

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 794th meeting of Barrington Parish Council held at Barrington Village Hall on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 19:00hrs.

Present: Cllrs: Jane Harker (Chair), Don Bourne, Neil McLean, Peter Oakes, John Sheffield, Christine Sheffield (6).

In attendance:

Clerk: Julie Ferguson

Somerset Councillors: Jo Roundell-Greene and Adam Dance had sent apologies. A report had been circulated.

Members of the public: 5 members were present (part time). Nothing was raised at this time.

19:03 – Meeting opened

25/127 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Teeuw Rolaff – Personal. Accepted.

25/128 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

25/129 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (LGA 1972 sch12, para41(1)).

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th February 2026.

25/130 CHAIR'S REPORT.

To hear a report from the Chair.

- Visited Cllr Rolaff who is making an excellent recovery back at home.
- Attended NALC 'Beyond the Precept' training, ACRE speaker supporting rural communities and signposted fund raising opportunities, found the training interesting and useful.
- Forwarded information relating to the circulated Stronger Communities fund to VHC.
- Hoping to attend meeting with PCC Claire Moody to help with understanding rural community challenges.
- Branch on power line followed up which has been ongoing for 2 yrs. Currently waiting for National Grid to offer a date when power is removed, allowing the maintenance to be carried out.
- Met with parishioners regarding unpleasant neighbour incident which involved Police attendance. A resident challenged a neighbour in an aggressive manner over vehicle parking outside their property. Whilst it was acknowledged that the PC had no powers to intervene, it was agreed to put out a social media post (Facebook) reminding residents that people are permitted to park anywhere on Main Street, as there are no enforceable parking restrictions and to be respectful, kind and neighbourly to each other.

25/131 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Members **NOTED** the Clerks report:

- a. [Levels and Moors LCN correspondence](#)
- b. [SC news and bulletins](#)
- c. [TRO notices \(various\)](#)
- d. [Life-Saving Portable Medical Equipment Appeal to the Parish Council](#). It was agreed not to consider a grant at this time as significant funds had been raised via other village activities for this Charity.

25/132 ONGOING MATTERS.

Nothing was raised at this time.

25/133 PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. None.

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25/134 FINANCE MATTERS.

- a. To NOTE receipts. NOTED.

February 2026 Receipts			
REC	RECEIVED	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	None		£ -
Total			£ -

- b. RESOLVED: To APPROVE payment schedule.

March 2026 Payment Schedule			
INV	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	Halcyon Ground Maintenance	Feb 26 Inv 2454, 2455	£ 266.76
2	PCC Barrington	Grant 25-26	£ 750.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS			Total £ 1,016.76

- c. To CONSIDER replacements for 2 Noticeboards (8xA4), to include budget:

- i) [Aluminium option](#)
- ii) [Man-made timber option](#)
- iii) [Timber option](#)

Cllr Bourne was of the view that the current noticeboards should be repaired rather than replaced. It was agreed to defer the decision to replace the 2 wooden noticeboards until the cost for the repairs and refurbishment was understood. Cllr C Sheffield agreed to get quotes for a future meeting.

ACTION: C Sheffield

- d. Two members of the Barrington In Bloom group presented their plans for the coming year, which included supporting the woodland and wildflower meadow and wheelbarrows, refreshing the VH bed mulch and more bulb planting. They explained that they were not planning on entering the National competition this year. The Gardening Club would continue to manage the funds on behalf of the group.
- RESOLVED: To APPROVE** a grant request for £500 from Barrington in Bloom.

25/135 GOVERNANCE & POLICIES.

- a. **RESOLVED: To APPROVE** the Asset Register.
- b. To **CONSIDER** the SID Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) progress to date and agree the next steps to complete the application. It was agreed to nominate Cllr McLean and a willing parishioner to complete Chapter 8 training in order to comply with the requirement of the MoU.

ACTION: Clerk

25/136 REPORTS.

Cllr C Sheffield gave a comprehensive report on a recent VH Committee meeting, the minutes of which would be circulated when received.

25/137 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

- a. Banking Audit.
- b. IT Policy.
- c. Data Audit.
- d. Allotment Risk Assessment.

25/138 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 7.00pm, Barrington Village Hall (Committee Room), Barrington, Somerset TA19 0JE.
All agenda items to be notified to the clerk by Friday 3 April 2026.

20:30 – Meeting Closed.