

Minutes of the 791st Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 19:00hrs

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) – Don Bourne, Jane Harker (Chair), Neil McLean, Peter Oakes, Teeuw Rolaff, Christine Sheffield, John Sheffield (7).

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

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- **Somerset Councillors (SCllrs).** A report had been circulated and Cllr Roundell Greene further reported:
- SC budget for 26-27 was being worked through, continued hopes to avoid a Section 114 notice.
- Recently visited SEND units in 2 schools, these making a huge difference to children's lives.
- [25/01809/S73](#) - Permission had been granted as SC could not identify any material basis for objection.

Cllr Harker expressed disappointment on behalf of the PC, having submitted a detailed report raising objections with many elements of the development.

Cllr Roundell-Greene suggested the PC forward photos of any drainage issues to ensure that measures are implemented to prevent flooding at Sharlands.

7.13 pm – Meeting opened

25/84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None.

25/85 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. None.

25/86 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting on 14 Oct 25.

25/87 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

- It was noted that the grit bins had been filled.

25/88 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. GDPR Training Report. The clerk had attended GDPR training and advised that the new PC laptop had been purchased and was being set up with Microsoft 365 to enable all Cllrs to access, store and work on Council documents and projects via a shared area on the Cloud. A Policy describing how Barrington Cllrs work within this environment to eliminate a potential data protection breach was also being produced and would be on a future agenda for adoption. The transfer to a .gov.uk domain and email addresses for all Cllrs had already been actioned, any Cllrs who still were not using their .gov email address were requested to do so as soon as possible, demonstrating compliance with the 2018 regulations.

b. [Route 1 Article](#)

c. [Flood Warden Lunch and Learn Recording](#)

d. [Somerset Highways Annual Works Map](#)

e. Levels and Moors Community Working Review Focus Group

25/89 PLANNING – Decisions REPORT.

- a. [25/01809/S73](#). Land Os 4400 Part Main Street Barrington Ilminster Somerset TA19 0JJ. S73 application to vary conditions 01, 02, 04 and 05 and removal of conditions 03, 06 and 07 of approval 21/03411/REM for Application for approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval of 20/00287/OUT (amended by 21/01977/S73) erection of 6 No. dwellings with associated gardens and parking

APPROVED.

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- b. [25/01978/HOU](#) & 25/01979/LBC. Glebe House Main Street Barrington Ilminster Somerset TA19 0JB. Replacement of existing conservatory and re-paint West gable end of house. **APPROVED.**
- c. [23/03072/FUL](#). Land At Thong Dairy Thong Lane Barrington Ilminster Somerset TA19 0NQ. Construction of an earth bank lagoon. **APPROVED.**

25/90 PLANNING – Applications.

- a. None.

25/91 FINANCE – To **NOTE** the receipts for October 25.

REC	RECEIVED	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	Allotment Fee	Various	£ 60.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS			Oct-25 £ 60.00

25/92 FINANCE – To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for November 25.

INV	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	K M Dike Nurseries	Ground Maint Oct 2370,2371	£ 266.76
2	Pinnacle Accountancy	Payroll Apr25-Sep25	£ 98.40
3	Dial a grass cut	Grass cutting	£ 75.00
4	J Ferguson	Reimburse OFFICE (Laptop)	£ 813.99
TOTAL PAYMENTS			£ 1,254.15

25/93 FINANCE – Draft 2026-27 Budget (Appendix 1)

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the draft 2026-27 Budget.

25/94 VILLAGE MATTERS

- a. To **CONSIDER** speed control measures in the village.

A number of issues were discussed, some having previously been raised at the APM as causing concern in the village:

- Volume of vehicles.
- Excessive speed of vehicles.
- Pedestrian safety.
- Dogs on long leads wandering into the path of vehicles.
- Irresponsible car parking.

Possible measures to help address some of these issues were considered and it was agreed that data captured from a new generation SID would assist with supporting any future measures. The clerk advised that the first steps would be to submit a map with suggested SID locations to SC for approval, then arrange for poles at those locations to be installed. Quotes for a SID would be on the next agenda for approval.

ACTION: Cllrs Harker, McLean & Clerk

25/95 REPORTS – To receive any Parish Councillor reports.

Cllr J Sheffield – Ruskway Lane drains cleared around 15 covers, further 10 at least to do, being completely blocked with grass overgrowth. Cllr Sheffield was thanked for his attention to this.

ACTION: Cllr J Sheffield

Concern was raised regarding a significant amount of rubble (waste) that was being dumped on land down Ruskway Lane. Cllr Harker offered to contact the landowner to understand the reason for the hardcore and any future plans for the site.

ACTION: Cllr Harker

A general point was discussed regarding verge encroachment on road throughout the whole village, contributing to matters of pedestrian safety. It was agreed that landowners should be made aware of their responsibilities to keeping their hedges and vegetation cut back and

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drainage ditches clear before consideration given to instructing an external contractor to address any that remained. Clerk and Cllr Harker to draft letter to landowners to ask for their help.

