that has given rise to the demanding technical and organisational measures to ensure compliance with the data protection principles.

Both Acts include the rather impersonal term data "controller", which defines who is responsible for compliance. Under the DPA 1998 data "controller" means a person or persons who determines the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are, or are to be, processed. Under DPA 2018 data "controller" means the person, public authority, agency or other body which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data.

The specific inclusion of public authority as a "controller" within the GDPR and DPA 2018 also brought an intense focus on proving compliance within these organisations. However, at the 11th hour Government decided that for the DPA 2018 a public authority specifically excludes parish councils on the grounds that these bodies are very small in terms of personnel, budget and the volume of personal data processed such that the additional safeguards that public authorities normally have to apply would be disproportionate. This removes the onerous requirement to have a Parish Council data protection policy and to prove compliance with it. So, for the normal business of the Parish Council (which under DPA 2018 falls within the category of manual unstructured data) we should continue to manage data protection as we have in the past.

For the parish website it is a bit more complicated. Fortunately, the website is very simple, no cookies and no analytics so it is solely names, telephone numbers and email addresses within the text. Displaying council officials' details is permitted so it is only the data within the 'Clubs and Societies', 'Local Information' and 'Archive' pages that need to be DPA managed. I am confident that within these web pages the information has been provided knowingly and willingly. Therefore, I will continue running the website as I have in the past.

Following this report, the Council agreed to adopt the Privacy Notice as attached and this will be published on the website.

1955 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

New Police Beat Manager

Terri Lines, introduced herself as the new Beat Manager for the area.

The area Police Team is hoping to attend more Parish Council meetings in the future in response to requests from other PCS.

Request for contribution to Somerset Wood

The Parish Council has been asked to contribute towards the 'Somerset Wood' a site that is being established to commemorate the fallen of World War 1. In excess of 11000 trees will be planted which equates to the number of casualties from Somerset.

The costs of the initial planting of the trees has been covered by sponsorship and individual parishes are being asked to consider maintaining a number of trees in

proportion to the number of fallen from the Parish. A sum of £25 per tree has been suggested.

It was agreed that this request would be further discussed at a later meeting when more Councillors were present to give their views.

Delay in announcement of A358 Preferred Route

Highways England has delayed the announcement of the preferred route for the A358 improvements until the Spring. The delay is to enable further technical assessments to be carried out following the additional consultation held last year.

SCC Parish Paths consultation

The Council has been asked to review its footpaths with regard to the path categories and vegetation clearance schedule. No footpaths in the Parish are currently cleared by SCC although a parishioner does maintain the footpath close to Mushroom Farm.

1956 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday **18th March 2019** at 7.30pm.
Items to be discussed will include a possible social event to be held in the summer.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Beercrocombe Parish Council

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Adopted by Beercrocombe Parish Council January 2019

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Bus Shelter in Beercrocombe at 4pm on Monday 14th January 2019, to discuss Planning Application 18/03322/FUL only.

Present:

Graham Harvey (Chairperson) Bob Burrough, Brian Longstaff, Andrew Plumbly and Philip Dibble members of the Parish Council.

Mr Radford applicant in connection with Planning application 18/03322/FUL.

Five members of the public.

Apologies were received from Julia Wright and Mike Rastrick members of the Council.

Bob Burrough the planning member for the Parish Council addressed the meeting on the history of the application and the applicant was given the opportunity to expand on any points raised by Mr Burrough.

Members of the public present were then given an opportunity to make their points in regard to the application whether in favour or against the application.

After due consideration the Beercrocombe Parish Council opposes the application for the following reasons:

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Furthermore, until the applicant acquires planning approval for a dog rescue centre the Parish Council asks the applicant to stop kennelling rescue dogs on the property.

The meeting concluded at 4.45pm

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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1957 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. B Burrough, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. B Longstaff, Mr. A. Plumbly, Ms. J. Wright and Mr. M Rastrick,

Public: Cllr C Paul (SCC) Cllr S Steele (SSDC) one parishioner

Apologies: Mr. P Dibble,

1958 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1959 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2019 were approved and signed.

