

## **Minutes of the 793rd Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 19:00hrs**

**Present:** Councillors – Don Bourne, Jane Harker (Chair), Neil McLean, Peter Oakes, John Sheffield (5).

**In attendance:** Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk) and SCllr Roundell-Greene.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)**

No members of the public were present.

### **OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

**Somerset Councillors (SCllrs).** A report had been circulated and Cllr Roundell Greene further reported:

- SC are not allowed to increase the Council Tax by more than 4.99%, so the council are continuing to work hard to balance the budget.
- Cllr Harker was pleased to report that, due to community efforts keeping drains cleared no properties in the parish have flooded to date, despite significant rainfall.
- Cllr Oakes explained that much of the water is missing the drains due to the verge overgrowth, diverting the flow. Cllr Roundell-Greene advised to contact Highways to clear the vegetation.

### **19:17 – Meeting opened**

#### **25/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).**

Cllr Rolaff – Personal. Accepted.

Cllr C Sheffield – Another engagement. Accepted.

#### **25/115 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.** None.

#### **25/116 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting on 13 January 26.

#### **25/117 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING.** None.

#### **25/118 CHAIRS REPORT**

Cllr Harker had visited Cllr Rolaff and was pleased to report that he was in good spirits and recovering well. The PC was very pleased to receive this update.

#### **25/119 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Stakeholder Briefing – Major incident and flood response updates.
- b. SC – Have your say on Adult Social Care in Somerset.
- c. Citizens Advice Somerset – update and 2025 reflections.
- d. SC Dog Control PSPO Consolidation and consultation 2026
- e. PC Meeting dates for 2026-27. Agreed and will be posted on the website.
- f. Allotment insurance response from PC insurance company. All holders had been informed of their responsibility to Public Liability (PL) on their individual plot and Cllr Harker agreed to arrange a sign to control access at the allotments in light of PC limits of PL cover. Also agreed to erect a further sign for the Recreation Field to cover personal risk and dog control expectations. Location tbc.
- g. Application to PC for Community Safety Grant – Crimestoppers SW for £200. It was considered and agreed not to award a grant at this time.

#### **25/120 PLANNING – Decisions REPORT.** None.

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## 25/121 PLANNING – Applications.

- a. 25/03017/FUL. Land Adjacent Ruskway Bungalow Ruskway Lane Westport Langport. The proposed erection of 2no new detached dwellings, garages, new access drive and associated works. Notification only as in a neighbouring parish.
- b. 26/00141/S73A. Model Farm Barrington Court Barrington Ilminster Somerset. S73A Application to vary Condition 12 (approved plans) for changes & new works relating to planning permission 11/00287/FUL. It was decided to not comment on the application.

## 25/122 FINANCE – To **NOTE** the receipts for January 26. Noted.

| January 2026 Receipts |                                   |                                |                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| REC                   | RECEIVED                          | DETAIL                         | AMOUNT                 |
| 1                     | Allotment Fees                    | Various                        | £ 75.00                |
| 2                     | Barrington Village Hall Committee | Grant towards parish tree work | £ 300.00               |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> |                                   |                                | <b>Jan-26 £ 375.00</b> |

## 25/123 FINANCE – Payment Schedule

**RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for February 26.

| February 2026 Payment Schedule |                         |                                    |                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| INV                            | PAYEE                   | DETAIL                             | AMOUNT          |
| 1                              | K M Dike Nurseries      | Ground Maint Jan26 2433,2434       | £ 266.76        |
| 2                              | Barrington Village Hall | Room Hire 2026 Inv 1321            | £ 140.00        |
| 3                              | NALC                    | Ticket fee - Cllr Harker INV-01365 | £ 42.00         |
| 4                              | Pinnacle Accountancy    | Payroll to Dec25                   | £ 49.20         |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>          |                         |                                    | <b>£ 497.96</b> |

## 25/124 FINANCE – Grant Application (App.1).

**RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** a grant application from St Mary's Church PCC for £750

## 25/125 REPORTS – To receive any Parish Councillor reports.

- Cllr Sheffield had litter picked Ruskway Lane.
- Cllr McLean had received a request from the Garden Society to plant a tree on the field in memory of a local parishioner. Cllr Bourne was concerned about setting of precedent. It was decided to suggest a gift of a tree to the PC (species tbc), retaining element of control wrt location.
- Cllr Bourne agreed to arrange for additional keys for the gate to the field to be cut and distributed to Cllrs.
- Cllr Harker advised that a low hanging branch on Bakers Lane close to electric cables had been reported to Highline who have inspected but still waiting for works to be carried out. Cllr Harker to chase.
- Somerset Community Fund, encouraged Cllrs to take a look and suggest ideas to apply.
- Cllr Harker & McLean had started work on the Emergency Plan for the village. Need to approach volunteers who would be willing to step up in an emergency situation, building a register of contacts. Also to form an Emergency Team, detailing responsibilities for activities in an emergency situation. Also consider compiling a register of vulnerable residents, to be retained by the Parish Clerk. Need to work closely with the VHC on the Emergency Plan.

## 25/126 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Asset Register
- Quotes for 2 new noticeboards
- MoU

## 25/127 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 10 Mar 26 (all agenda items to the clerk by 27 Feb 26).

**20:52 – Meeting closed.**