ACTION: Cllr Harker and Clerk

Cllr Harker had been in receipt of an email from parishioner who reported a run in with dog owner, which was off the lead and not under control, having previously bitten another dog. Cllr Harker read out the legislation relating to this problem and offered to create a Facebook post to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

ACTION: Cllr Harker

There had been reports of unpleasant behaviour from parents picking up and dropping off their children at the nursery, irresponsible car parking, road blocking and verbal abuse towards residents when challenged. It was agreed to write to owner of the business and request that parents be more considerate when picking up and dropping off their children.

ACTION: Cllr Harker

Cllr Harker raised the topic of an Emergency Plan for the village and sought views from the PC on taking this forward. Points to consider included:

- Creation of an Emergency Plan to be called into action in the event of a significant disaster or accident (e.g helicopter crash) in the village, identifying Point of Contacts (PoC) for emergency services and volunteers with defined roles to organise help for those in need.
- Purchase of a generator to provide electricity to the VH in the event of a significant power outage. Cllrs raised potential issues around storage and cost, due to the size required for the VH.
- Winter Warmer fund could be used for qualifying expenditure.

ACTION: Cllrs Harker and McLean

25/96 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Budget for SID installation

25/97 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 13 Jan 2026 (all agenda items to the clerk by 2 Jan 2026).

21.00pm – Meeting Closed.

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APPENDIX 1

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Draft 26-27 Budget (Nov25) APPROVED

Budget Line	FY25-26 Budget	Actual spend ytd	Predicted remaining expenditure	Projected total expend FY25-26	Budget remaining	Budget remaining (%)	APPROVED Budget FY26-27
Clerks salary (Gross)	£ 6,100.00	£ 3,110.89	£ 4,202.04	£ 7,312.93	-£ 1,212.93	-20%	£ 7,500.00
Admin & expenses	£ 1,800.00	£ 649.23	£ 700.00	£ 1,349.23	£ 450.77	25%	£ 1,500.00
Fees & subscriptions	£ 160.00	£ 212.16	£ -	£ 212.16	-£ 52.16	-33%	£ 220.00
S137/ grants	£ 500.00			£ -	£ 500.00	100%	£ 500.00
Village hall hire	£ 180.00	£ 168.00	£ 165.00	£ 333.00	-£ 153.00	-85%	£ 180.00
IT & website	£ 500.00	£ 217.57	£ 150.00	£ 367.57	£ 132.43	26%	£ 300.00
Training	£ 200.00	£ -	£ 75.00	£ 75.00	£ 125.00	63%	£ 100.00
Field lease (Allotments)	£ 506.00	£ -	£ 560.00	£ 560.00	-£ 54.00	-11%	£ 560.00
Parish maintenance & grass cutting	£ 4,500.00	£ 1,330.01	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,830.01	£ 1,669.99	37%	£ 4,000.00
Asset management	£ 1,000.00	£ 373.28		£ 373.28	£ 626.72	63%	£ 1,000.00
Insurance (PC & allotment)	£ 950.00	£ 735.99		£ 735.99	£ 214.01	23%	£ 950.00
Defibrillator	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	0%	£ -
Ranger scheme (rename/remove?)	£ 2,500.00	£ -		£ -	£ 2,500.00	100%	£ -
Parish bins	£ 1,000.00						£ 1,000.00
Parish/highway safety (NEW)							£ 2,500.00
Footpath maintenance TO RESERVE	£ 100.00	£ -			£ 100.00	100%	£ 100.00
Fitness equipment TO RESERVE	£ 500.00				£ 500.00	100%	£ 500.00
Highways & drainage TO RESERVE	£ 500.00	£ -			£ 500.00	100%	£ 500.00
Defibrillator TO RESERVE	£ 100.00	£ -			£ 100.00	100%	£ 100.00
IT replacement TO RESERVE	£ 100.00	£ -			£ 100.00	100%	£ 100.00
St Marys PCC (Grant)	£ 750.00	£ -	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	£ -	0%	£ 750.00
Village hall (Grant)	£ 250.00	£ -	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	£ -	0%	£ 250.00
Total	£ 22,196.00	£ 7,095.14	£ 8,352.04	£ 15,447.18	£ 15,100.86		£ 22,610.00

Reserves	Reserves at 31/3/2025	Additions current yr	Reserves at 31/3/2026	Notes	Notes		
*IT replacement fund (ring fenced)	£ 680.13	£ 100.00	£ 780.13				
Defibrillator replacement fund (ring fenced)	£ 613.67	£ 100.00	£ 713.67				
Footpaths Reserve (ring fenced?)	£ 2,974.73	£ 100.00	£ 3,074.73				
Outdoor Fitness Fund (ring fenced)	£ 3,428.07	£ 500.00	£ 3,928.07				
Highways & Drains	£ 4,144.82	£ 3,000.00	£ 7,144.82	Ranger surplus add at EoY			
*Election costs (ring fenced)	£ 350.00	£ -	£ 350.00				
*Enhanced PC Website (ring fenced)	£ 250.00	£ -	£ 250.00				
Winter Warmer Fund	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ 1,500.00				
Legal Expenses	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00				
Admin reserve - 50%-75% running costs	£ 26,931.37	£ -	£ 30,880.58				
Total Reserves	£ 41,372.79		£ 49,122.00	Predicted			

Projected total reserves = £41373 (carried forward) + £22196 (Precept) + £1000(Receipts) - £ 15447 (projected total expenditure) = £49122

Ref: Precept Request FY25-26 = £22196