1960 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Request for contribution towards Somerset Wood (1955)

Further to the previous meeting, it has been established that there were 6 casualties of the First World War from Beercrocombe. The suggested contribution towards the Somerset Wood would be £150. After discussion, the Parish Council agreed that it was not in favour of contributing towards the project.

However, it was suggested and agreed that the Parish Council would in future pay for the cost of the wreath at the Benefice Remembrance Service.

1961 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

Malcolm Cavill, a parishioner, introduced himself as the Conservative candidate for the forthcoming District Council elections.

1962 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

There were no new issues to report.

b) Highway matters

There was a blocked drain outside Mushroom Farm which has now been cleared.

The potholes in Stocks Lane have been repaired although Broadbridge and Radigan Lane still require attention.

Mr Longstaff pointed out that Church Lane forms part of the Parish highways and needs repair.

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of obtaining scalplings to fill in the road edges which are becoming rutted although the Parish Council would need to arrange for these to be spread.

c) Planning

Planning Application 18/03322/FUL – The addition of a window to end elevation and the change of use of existing stables to house dogs (Retrospective) at Homelea, Beercrocombe

Although the Parish Council opposed the application, SSDC Area North approved the change of use at their committee meeting on 27 February. The Committee emphasised that the granting of this planning permission did not in any way indemnify the applicant against statutory nuisance action.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council agreed that although this warning was specific to this application all parishioners who have dogs should be aware that repetitive barking dogs and fouling of public areas can be a considerable annoyance to other parishioners.

Hopefully, neighbourly discussions with a considerate approach by both parties will remove that annoyance, but all parishioners have the right to report their complaint to the SSDC Environmental Health section on 01935 462462, who have a statutory responsibility to formally investigate the alleged nuisance.

Mr Burrough advised the Parish Council that planning permission had been granted to convert 3 outbuildings into residential units at Stewley Orchard.

1963 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

Following the success of last year's event, it was agreed to hold an event again this year to coincide with the visit of the Morris Dancers on Tuesday 11th June.

Mr Plumbly agreed to be part of the organising committee and Mr Cavill offered the use of his barbeque.

1964 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS- TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURE

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council elections would take place on May 2nd and that nominations were now open.

The closing date for receipt of nominations was Wednesday 3rd April.

1965 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

a. Clerk's salary	£ 93.33
b. Curry Mallet PC	£180.00

The payment to Curry Mallet PC was in respect of the printing costs of the Beer & Curry Takeaway and was calculated as 2/7ths of the total cost.

1966 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

M5 Junction 25 improvements and Nexus 25 scheme

Mr Harvey advised the Council that he had attended a presentation on the improvements to the roundabout at Junction 25, which are due to start in March. The roundabout will be enlarged, thereby alleviating the queuing on the motorway. A new access road to the proposed Nexus 25 site will be constructed and this will be used by all traffic heading towards Taunton and the motorway roundabout. The A358 leading towards Ilminster will be one way from the roundabout to the Park & Ride and an extra lane will be created.

The purpose of the improvements is to reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic on the roundabout.

The work will take approx. 2 years to complete and the majority of the work will be carried out at night although there will be some disruption to traffic during the day.

A358 Forum

Mr Burrough advised the meeting that a meeting had taken place between Highways England and other Parish Councils and expressed disappointment that Beercrocombe PC had not been invited to attend.

Apparently, no new information was forthcoming although it is promised that the preferred route will be announced by June 21st.

The Clerk will contact Highways England asking to be invited to any further meetings.

Musgrove MRI Scanner appeal

The Clerk has been advised that the MRI million campaign has reached its target and the new scanner will be installed in the summer.

Retirement of Sue Steele, SSDC Councillor

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sue Steele for all her help and support during the years that she had been a District Councillor and wished her a happy retirement.

