

Notice of a Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14 January 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 Matthew Rowswell

Cllr Jane Harker
Cllr Rob Stenner

Cllr Peter Oakes
Cllr Graham Weekes

Julie Ferguson

**Julie Ferguson – Barrington Parish Clerk
07 Jan 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.

Recording of Council Meetings

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

24/84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

24/85 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).

24/86 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 26th Nov 24 (LGA1972 sch12, para41(1)).

24/87 To **NOTE** resignation of Cllr Eustice and posting of Public Notice of Vacancy.

24/88 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

24/89 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Have your say on Somerset's Budget for 2025
- SC New Fostering Campaign
- Important update for Better Buses for Somerset
- Wessex Water Community Drop ins
- SALC Community Health & Wellbeing Grants
- Somerset Bus Partnership – Update on Bus Funding
- SC Devolution EOI – Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire
- Levels & Moors LCN Meeting Notes. Dates and bulletins

24/90 PLANNING – Decisions REPORT.

24/91 PLANNING – Applications. None.

24/92 FINANCE – To APPROVE the payment schedule for January 25 (December 24 REPORT).

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL DEC 24 & JAN 25 PAYMENTS SCHEDULE			
PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT	
STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - DEC 24	£ 559.28	REPORT
K M DIKE NURSERIES	GROUND MAINTENANCE NOV24	£ 259.00	REPORT
SALC	TRAINING	£ 24.00	REPORT
MARSH COMMERCIAL	ALLOTMENT INSURANCE	£ 157.81	REPORT
STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - JAN 25	tbc	
J FERGUSON	REIMBURSE DOMAIN FEE	£ 230.40	
K M DIKE NURSERIES	GROUND MAINTENANCE DEC 24	£ 259.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 1,000.09	

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24/93 FINANCE – TO **APPROVE** the Q3 Cashbook/Bank Reconciliation and **NOTE** Budget Summary (1/4/24 – 31/12/24) – Appendix 1

24/94 FINANCE – To **APPROVE** the 2025-26 Budget.

24/95 FINANCE – To **APPROVE** the 2025-26 Precept Request.

24/96 To **CONSIDER** steps to move to a .Gov domain and associated email addresses (to include budget provision) (Cllr Harker).

24/97 To **CONSIDER** adopting a Communication Policy (Cllr Harker).

24/98 To **CONSIDER** steps towards a Barrington Local Plan (Cllr Harker).

24/99 To **CONSIDER** tree maintenance required and request for quotes.

24/100 REPORTS – To receive:
a. Parish Councillor reports

24/101 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

24/102 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 11 February 2025 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 31 Jan 25).

END OF AGENDA

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Appendix 1

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL 2024-25 - Q3 SUMMARY						
Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2025						
	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Remaining	Remaining	Variance
	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	between yrs
RECEIPTS						
Precept	£ 20,171.00	£ 21,180.00				£ 1,009.00
Deposit Interest	£ 179.65	£ 147.53				-£ 32.12
Allotment Fees	£ 162.50	£ 137.50				-£ 25.00
Grants	£ -	£ -				£ -
VAT repayment		£ 597.02				£ 597.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 20,513.15	£ 22,062.05				£ 1,548.90
PAYMENTS						
Salaries	£ 5,551.27	£ 4,573.38	£ 5,600.00	£ 1,026.62	18%	-£ 977.89
Administration	£ 1,640.27	£ 1,119.40	£ 1,800.00	£ 680.60	38%	-£ 520.87
Ground Maintenance Contract	£ 2,569.51	£ 1,766.88	£ 4,500.00	£ 2,733.12	61%	-£ 802.63
Ranger	£ 1,936.54	£ 352.09	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,147.91	86%	
Village Hall Hire		£ -	£ 180.00	£ 180.00	100%	£ -
I/T & Website	£ 424.44	£ 161.53	£ 350.00	£ 188.47	54%	-£ 262.91
Subscriptions	£ 242.71	£ 138.55	£ 160.00	£ 21.45	13%	-£ 104.16
Insurances	£ 709.38	£ 886.13	£ 650.00	-£ 236.13	-36%	£ 176.75
Training	£ 460.00	£ 75.00	£ 200.00	£ 125.00	63%	-£ 385.00
Footpath Maintenance	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	100%	£ -
Grants (inc. PCC & VH)	£ 1,050.00	£ 750.00	£ 1,400.00	£ 650.00	46%	-£ 300.00
Asset Management	£ 473.42	£ 302.30	£ 1,000.00	£ 697.70	70%	-£ 171.12
Field Lease (Allotments)	£ 506.00	£ 506.00	£ 506.00	£ -	0%	£ -
Defibrillator	£ 2,636.33	£ -	£ -	£ -	0%	
VAT incurred	£ 992.33	£ 431.94				-£ 560.39
RESERVES CONTRIBUTIONS			£ 1,200.00			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 19,192.20	£ 11,063.20	£ 20,146.00			
Exc of Recpt over Paymts	£ 1,320.95	£ 10,998.85				
plus balances b/fwd	£ 33,160.79	£34,481.74				
Balances c/fwd	£ 34,481.74	£ 45,480.59	CASHBOOK BALANCE			
Reconciliation with bank accounts as at 31 Dec 2024						
Natwest Current Account		£ 31,783.78				
Natwest Reserve Account		£ 13,696.81				
Total balances at bank		£ 45,480.59	STATEMENT BALANCES			