

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 6th March 2023

2188 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies: Mr. J Down

Public: Cllr M Stanton, (SCC)

The Chairman spoke in memory of Malcolm Cavill, the District Councillor and parishioner of Beercrocombe, who had passed away the previous week. He was a generous and kind man who will be sorely missed by the Parish.

These sentiments were echoed by Cllr Stanton, who first met Malcolm when they were newly elected as District Councillors in 2019, and despite being of different political persuasions, soon became close friends and colleagues.

The Council wished to record its condolences to Malcolm's wife and family.

2189 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

2190 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023 were approved and signed.

2191 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- **Update on Planning Application: 22/02392/S73**

Cllr Cavill had spoken to the planners and the application was erroneously designated to the Area West team, currently staffed by agency planners. A decision is expected shortly but there is no further action for the Parish Council to take.

- **Update on formation of Local Community Networks (LCNs)**

The LCN proposals were approved by the new Council's Executive Board in January. Beercrocombe is in the Levels and Moors grouping, which also includes Curry Mallet.

It is likely that the first meetings will take place between July and September.

- **Parish Resilience Plan**

This has been completed and a copy will be placed on the Noticeboard and on the website.

2192 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no issues raised.

2193 MATTERS OF REPORT

a) Footpaths

There are no new issues to raise. There has been some flooding in recent months on the path next to Mushroom farm but there is little that can be done to prevent this.

b) Highway matters

Following the installation of safety panels along Broadmead, the opposite verge has now been damaged by agricultural vehicles. The farmer responsible is aware of this and will make good the damage.

c) A358 Update

As the submission of the Development Consent Order, due in December 2022, has been delayed, there is little progress to report. The Community of Parishes continues to maintain pressure on the County Council to engage with the parishes involved and take on board their views and concerns.

2194 TO CONSIDER DAMAGE TO THE VILLAGE GREEN AND WHAT FURTHER ACTION THE COUNCIL COULD TAKE.

The Chairman has contacted the Council to complain about the damage caused to the green by the school bus. His letter has been passed to the bus company and as a result, the bus now reverses past the bus shelter and takes the slip road.

However, the green continues to be damaged by other vehicles and it was suggested that either a reflective post or staddle stone should be placed behind the curb to prevent vehicles damaging the curb. The Chairman will obtain quotes for both options for the Council to consider.

2195 TO CONSIDER ISSUES OF DOG WASTE WITHIN PARISH

There have been increasing incidences of dog waste bags being left on the roads or hanging from trees.

The Council discussed the need for an additional dog waste bin, as despite weekly collections, the existing bin is often overflowing.

The Council would be required to fund both the installation and ongoing collections costs of a second bin and Mr Harvey agreed to investigate the costs involved. Subsequent to the meeting, it has been established that the installation costs would be in the region of £350-£400 with weekly collection costs of approx. £7.

It was agreed that the Council would consider the matter further and discuss other options at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

2196 FORMAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

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

- a. Clerk's salary £96.66

2197 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS OF REPORT FOR INFORMATION

- **Plans for King's Coronation.**

A small group of parishioners are working on plans to hold a BBQ to celebrate the Coronation. It will be held on Monday 8th May from 3pm and will be a similar event to the one held to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

It is likely that the Beercrocombe Trust would contribute towards the costs if required.

- **Morris Men Visit**

The Morris Men will be performing on Tuesday 6th June at 8pm on the Village Green. The event will be publicised in the Beer & Curry Takeaway and the Parish Magazine

2198 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The first two Mondays in May fall on Bank Holidays this year, so it was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting on **Tuesday 9th May 2023.**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm