

CURRY MALLET PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
held on Monday November 9th 2015 in Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe Village Hall.

Present: L W Frazer (Chairman), GK Townrow, R J Allard, D R Beck, P McKeown and Mrs A J Clarke.
In attendance: Jane Randle

1250 Public Participation Time.

No items raised.

1251 To receive reports from the District and County Councillors on items that may be of interest.

The report from Derek Yeoman has been previously circulated to members. (October Newsletter)

1251 Apologies.

None recorded

1252 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest made.

1253 To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 14 September 2015 (amended) and 10th October

The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the meeting chairman.

1254 Matters of report arising from these Minutes.

1184 Footpath Matters

- It was noted that Stud Farm have been busy cutting their hedges, including the field edge boundary. The work is excellent and they were thanked for the activity.
- L8/24 Sheep Wash to School. The Duchy contractor has worked on the tree canopy and this has allowed the path to start drying out.
- The Parish Council are still awaiting confirmation that work undertaken by parish volunteers on 22 March meets the required standard and has been approved. Mr McKeown to pursue these issues
- Footpaths and Rights of way will move to a main agenda item from January 2016.

1223.3 Village Welcome Pack

The Council reviewed the e-mail received from Patsy Wallace and the response from Beercrocombe Parish Council. Beercrocombe are keen to see the welcome pack remain as Hard Copy and this aligned with the mail from Patsy Wallace. It was agreed that the 12 printed sheets would be funded by the Council at a rate of 3p per sheet as suggested by Patsy. The Clerk has some plastic Folders that were distributed by SCC and these will be made available. It was agreed that the Parish Plan should be omitted as it is now out dated. The Walks Booklet and Community Safety Plan can be inserted whilst stocks remain. In addition the welcome plan (minus inserts) can also be inserted into the website. Mr Frazer to liaise with Patsy. Wallace.

1246.2 Beer & Curry Newsletter

Following interaction with Beercrocombe PC and their wish to retain a hard copy it was agreed to fund the printing for a further year and review again as part of 2017 budget plans. A copy of the newsletter in PDF format will also be available on the website.

1246.2 Playing Field Fence.

The broken cross bar has been replaced by Mr Allard and Mr Frazer. Mr Frazer has also contacted the Duchy and confirmed that the fence and any repairs necessary are the responsibility of the Parish Council, as leaseholder. The gatepost holding the large gate is also rotten and a metal replacement is in the region of

£65:00. Justin is to be approached to undertake the replacement. Mr Allard and Mr Frazer are to draw up a plan for staged replacement of other weaker areas of the fence around the field. It is initially felt the length from the gate to the corner is the worst length, but that at this time it is not dangerous.

1248 Winter Salt Distribution. Mr McKeown is to collect and work with Mr Townrow to ensure suitable storage around the parish for the sacks, so it can be readily accessed and deployed as needed.

1255 Village Hall Update.

1. Recent events included a popular harvest supper
2. The maintenance morning on Sunday 1st November saw some good work on the grounds undertaken.
3. (item 1244..4) The VHC is considering the purchase of a ride on mower and is interested in a cost sharing arrangement with the Parish Council, the mower could be used to help with verge and path trimming. This would reduce the VHC current cutting costs of £700 per annum. Mr Allard continues to develop the plans and provide with costings for the next meeting.
4. The next VHC meeting is week of 16th November.
5. The terms and conditions for hire of the hall have also been reviewed and updated.
6. Chris Cooper head of StreetScene is also meeting the committee to discuss what help they may be able to offer the Village Hall.
7. The Parish Council applauded the new Village Hall Committee for the work they had undertaken since their election in August. Mr Allard was asked to convey the thanks of Curry Mallet Parish Council to the members at their next meeting.

