

Notice of a Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 7pm

**Barrington Village Hall (Committee Room), Barrington,
Somerset TA19 0JE**

All members of Barrington Parish Council are summoned to attend:

Cllr Don Bourne – Chair
Cllr Rob Stenner

Cllr Jane Harker

Cllr Peter Oakes

Julie Ferguson

**Julie Ferguson – Barrington Parish Clerk
05 Feb 2025**

Equality Act 2010

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, and any disability), Gender Equality, Crime & Disorder, Biodiversity, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

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The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 allows both the public and press to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media).

Any member of the public wishing to record or film proceedings must let the Chairman of the meeting know prior to, or at the start of, the meeting and the recording must be overt (i.e., clearly visible to anyone at the meeting), but non-disruptive. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public.

Members of the public exercising their right to speak during the time allocated for Public Comment who do not wish to be recorded or filmed, need to inform the Chairman who will instruct those taking a recording or filming to cease doing so while they speak.

Barrington Parish Council will be discussing all the items listed on the Agenda:

The agenda specifies the business that it is proposed to transact (Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12 para 10 (2)(b)) and the Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which is not specified in the agenda (Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)

This section (at the Chairman's discretion may last up to 15 minutes) is not part of the formal meeting and minutes will not be produced. Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- Somerset Councillors (SCllrs)

AGENDA

24/103 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

24/104 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. *Agenda items to be clearly specified.* Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

24/105 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting on 14 Jan 25 (LGA1972 sch12, para41(1)).

24/106 To **NOTE** resignation of Cllrs Weekes and Rowsell and posting of Notice of Vacancy

24/107 CO-OPTION – To **CO-OPT** a member to the Parish Council.

24/108 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

24/109 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- [SC Flooding Update: Recovery Options. PC Flood Report – Self Service](#)
- [Community Health & Wellbeing Programme Newsletter February 2025](#)
- [Somerset Council Bus Service Improvement Plan](#)
- Levels & Moors LCN Active Travel WG Notes
- Levels & Moors LCN Highways WG Concerns and Queries
- Flood Wessex – Storm Eowyn & Herminia Flood Warden Updates
- SALC Councillor Training Events (Feb/Mar25)
- Complaint from SC Arboricultural Team: Mature Tree at Sharlands

24/110 PLANNING – Decisions **REPORT**.

24/111 PLANNING – Applications. None.

24/112 FINANCE – To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for February 25.

24/113 FINANCE – To **APPROVE** a grant request from Barrington In Bloom and Barrington and District Gardening Club for £500:

BiB in conjunction with the Barrington & District gardening club will be asking the PC for £500 towards plants and seeds for re-establishing the wildflower meadow and restoring the flora of the woodland area at the BVH. Any grant agreed would be paid into the Gardening club bank account.

Breakdown of predicted costs identified are below. Please note that BiB intends to add to these funds for plants and provide some bird boxes. We are also providing some locally grown primroses. The Gardening club members will grow plants from seed to support the project too.

Predicted cost of meadow and woodland work phase 1 = £562.56 inc p&p which is for:

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- 1kg damp meadow mix £76.01
- 150 yellow rattle plugs £182
- 2 small packets meadowsweet seeds £5.60
- 1 small packet ragged Robin £3
- 150 primrose plugs £168
- 500 snowdrops in the green £95.99

24/114 To **CONSIDER** adopting a Communication Strategy (Cllr Harker).

24/115 To **CONSIDER** tree maintenance required and request for quotes.

24/116 REPORTS – To receive any Parish Councillor reports.

24/117 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

24/118 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 11 March 2025 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 28 Feb 25).

END OF AGENDA