1967 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday **20th May 2019** at 7.30pm.
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held prior to the Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish held at Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 20th May 2019

ATTENDANCE

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Clerk to the Parish Council, SSDC District Councillor, SCC County Councillor and 4 parishioners

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2018 were received and approved.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. Harvey gave the following report:

The whole Beercrocombe Parish Council came up for re-election on the 2nd May 2019 and I am delighted to say all existing councillors sought re-election and no other persons sought election and therefore no formal election was required and the seven existing councillors were re-elected unopposed. I look forward to working with them for the next four years. If I should be re-elected to the Chair of the Council this year it will be my last year and at the end of the four year period I will not be seeking re-election. I would like to congratulate Malcolm Cavill on being elected District Councillor for our area in replacement for Sue Steele who did not seek re-election. Sue Steele had been an excellent councillor over a number of years and was very helpful to Beercrocombe Parish Council.

The main event in the Parish over the last 12 months was the purchase of THE VILLAGE GREEN for £1 from South Somerset District Council. The Chairman formally received the documents from Councillor Sue Steele on behalf of the District Council. There was a very pleasant social evening with a display of Morris Dancing on the village green and the weather was excellent that evening. A large number of villagers attended the event and there will be another similar social event in June this year when the Morris Dancers will again visit Beercrocombe.

I understand that the terms for the new lease at the Village Hall have now been agreed with Duchy of Cornwall but I do not know the full details of the lease.

I will outline the Roads and Footpaths in my annual report on those items. No final decisions have been made in regard to the proposed route of the Express way on the A358 by Highways England. Work has started on the M5 junction 25 improvements and the Nexus scheme. These improvements will no doubt cause some inconvenience to users of the junction over the next 2 years.

There was one notable Planning Application in regard to the construction of a Dog Kennel and the Parish Council formally opposed this application. However, at a meeting of the Planning Committee of South Somerset District Council the application was granted with conditions.

Our financial situation remains very healthy with only a slight increase in the precept from £1335 to £1385 per annum.

I would like to express my thanks to my fellow Councillors for their support during the past 12 months and once again my sincere thanks to Gillian our Clerk on her excellent minutes and her professional advice to us on all matters brought to the attention of the Council.

REPORTS FROM PARISH INTEREST GROUPS

Neighbourhood Watch

Mr. Rastrick reported that there are 17 residents officially in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

The only incidents this year were suspicious cars in the vicinity. Two cars were seen spending a long time in the Church car park and a registration number was reported to the authorities. There has also been cases of fly tipping in the Churchyard and two cars seen leaving the area at great speed.

A van was parked in the entrance to the Orchard in Stocks Lane for a lengthy period and on investigation the make of the vehicle did not agree with the registration details. This was reported to the Police.

The new Neighbourhood Watch signs are now in place.

Roads and Footpaths

Mr. Harvey delivered his report on roads and footpaths as follows:

Roads.

There are considerable difficulties in keeping roads within the village in good order. The main issues concern the deep pot-holes on the sides of the road that have appeared over the years. These narrow lanes are used by ever bigger vehicles which cause most of the damage. The County Council have a policy of not repairing any holes that are less than 40mm deep. Recently parts of Broadbridge Lane have been repaired but in the same area other holes were left because they were not 40mm deep which I personally think is stupid and very short sighted. Repairs have been carried out in Stewley Lane. I have spoken to James and John Down and they have carried out some repairs to the sides of the road close to farm entrances in the parish. They are willing to assist filling in any other holes which may be identified by the Council which the County Council will not repair. I would like to thank them for moving the entrance to a field in Broadmead Lane and installing a double gate. The hedge was moved from the new entrance to the old entrance and hopefully will be growing again within next 2 years. This change will prevent any further blockages of the ditch on the other side of the lane by the old entrance.

Footpaths.

Most footpaths within the Parish appear to be in reasonable order. The Mushroom Farm Footpath L/13 which is the most used footpath within the village and is kept in very good

order by a villager on my behalf as I cut it myself when I had a dog. However there has been a complaint about the cutting of the grass and I will discuss this further later in the evening. As you are aware the County Council do not cut this footpath any longer and the whole length has been cut on a regular basis over the last 10 years by villagers.

Beer & Curry Takeaway

The newsletter continues to be well received by parishioners.

There have been no requests for paper copies of the welcome pack, with new residents obtaining the information via the website.

