

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 799th meeting of Barrington Parish Council held at Barrington Village Hall on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 19:00hrs.

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

In attendance:

Clerk: Julie Ferguson

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

A brief report was heard, Cllrs warming up to the elections in May 2027. A brief on LGR was heard, with an explanation of why Mayors are necessary.

Members of the public: No members were present.

19:10 – Meeting opened

26/40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

To receive any apologies for absence. None.

26/41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

26/42 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (LGA 1972 sch12,para41(1)).

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th July 2026.

26/43 CO-OPTION.

No one came forward at this time. The PC discussed a campaign to promote being a Parish Councillor for the elections next May 27.

26/44 CHAIR'S REPORT.

To hear a report from the Chair:

- a. Article 4 Direction report. A briefing paper had been circulated explaining the process to apply for the Article 4 Direction which removes or restricts permitted development rights from properties in a defined area. In summary, the process is as follows:
 - i) Creation and submission of a Character Area Appraisal (CAA).
 - ii) SC Placement Team evaluation of CAA to assess need.
 - iii) If agreed, public consultation of 21-28 days.
 - iv) Submission of Article 4 Direction for approval.
 - v) Costs estimate for CAA and SC SLA around £8K + VATCllrs considered the information presented and debated the pro's and con's of an Article 4 Direction. It was agreed that an awaited response from Bill Cotton (SC Planning Service Director) as to whether it would be supported by SC, would assist with the PCs decision as to the next steps.
- b. Highways drains. A follow up meeting with SC was being chased regarding Shelway and Ruskway Lanes. John Nicholsan (SC Highways) had responded informing the gullies are going to be cleared later in the year.
- c. Bonfire report. A resident had written to a neighbouring farm requesting careful consideration when disposing of the debris from a previous fire by a 'planned' bonfire.
- d. Village Hall Trustees meeting. Meeting had been rescheduled.

26/45 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Members **NOTED** the Clerks Report:

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

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- d. Village Hall response to request for bill for water usage at Barrington Allotments. The committee did not consider that any contribution was necessary at this point but would monitor the usage and advise if any charges would be made to the PC in the future.
- e. Somerset Heritage at Risk Register.
- f. NALC Pay Award 2026/27.

26/46 ONGOING MATTERS.

Members **NOTED** ongoing matters:

Cllr Harker gave an update on the grant application for the 2 noticeboards, leaving aside the benches to simplify the application. This was agreed.

SIDs - Still waiting for members to come forward for Chapter 8 training, at which point the unit would be purchased. Cllr McLean agreed to progress the Training.

26/47 PLANNING MATTERS.

- a. None.

26/48 FINANCE MATTERS.

- a. Members **NOTED** receipts:

July & Aug 2026 Receipts			
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Amount
1	None		£ -
Total			£ -

- b. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** payment schedule (inc. payments for **REPORT**).

July 26 Payment Schedule			
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Amount
1	Halcyon Landscapes	Ground Maintenance June 26	6679, 6680 £ 277.42
2	Village Hall Committee	Grant towards Village Fete	n/a £ 500.00
Sub-total			£ 777.42
Payments for Report			Amount
4	n/a		
Sub-total			£ -
Total			£ 777.42

Sept 26 Payment Schedule			
Inv	Payee	Particulars	Amount
1	Halcyon Landscapes	Ground Maintenance July 26	6911, 6912 £ 277.42
2	Dial a grass cut	grass cutting June	n/a £ 66.00
3	Sophie England	Bench Refurbishment	40 £ 480.00
4	Pinnacle Accountancy	Wages and payroll services	19858 £ 54.00
Sub-total			£ 877.42
Payments for Report			Amount
4	n/a		
Sub-total			£ -
Total			£ 877.42

- c. **RESOLVED:** To **APPROVE** a grant request from Barrington Football Club for £250 (Appendix 1).

26/49 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Village Defibrillators – Cllr Bourne to handover ownership of the 2 units on The Circuit to the clerk email and all Cllrs agreed to support the routine inspections.

26/50 REPORTS.

Cllr C Sheffield had carried out litter picking.

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26/51 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

- a. Paddock Farm explanation of site wrt. planning applications.

26/52 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday 6 Oct 2026 at 7.00pm, Barrington Village Hall (Committee Room), Barrington, Somerset TA19 0JE.
All agenda items to be notified to the clerk by Friday 25 Sept 2026.

20:55 – Meeting closed.

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APPENDIX 1

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name of the organisation	BARRINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB
Address of website, if available	NA
Bank account details	(as appears on statements) BARRINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB [REDACTED]
Name of person(s) submitting the application	MANDY BLISTER
What is your position in the organisation?	ASSISTANT SECRETARY TREASURER
Contact address, including phone number & email address	[REDACTED]
Geographical area covered (delete as appropriate)	Somerset
Aims, objectives or activities of the organisation	Provide Adult Grass Roots Football
Do you target a specific age range? If so what is it?	Age Range 16-50+
Do you target disabled groups?	NO
How much funding are you applying for?	£300
What is the funding to be used for?	To Assist with Pitch repair / Maintenance following extreme weather *
Please clearly state how the funding you are applying for will benefit residents of Barrington?	Allow Continuation of Provision for local football
Do you currently receive funding from other sources and, if so, from where and how much?	NO
Are you applying to other funding organisations for support and, if yes, who are they?	NO

Please return this form to Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk

Costs of getting back pitch to original high Standard would be in Excess of £1000.
ie. Reseeding where necessary, Applications of fertiliser, General maintenance work

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