

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 3rd July 2023

2221 Attendance and Apologies

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

Public: Cllr M Stanton (SCC), 4 members of the public

Apologies: Mr. R Burrough

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2222 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

2223 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2224 Matters arising from the minutes.

- **Update on damage to Village Green and purchase of posts**

The Chairman has contacted First Bus twice within the last month as the bus is no longer reversing up the lane and further damage to the Green may occur. First Bus has offered the Council £100 to repair the Village Green and the Council agreed that it should purchase some reflective wooden posts which could protect the corners of the Green. These are approx. £22 each and it was suggested that 6 posts would be sufficient, the cost of which would be covered in part by First Bus. The Council agreed that the posts should be purchased.

2225 Parishioners' Forum

There were no issues raised.

2226 Matters of Report

- **Footpaths**

No new issues to report.

A fallen tree temporarily blocked Footpath L5/14 and was promptly removed by the landowners.

- **Highway matters**

Mr Harvey has spoken to Derek Davies of Somerset Highways regarding the collapsed barriers at Broadmead Road as the matter appears to have been closed without the repairs being carried out. He will re-open the case and ensure that the work is carried out.

- **A358 Update**

There is no further news to report.

- **LCN Update**

The Chairman and Clerk attended the inaugural meeting of the Levels and Moors LCN and as expected the dualling of the A358 was not a concern for the other parishes within the LCN. It was agreed to investigate moving into the Crewkerne & Ilminster LCN as it is considered that Beercrocombe would have more common interests with the parishes within that grouping. Cllr Stanton mentioned that Fivehead are also considering changing LCNs, and the Clerk will contact the Fivehead Clerk to discuss the matter.

2227 To agree Council's response to Planning Application

a) 23/01462/FUL- Barns 1 & 2 Capland Lane, Ashill – conversion of barns to form one residential unit

The Council discussed this application, which is very detailed and well presented. The Council agreed unanimously to support the application which would provide a two bedroomed property for a local first-time buyer. The applicants were present to answer any questions that the Council had.

2228 To agree Council's response to Planning Application Consultation on Amendments to Planning Application: 22/02392/S73 at Middle Orchard Capland Lane Ashill

The applicant's architect was present and advised the Council that the alterations proposed could be agreed as a Section 73 application and that a full retrospective application was not required. Following a detailed discussion, the Council decided that it could not support the amendments and opposed the application on the material grounds that the ground area of the development had increased by 40%, the height of the roof had been raised and additional windows added, resulting in an overbearing property that compromises the neighbour's privacy. The Council considered that the design of the property impacts negatively on the surrounding rural area. A detailed response will be submitted to the Planning Officer.

2229 To further consider commemorative plaque to mark the King's Coronation

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that a plaque similar to the Millennial plaque in the bus shelter should be erected. It is likely that the Village Trust would match the Parish Council's contribution. Mrs Mann will research a suitable item.

2230 Formal Expenditure Approval

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

a) Clerk's Salary	£ 96.66
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2231 Correspondence for information and items of report

The dead tree behind the Telephone Box has been reported to Somerset Council. The Clerk will monitor progress as necessary.

2232 To confirm date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.