Village Hall Report

Paul Jervis, a Beercrocombe resident, is the Chairman of the Village Hall. The renewal of the lease has been signed by all parties and will be sent to the Duchy in due course.

The Village Hall finances remain healthy with income from lettings exceeding expenditure.

Village Trust

Mr. Harvey reported:

The Trust remains in a very healthy state with satisfactory interest payments being received on the trust investments during the past somewhat difficult financial year. Two Student grants of £200 were made to young people living in Beercrocombe under the criteria approved by the trust. A grant of £100 was made to the Parish Council in connection with the village green celebrations in 2018 and Beercrocombe PCC £75.00 for the upkeep of Muskey. No other applications were received.

QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no matters raised.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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1968 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. P Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A Plumbly, Mr. M. Rastrick, Ms. J Wright

Public: Cllr M Cavill (SSDC), Cllr C Paul (SCC)

Mr. Cavill was congratulated on his election as District Councillor and welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies: Mr. R. Burrough, Mr. B Longstaff

1969 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Harvey was nominated as Chairman. There were no other nominations and Mr. Harvey was elected unanimously. Mr Harvey indicated that this would be his last year as Chairman.

1970 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Ms Wright was nominated as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations and Ms Wright was elected unanimously.

1971 ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Roles and Responsibilities were agreed and allocated as follows: -

Neighbourhood Watch – Mr. M. Rastrick

Village Hall Representative – Mr. A. Plumbly

Highways and Footpaths – Mr. G Harvey

Planning – Mr. B. Burrough.

Community Communication Representative – Ms. J. Wright

Village Trust – Mr. G Harvey.

Website – Mr. B. Burrough

1972 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1973 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2019 were approved and signed.

1974 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Parish Social event

The event will take place on Tuesday 11th June to coincide with the visit of the Morris Men. Food will be available at a nominal cost provided by Mr Dibble. Parishioners should bring their own drink.

1975 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no matters raised.

1976 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

Complaint and concerns were received about the cutting of the footpath L13 Mushroom Farm footpath by a volunteer approved by the Parish Council who have agreed with Somerset County Council, the responsible authority for footpaths, to cut this footpath. In future there will be no cutting between the Beer Street gate and the third gate on the footpath and this will now become the responsibility of the land owners. The rest of the footpath will continue to be cut by a volunteer approved by the Parish Council.

b) Highway matters

No new issues to report.

c) Planning

No new planning applications have been received

1977 TO DISCUSS REPLACEMENT OF TREES ON VILLAGE GREEN

It has become apparent that some of the trees on the Village Green are in poor health and should be replaced. The Parish Council has been asked to contribute to the cost and the Beercrocombe Trust will be approached for further funding. It was agreed that 2 or 3 new trees should be purchased as a replacement for the diseased trees.

1978 TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2019 were circulated. Income was £1581, and expenditure was £1573, resulting in a surplus of £8. The reserves stand at £1,931

The Internal Auditor's report was not yet available. It will be approved at a future meeting.

1979 TO APPROVE SECTION 1 - ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018/19

The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 and confirmed that it had considered and agreed items 1-9 of the statement.

The statement was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

1980 TO APPROVE SECTION 2 - ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2018/19

The Council approved the Accounting statements for 2018/19. The statements were signed by the Chairman and RFO.

1981 TO CONFIRM THAT THE COUNCIL WISHES TO CERTIFY ITSELF AS EXEMPT FROM THE LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW

The Council confirmed that met the criteria for exemption and wished to certify itself as exempt from the limited assurance review. The Chairman signed the exemption certificate.

1982 TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

It was **resolved** to renew the Council's insurance through Community First at a renewal premium of £205.79.

1983 TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE APPROVE RISK ASSESSMENT FOR 2019

The Council received the risk assessment for 2019 and considers that it has adequate measures in place to mitigate any risks the Council may face. It was **resolved** to approve the risk assessment.

1984 TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND INTERNAL AUDIT CONTROLS

A new set of financial regulations were adopted in September 2014 and the Clerk considers that these are still appropriate. The Clerk has also reviewed the internal control procedures and considers them to be adequate. It was **resolved** to approve the financial regulations and statement of internal control.

