

# **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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

### **2353 Attendance and Apologies**

*Councillors:* Mr. A. Plumbly (Chair), Mr. R. Burrough, Mr. P Dibble, Mr. J Down, Mr. G Harvey, Mrs. J Mann, Mr. M Rastrick

*Public:* Cllr R. Wilkins (Somerset Council)

*Apologies:* Cllr M Stanton (Somerset Council)

### **2354 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2355 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **2356 Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

### **2357 Parishioners' Forum**

There were no issues raised.

### **2358 Matters of Report**

- **Footpaths**

No new issues reported and there are no outstanding issues.

- **Highways**

A parishioner has made an online report regarding the condition of Church Lane which is subsiding and cracked in places. It is unclear if and when this will be repaired and Cllr Wilkins suggested that the Chair contact the Assistant Highways Supervisor for an update.

Cllr Wilkins advised the meeting that if the Parish Council is unhappy with the quality of works undertaken by contractors working on behalf of Somerset Council, the

Highways Superintendent should be informed, and he will inspect the work and withhold payment if necessary.

- **Planning**

No new applications have been received since the previous meeting. Following the implementation by Somerset Council of emergency procedures, the backlog is being reduced but recruitment of planning officers remains an issue.

- **Village Hall**

Insulation has been fitted above the suspended ceiling, which should improve the temperature of the hall and reduce energy costs.

The entrance doors have been replaced by new PVC doors.

The Village Hall Committee has not yet discussed installing CCTV cameras.

### **2358 To agree and adopt an IT Policy and Privacy Policy for the Council.**

In order to comply with the new digital and data compliance regulations being included in the Annual Government and Accountability Return (AGAR) with effect from this financial year, the Council has approved and adopted an IT Policy. The existing Privacy Policy remains in effect and the Council confirmed that this policy is still suitable for its needs.

### **2359 Formal Expenditure Approval**

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

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| • Clerk's Salary            | £ 116.66 |
| • HBPC – Remembrance Wreath | £ 20.00  |

### **2360 Correspondence for information and items of report**

- **Somerset Resilience Day – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Jayne Mann will be attending the annual Somerset Resilience Day being held at Taunton Racecourse. Some parishioners have expressed concern re the Digital Landline Switchover and she will endeavour to obtain further information relating to this.

- **Visit from Sarah Dyke, MP**

It was suggested that the local MP, Sarah Dyke should be invited to a future Parish Council meeting, but it was thought that unless there is a specific issue that requires her input, she may be unwilling to attend. It would be more appropriate for the campaigners trying to reopen the Bell Inn to contact her and gain her support. The Chairman will suggest that the committee members may wish to consider this.

### **2361 To confirm date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.