

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Barrington Annual Parish Meeting (APM) held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 18:00hrs

Present: Cllr Bourne (Chair), Cllr Eustice, Cllr Harker, Cllr Oakes, Cllr Rowswell, Cllr Stenner, Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk) and 15 parishioners.

18:00 Meeting opened

01. To receive any apologies for absence. None.

02. Chairman of the Parish Council's report

Cllr Bourne provided a report....

03. Village groups reports

Barrington In Bloom

A verbal report was heard with the following point heard:

- Thank you to the Parish Council for the £400 grant awarded this year.
- Hydrangeas had been planted throughout the village and further thanks given to those residents who had taken on watering any close to them, they were all thriving.
- A successful Footpath walk day had been arranged with many maintenance issues identified. Next step would be to schedule a programme of works and look for supplies and funding to carry out the more significant tasks.
- A Parish Paths Liaison Officer (PPLO) had come forward to help co-ordinate the ongoing footpath maintenance, acting as a liaison between the parish and Somerset Council.
- Further volunteers were always welcome.
- Some up and coming events included: Plant sale, childrens tomato plant growing competition, scarecrow competition.
- 'In Bloom' judging day not yet released.
- Further autumn planting was planned around the village.
- Village noticeboards and phone box would be looked at for any maintenance/refurbishment requirements and any offers of help would be gratefully received.

Barrington Players

- A recent fundraising event was well attended, with over 200 attendees.
- A donation of £200 had been awarded to Yeovil Freewheelers, a local charity who delivered blood and other medical supplies free of charge to the NHS, across Somerset and Dorset.

Village Hall Committee

- Village Hall was ticking over well, with a floor refurbishment planned soon and a total redecoration later in the year.

Allotments

- 7 active members, up by 4 from 3 years ago)
- The allotments were looking good on Barrington Day, thanks to everyone who contributed to the effort
- Thanks to the Parish Council for their contribution of an IBC tank to help with watering.

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04. Public open session

Topics raised included:

- Dissatisfaction with the current grass cutting arrangements in particular the non-collection of grass cuttings and cutting around the allotment areas. It was agreed that this could be a future agenda item for the PC to consider.
- Unhappy with the allocated 'wildflower' area and would like to see it better managed. The PC agreed to consider this at a future meeting.
- Request for the PC to help arrange a tidy up of the ditch bordering the allotments. The PC agreed to consider how this could be tackled, with the issues around access and permission from the neighbouring owner.

18:50 – Meeting closed