

# **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 held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **2109 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

*Councillors:* Mr. P Dibble, Mr. J Down, Mr. G Harvey, Mr. A. Plumbly, Mr. M Rastrick

*Apologies:* Mr. R Burrough, Mrs. R Overton,

*Public:* Cllr C Paul (SCC), Mr. J Munday

### **2110 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2111 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved and signed.

### **2112 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising

### **2113 PARISHIONERS' FORUM**

There were no issues raised

### **2114 MATTERS OF REPORT**

#### **a) Footpaths**

The broken gate on Footpath L5/16 has been repaired and moved to the end of the path at the request of the landowners.

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

Extensive patching has now taken place throughout the Parish in preparation for resurfacing which is due to be carried out in the forthcoming financial year.

The gullies and drains along Radigan Lane are still blocked as are the gullies at Mitchums. The Highways Superintendent has confirmed that these will be jetted shortly. Following the patching, drainage problems have arisen at the end of Stocks Lane and it is hoped that jetting will solve this issue.

An incident of flytipping was reported and promptly removed by SSDC Streetscene.

**c) Planning**

No new planning applications have been received.

**d) A358 Update**

The Parish Council's response to the consultation has been submitted to National Highways. A joint response from 13 local Councils has also been submitted.

The combined parishes have submitted a report to the Planning Inspectorate detailing the inadequacies of the Consultation. This report has been acknowledged and a response will be provided within 6 months.

There is a further joint meeting with neighbouring parishes (which now includes Ilminster Town Council) arranged for 03/02/22.

All reports submitted from the Parish Council and the combined parishes are available on the website.

**2115 TO AGREE BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2022/23**

The Clerk submitted a proposed budget to the members prior to the meeting. This budget was approved and it was agreed to keep the precept at £1495, as there are sufficient reserves to meet any unforeseen expenditure.

**2116 TO CONSIDER BEERCROCOMBE'S REQUEST FOR A ONE OFF CONTRIBUTION OF £100 TOWARDS WORK CARRIED OUT AT MUSKAY**

The Council has received a request from Beercrocombe PCC for financial support to carry out additional maintenance at Muskay. The cost of the work is £300, and it is hoped that financial support will be forthcoming from the Parish Council and the Village Trust.

It was agreed to make a grant of £100 in addition to the annual churchyard maintenance grant of £150.

**2117 TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND CONFIRM THE EXTENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S INVOLVEMENT**

A working party of interested parents has been set up in Curry Mallet to look at extending the existing play area. Somerton Town Council have some spare playground equipment which may be available at little or no cost although the installation costs have yet to be firmly established.

The working party has approached the Parish Council to establish whether it wishes to support or be involved in the project. The Council confirmed that it did not wish to have any input into or responsibility for the project but that it

would in principle agree to a small financial contribution towards the costs once a final budget has been established.

### **2118 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL**

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

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| a. Clerk's salary     | £145.00           |
| b. Beercrocombe PCC   | £150.00 & £100.00 |
| c. CMBCVH             | £120.00           |
| d. Remembrance Wreath | £ 17.00           |

### **2119 TO CONSIDER CHANGE OF DATES FOR FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Council has learnt that Curry Mallet PC wish to change the dates of their monthly meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month which clashes with the regular meetings of Beercrocombe PC. It has been suggested that both Councils could use the Village Hall on the same night, with the committee room and hall being used at the same time.

The Council considered that this arrangement would not work for several reasons and as an alternative would consider meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month for which meetings were scheduled. The Village Hall was not available on any other night during the week.

The Clerk will contact the Bookings Secretary to advise that the proposal to share the hall was unacceptable to the Council but that it would move its meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month as a compromise.

### **2120 TO CONSIDER PARISH COUNCIL PLANS FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The Council discussed how it should commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and it was agreed that a celebration on the Village Green would be appropriate, either on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June or Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. This would probably be a BBQ but with tables and bunting. The Council agreed that this should be a free event for the parishioners with funding provided by the Parish Council and Village Trust. Parishioners would be asked to provide desserts and drinks.

In addition, there are plans for a beacon to be lit on Crimson Hill and the arrangements for this will be the same as for the Golden Jubilee, with Curry Mallet taking the lead with support from Beercrocombe residents.

## **2121 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

- **Parish Council and Unitary Authority elections – May 2022**

Parish Councils elections have been brought forward a year to coincide with elections to the new unitary authority. 110 Councillors will be elected to the new Somerset Council which comes into effect in 2023.

Elections will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

- **LGR Advisory Board Meeting –**

There will be a remote meeting of the Local Government Reorganisation Advisory Board on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3.30pm. All members are invited to attend.

- **Town and Parish Council Conference**

A Town and Parish Conference will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm to discuss the Local Government Reorganisation and how it will affect towns and parishes. This will be a remote meeting.

- **Connecting Devon & Somerset Mobile Boost scheme**

This scheme aims to upgrade indoor 4G coverage in some areas. Businesses and householders can apply for a voucher of up to £1200 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a registered supplier. Businesses and residents would be required to make a contribution towards the installation costs.

Further information is available at Connecting Devon and Somerset – Mobile Boost Scheme

## **2122 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm