

# **BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the 741<sup>st</sup> Virtual Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 September at 18:00hrs**

### **Present – Councillors**

Don Bourne (Chairman), Ian McGarry, Tom McKnight, Peter Oakes, Rob Stenner

### **In attendance:**

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk, Mike Stanton – District Councillor.

### **20/64. To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given**

Apologies were received from Councillor Stone and County Councillor Adam Dance.

### **20/65. Declarations of interests**

None.

### **20/66. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2020.**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held

### **18:18 – Meeting closed**

### **20/67. Public Open Session**

Councillor Stanton reported that County Council finances had proved robust in the face of Covid-19 with no services being adversely affected. He explained the unitary authority solutions for Somerset that were being discussed and proposed at County level. The decision relating to a single unitary authority or two unitary authorities for Somerset was going to be made by Secretary of State (MHCLG<sup>1</sup>) in January 2021 which may cause a postponement of the County Council elections planned for May 2021.

### **18:25 – Meeting opened**

### **20/68. Parish Council Matters**

- a. To consider the co-option of a Parish Councillor.

Nobody had come forward for co-option, the clerk agreed to produce a leaflet to advertise the vacancy.

### **20/69. Planning**

- a. To note decisions on earlier applications. None.  
b. To consider new applications.

20/02003/FUL St Marys Church, Main Street, Barrington. Change of roof covering to the nave roof, from lead to terne steel, raised slightly to allow for ventilation beneath new roof covering.

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

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**RESOLVED:** It was unanimously agreed to provide comments in support of the application.

## **20/70. Finance**

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|----|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| a) | To approve the following payments:                           |         |
|    | J Ferguson (Clerks salary & expenses)                        | £378.62 |
|    | HMRC <sup>2</sup> (PAYE <sup>3</sup> )                       | £ 73.40 |
|    | Garden, Farm & Country Services                              | £320.00 |
|    | SALC <sup>4</sup> & NALC <sup>5</sup> Affiliation annual fee | £119.13 |

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed for the payments presented to be approved and signed

b) To consider a donation to Community Transport South West Limited.  
The Parish Council were unable to provide a donation at this time.

c) To consider joining CPRE<sup>6</sup>, the countryside charity.  
The Parish Council agreed to look into the work of the charity and also the annual cost before making a decision.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

## **20/71. Village issues and reports**

a) To report on ongoing problems between residents of Water Street and Hassockmoor Childcare. The Parish Council had received 3 items of correspondence indicating a breakdown of neighbourly relations between Hassockmoor Nursery and two households in Water Street. After some discussion it was agreed that this was not a Parish Council matter and the Parish Council had not been asked to get involved. It was decided to write a letter in response, to each party explaining the Parish Council's stance but also offering to support a meeting to restore harmony should they wish to do so.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk & Councillor Bourne**

## **20/72. Highways & Rights of Way reports**

Councillor Stanton gave a report on the drainage enforcement action at 30 Highfields. Councillor Stenner offered the developers name to Councillor Stanton to be provided to the enforcement team.

## **20/73. Report and items for the Ranger**

Councillor McKnight had been directing the ranger and was putting together a maintenance program each month. He also reported that he had been carrying out work in the woodland.

## **20/74. Date of next meeting – 13 October 2020.**

## **18:45 – Meeting closed**

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<sup>2</sup> Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

<sup>3</sup> Pay As You Earn

<sup>4</sup> Somerset Association of Local Councils

<sup>5</sup> National Association of Local Councils

<sup>6</sup> Campaign to Protect Rural England