

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Julie Ferguson

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Minutes of the 798th meeting of Barrington Parish Council (APCM) held at Barrington Village Hall on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 19:00hrs.

Present: Cllrs: Jane Harker (Chair), Neil McLean, Peter Oakes, (3).

In attendance:

Clerk: Julie Ferguson

Somerset Councillors: Cllr Richard Wilkins. Cllrs Dance and Roundell-Greene had sent their apologies.

Members of the public: 2 members were present (part-time).

Subjects raised included:

- Village Fete - Licence applied for to extend the event until midnight. No smoking event with an area away from the field to avoid the fire risk.
- Bonfire night - A free event on the 6th Nov, only pallets & woodland debris and built a couple of days before, to be carefully managed. To coincide with the 20th anniversary celebration of the building of the hall. PC happy to support.
- Agree to fund photo frames for the art group via a grant to be applied for by the VHC, to be displayed in the hall.

Cllr Richard Wilkins advised to check that the correct licence has been applied for, to ensure that the fete doesn't come up against the same issues as the recently cancelled Pitney festival, due to errors with the application.

Further reported on £50mil given to SC for flooding, hoping to make a difference across Somerset but need to be realistic about how far it will stretch.

19:20 – Meeting opened

26/28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Cllr C Sheffield – Personal. Accepted.

Cllr J Sheffield – Personal. Accepted.

Cllr D Bourne – Personal. Accepted.

26/29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

26/30 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (LGA 1972 sch12,para41(1)).

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th June 2026.

26/31 CHAIR'S REPORT.

Members **NOTED** the Chair's report:

a. Article 4 Direction

Cllr Harker had made contact with Bill Cotton, SC planning director and a senior SC landscape officer who provided an explanation of the process and examples of an Article 4 Direction order that had been applied in Bruton, Somerset in 2010. The process was explained to the Council with the following points:

- SC would need to be persuaded that it was the correct approach for the village.
- Article 4 Direction removes or restricts householders permitted development rights.
- Would need to comply with National Planning Policy.
- Needs to demonstrate the reduction of significant potential harm to the character and appearance of the village, with detailed evidence.
- Can be a confrontational and drawn-out process.
- SC have limited resources.
- The PC would need to enter into a Service Level Agreement with SC, costs tba. to carry out an appraisal and evaluation of the Character Area.
- Steps include a Public Consultation over 21-28 days which needs to be widely publicised.

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It was agreed that this be considered further at a future meeting to consider if the PC would like to start the process once the costs have been understood.

b. [Somerset Local Plan Scoping Consultation](#)

The clerk advised that this would not be straightforward to complete as a 'committee' and individuals should be encouraged to complete before the consultation closed later in the month.

26/32 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Members **NOTED** the clerks report:

- a. [Levels and Moors LCN correspondence](#)
- b. [SC news and bulletins](#)
- c. [TRO notices \(various\)](#)

26/33 ONGOING MATTERS.

Benches and noticeboards – Need to progress the grant application. Cllr Harker will chase.

ACTION: Cllr Harker

26/34 FINANCE MATTERS.

a. Members **NOTED** receipts:

June 2026 Receipts			
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Amount
1	UTB	Q1 Interest	£ 256.32
Total			£ 256.32

b. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** payment schedule.

July 26 Payment Schedule			
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Amount
1	Halcyon Landscapes	Ground Maintenance June 26	£ 277.42
Sub-total			£ 277.42
Payments for Report			Amount
4	n/a		
Sub-total			£ -
Total			£ 277.42

c. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the Q1 Cashbook/Bank Reconciliation and **NOTE** budget summary (App1).

26/35 PARISH MATTERS

a. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** the allotment tenancy agreement and rules.

It was agreed to ask the VHC for a bill for the water used to date and to read the meter before the fete.

ACTION: Clerk

26/36 REPORTS.

None.

26/37 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

a. Article 4 Direction (subject to costings)

26/38 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday 8 Sept 2026 at 7.00pm, Barrington Village Hall (Committee Room), Barrington, Somerset TA19 0JE.
All agenda items to be notified to the clerk by Friday 28 August 2026.

20:25 – Meeting closed.

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	APPENDIX 1					
	BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Q1 SUMMARY					
	Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2027					
		Last Year	This Year	This Year	This Year	This Year
	RECEIPTS	2025-26	2026-27	Budget 2026-27	Budget remaining 2026-27 (£)	(%)
Receipts	Precept	£ 22,196.00	£ 11,555.00	£ -		
	Interest	£ 788.42	£ 256.32	£ -		
	Allotments	£ 165.00	£ -	£ -		
	VAT Refund	£ 402.22	£ 1,240.70	£ -		
	Grants & Donations	£ 300.00	£ -	£ -		
	Other	£ -	£ 0.01	£ -		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 23,851.64	£ 13,052.03	£ -		
	PAYMENTS					
Admin	Salaries	£ 7,586.37	£ 2,141.68	£ 7,500.00	£ 5,358.32	71%
	Administration	£ 2,198.35	£ 429.67	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,070.33	71%
	Village Hall Hire	£ 308.00	£ -	£ 180.00	£ 180.00	100%
	I/T & Website	£ 442.57	£ 102.82	£ 300.00	£ 197.18	66%
	Subscriptions	£ 212.16	£ 212.54	£ 220.00	£ 7.46	3%
	Insurance	£ 735.99	£ 741.44	£ 950.00	£ 208.56	22%
Maint	Training	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	100%
	Ground Maintenance Contract	£ 5,181.11	£ 794.66	£ 4,000.00	£ 3,205.34	80%
	Footpath Maintenance	£ -	£ 24.15	£ 100.00	£ 75.85	76%
	Asset Management/Inspections	£ 373.28	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	100%
	Parish Bins	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	100%
Proj	Parish/highway safety (NEW)	£ -		£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00	100%
	Field rent (Allotments)	£ 520.00	£ -	£ 560.00	£ 560.00	100%
	Reserves contribution	£ -	£ -	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,200.00	100%
VAT	GRANTS S137	£ 1,600.00	£ -	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	100%
	VAT incurred on payments in year	£ 1,240.70	£ 181.70	£ -	n/a	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 20,433.53	£ 4,628.66	£ 23,110.00	£ 18,481.34	
	Excess of Receipts over Payments	£ 3,418.11	£ 8,423.37			
	plus balances b/fwd	£ 41,372.79	£ 44,790.90			
	Balances c/fwd	£ 44,790.90	£ 53,214.27	CASHBOOK TOTAL		
	RECONCILIATION DATE: 30 June 2026					
	Unity Trust Current Account		£ 1,131.63			
	Unity Trust Savings Account		£ 52,082.64			
	Total balances at bank	-	£ 53,214.27	BANK TOTAL FROM STATEMENTS		