1985 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

a. Clerk's salary	£ 96.66
b. Community First	£205.79
c. SALC	£ 38.91

1986 TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF PRECEPT 2019/20

The clerk confirmed that the precept of £1385 has been received from South Somerset District Council (SSDC).

1987 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- **Closure of Beer Street**

Beer Street had been closed without warning for several days in April, resulting in children having to walk long distances to pick up the school bus. The Chairman had written to Wessex Water voicing concerns at the situation.

Wessex Water have replied apologising for the closure which was for an emergency repair. In these instances, the road may be closed without notice.

- **County Councillor's Wellbeing Fund**

Cllr Paul advised the meeting that every County Councillor has been given funds to distribute for Health and Wellbeing purposes. She indicated that the Parish Council would be able to apply for funds from the scheme to cover the costs of replacing the trees on the Village Green.

1988 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 12th August 2019

1989 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. B Burrough, Mr. P. Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A. Plumbly, Ms. J. Wright and Mr. M Rastrick,

Public: Cllr M Cavill (SSDC)

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman announced the death of Tony Talbot-Williams, who had been Chairman and a long serving member of the Parish Council, prior to moving away from leaving the Parish.

1990 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

1991 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2019 were approved and signed.

1992 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Parish Social Event (1963)

Once again, the Parish Social Event was a success and the Parish Council thanked Phil, Zane and Malcolm for organising the catering and doing the cooking on the evening.

A profit of £90 was made which was donated to the Halcon Centre, in memory of Robert Eminson who had recently passed away.

Replacement of Trees on Village Green

The creation of a Somerset Wood to commemorate the loss of lives in the First World War has prompted the Parish Council to consider a memorial for the fallen of Beercrocombe and it was agreed that the replacement trees on the Village Green could form part of this.

In addition to the trees, it has been suggested that a plaque could be mounted on the Green (possibly on a stone) with the names of the WW1 casualties. The Parish Council agreed to look further into the matter, firstly obtaining an indication of costs involved. With regard to replacing the trees, Cllr Cavill (SSDC) was asked if SSDC would be able to provide advice on the types of tree that would be suitable.

1993 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no issues raised.

1994 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

Footpath L5/7 is temporarily blocked at Stocks Lane, following the escape of some livestock. The land owner will resolve the situation shortly.

The gate at the footpath at Halfway House is missing and the landowner will be notified.

The RUPP at Frog Street Farm appears to be blocked by barbed wire.

Mr. Plumbly will look into the situation and report back to the Council in due course.

b) Highway matters

The potholes along Broadmead have been repaired where they meet the correct depth criteria.

Mr Burrough advised the Council that he had reported a highways defect using the online reporting facility on the Somerset County Council website and the defect was repaired promptly. The facility is easy to use and parishioners are encouraged to use this facility when appropriate. A link is provided on the Beercrocombe website.

c) Planning

Planning Application 19/01470/FUL – Erection of agricultural storage building at Little Orchard, Beer Street

The Parish Council supported this application subject to green cladding being used. SSDC has granted approval subject to this condition.

d) Dog Bin

There has been occasions recently where plastic dog bags are being left attached to the dog bin when it is full.

The Parish Council takes a dim view of this practice and would like to emphasise that if the dog bin is full, then waste should be taken home and disposed of in the usual manner.

The dog bin is emptied every Tuesday by SSDC.

e) Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Rastrick reported that an outbuilding at Camelot had been broken into and a strimmer stolen. The burglary took place during daylight hours. The Police have been informed.

1995 TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit report has been completed by Paul Jervis and everything is in order. A copy of the report has been published on the website.

1996 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – TO DISCUSS CO-OPTION FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF MR LONGSTAFF

Since the previous meeting, the Parish Council has received the resignation of Mr Longstaff. As there has not been a demand from parishioners for an election, the Council is able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Following a discussion during which several possible candidates were identified, it was agreed that the Chairman would approach the persons suggested to ascertain their interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

1997 A358 – ANNOUNCEMENT OF PREFERRED ROUTE OPTION

Highways England has announced the Preferred Route for the dualled A358. This is a modified version of the 'Pink' route previously consulted upon. The route will follow the existing A358 from Southfields Roundabout to a new junction at Ashe, where it will join the M5 J25 via a new road through the nexus 25 development, thus bypassing Henlade.