1255 Planning.

Planning Application 15/02218/FUL

Mr Frazer noted he had been in contact with Mt John Miller from SSDC and that a mail was expected to be sent to Sue Steele within the week. It is likely to be an agenda item at the Area North meeting on 28th November and that the Parish Council will need to ensure representation at the meeting and to speak (3 minutes max) at the meeting. The focus of this will be non-compliance with conditions from the original application in February 2008

At the Parish Council in June 2015 to discuss the application it was noted that the site was being used to run at least one business in contradiction to planning terms. Belmont Road access is too narrow and there are concerns from neighbours about the increased noise levels. It was noted that in the September briefing to Parish Councillors on planning matters, Dave Norris noted the bias towards development under SS2, relating especially to rural development..

1256 Finance.

1. Invoices for Payment
 - An invoice for RBL for the wreath was approved and cheque 500 was issued for £20.
 - Clerks wages for the 3 months of July, August and September were paid £179.31 cheque number 504. Clerk to be paid by cheque quarterly moving forward.
 - HMRC to be paid £156.60 on cheque number 505 tax for above period. Mrs Clarke advised that following her interactions with HMRC there would be no penalty for late submission of the nil return.
2. 2016/7 Budget preparation

Mr Townrow's paper was again considered in detail

 - Beer & Curry – should this continue as a paper document amount already included in 2016 budget
 - The new village signs are now in Mr Frazer's custody but the fitment price was uncertain. Neil Dove has been asked to provide a quote. Installation will be covered by the Magna Carta funds.
 - £3965 precept. On that basis the budget proposal was agreed (proposed by Mt Townrow, seconded by Mrs Clarke and agreed by all.)
3. A special meeting will be convened in December to make the grant payments. Mr Frazer to agree the date.

1257 Review of Council Standing Orders

1. The Standing orders dated 2012 have been reviewed and updated accordingly. Issues to be clarified before the January meeting,
Recording of meetings – does prior notice need to be given if a member of the public or press wish to record the meeting?
What provision should the Council make to record any meetings on its own device?
Mr Townrow to seek guidance from SSDC and the Clerk from SALC.
2. There were no other revisions proposed to the previously circulated documents, final review at January 2016 meeting.

1258 To agree attendance by Councillors to any forthcoming meetings & Feedback from meeting attended.

- Doing Good for Somerset on 27th October – Mr McKeown attended and reported back to members on a very worthwhile session. For future events it was recommended that 2 or more Councillors attend so all the bases can be visited. Mr McKeown visited the sections on Social Media and retaining volunteers and will review the slides at the January meeting.
- Salt Collection 21st November – Mr McKeown
- PEW Workshop on 13th January – Mr Townrow (or deputy) to attend)
- Invitation to attend Beercombe PC meeting in the Village Hall on 16th November to discussed increased helicopter flying in the area.

1259 Correspondence.

- An e-mail from Bernie Collet has been received and resolved requesting copies of meeting minutes from November 2008.
- Somerset County Council Mobile Library consultation was noted and the notices are to be inserted in the notice boards.
- South West Waste Partnership newsletter has been received, including Christmas and New Year collection arrangements
- It was noted that Link bus is closing the office in Langport and moving to Yeovil. Services remain unchanged.
- CRISP have been in communication with Mr Townrow who is optimistic of a grant.
- Somerset CC secure mail Server Xchange. Clerk to register details.

1260 Items of Report.

- It was noted by Mr Townrow that the strimmer had been returned for its annual service.
- He also noted that he had circulated the Highways and Drainage report – any omissions to be highlighted to him.
- The redundant village sign relocation. Mr Townrow to liaise with Gary Warren concerning their proposed relocation.
- Mr Allard reminded members that the deadline for the next Beer and Curry Newsletter is 20th November.
- Mr Fraser reported that he had received a call from Bob Borrows (Beercombe) concerning Village Hall ownership and the lease renewal in 2017. It was remarked that Beercombe PC had chosen not to have an elected representative on the Village Hall committee. It was noted that a sub committee would need to be established in 2016 to deal with the lease renewal.

Date of Next Meetings

- TBC Meeting to agree 2015/6 grants to local organisations
- Monday 9th January 2016 – Parish Council Monthly Meeting

Shaun Dale
Clerk to the Council