The existing A358 between Hatch Beauchamp and Ashill will be retained as a local road. At present junction proposals and access points are still under review and it is hoped that the Parish Council will have some influence over these decisions by attendance at further Community Forum meetings. Highways England has confirmed that a representative from the Council will be invited to future meetings.

The roadworks to improve the existing Junction 25 of the M5 have started and are likely to take two years to complete. The contractors issue monthly updates on the progress.

1998 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

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| a. Clerk's salary | £145.00 |
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1999 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Cavill (SSDC) informed the meeting that 3 Planning Officers have recently left and whilst they will be replaced, the Planning Department is currently under pressure.

A review of the South Somerset Local Plan is currently being carried out but villages are unaffected by the proposals.

2000 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday **21st October 2019** at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

BEERCROCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Beercrocombe Parish Council held at Beercrocombe & Curry Mallet Village Hall on Monday 21st October 2019

2001 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr. B Burrough, Mr. P. Dibble, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A. Plumbly, Ms. J. Wright and Mr. M Rastrick,

Public: Cllr M Cavill (SSDC), Margaret Ramsbotham, one parishioner

Apologies: Cllr C Paul (SCC)

2002 CO-OPTION OF MARGARET RAMSBOTHAM TO COUNCIL

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs. Margaret Ramsbotham to the Parish Council. Mrs. Ramsbotham duly signed the Acceptance of Office Declaration

2003 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2004 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12th August 2019 were approved and signed.

2005 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Replacement of Trees on Village Green (Minute 1992)

Following a discussion, it was proposed that a Cherry tree and Rowan would be suitable replacements for the existing diseased trees, although advice will be sought from SSDC before a final decision is made. The Council will need to purchase and plant the trees and arrange for the existing trees to be removed. A working party will progress this matter in due course.

A couple of trees on the verge between the telephone box and Pilgrims are in need of attention and as these are on Highways land, will be reported to SSDC for action.

2006 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

A parishioner has raised the issue of excessive barking by some dogs in the Parish and the Council has been asked to put a notice on the noticeboard reminding parishioners of the nuisance this can cause.

Ann Eminson wished to thank parishioners through the Council for the donation given to the Halcon Centre following the social event in memory of her husband, Robert.

2007 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

Jake Taylor, the Volunteer Co-ordinator has left the County Council and a replacement has not yet been appointed.

With regards to the missing gate at the entrance to the path adjacent to Halfway House, the landowner does not wish to replace this at present.

The tenant farmer will be attending to the blocked access to the RUPP at Frog Street Farm in due course.

b) Highway matters

No new issues to report.

c) Planning

No new planning applications have been received.

d) Dog Bin

No further issues to report.

e) Neighbourhood Watch

No new issues to report.

2008 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON THE A358 FORUM MEETING

Mr Harvey and Mr Plumbly attended the latest meeting of the A358 Stakeholders Forum arranged by Highways England. Whilst there was little new information to be learned, the attendees were able to give feedback on the Preferred Route Announcement and many parishes raised concerns regarding the access to and across the proposed new route which will result in many people having to suffer longer distances on local journeys. At present, the detailed access points have yet to be decided.

It is anticipated that the project will be put out to tender on a 'design and build' basis in early 2020 and a further public consultation will follow when the detailed route is announced.

2009 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

a. Clerk's salary	£96.66
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2010 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

- **Councillor Training Events** – SALC are arranging a series of training events and the Clerk will circulate the details to Councillors who may wish to attend.
- **Area North Annual Meeting – 24th October 2019**

Cllr Cavill (SSDC) will be attending this meeting and will report back to the Council at the next meeting.

- **SALC AGM – 26th October 2019**

No one is available to attend.

- **Highways Winter Service 2019/20**

The winter gritting programme has now been reinstated to previous levels; approx. 20% of the total road network in Somerset will be treated when ice or snow is forecast.

2011 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday **20th January 2020.** at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm