

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 766th Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 19:00hrs

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) - Don Bourne (Chair), Debbie Eustice, Tom McKnight, Peter Oakes, Mat Arnold, Victoria Collins, Robert Stenner.

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public (part-time).

Public Open Session.

The following topics were discussed:

- Support for the PCC grant application for grass cutting in the churchyard.
- A report on blocked drains in Water Street and responsibility for clearing them. Cllr Bourne reported that he had arranged a meeting with representatives from County Highways and The National Trust (Barrington Court).

County and District Councillors Reports

There were no Councillors present at this time.

19:15 – Meeting opened

23/1 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))
None.

23/2 Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).
None.

23/3 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting (LGA 1972 sch12,para41(1))
RESOLVED: To approve and sign as a true and accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2023.

23/4 Matters to report from a previous meeting
There was nothing reported at this time.

23/5 Planning decisions report.
None.

23/6 Planning applications.
None.

23/7 To resolve that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence
RESOLVED: To adopt the General Power of Competence as the following conditions of eligibility have been met:

- A CiLCA qualified Clerk

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- At the precise moment that the council resolves that it meets the criteria, the number of councillors elected at the last ordinary election, or at a subsequent by-election, must equal or exceed two thirds of its total number of councillors.

23/8 Finance – To approve the payment schedule for April 2023

Barrington Parish Council - April23 Payments			
DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
11-Apr-23	Garden Farm & Country servi	Ground Maintenance	£ 165.00
11-Apr-23	National Society of Allotmen	Annual Fee	£ 30.00
11-Apr-23	STAFF	Salary & expenses/reimbursements Apr23	£ 518.84
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 713.84

RESOLVED: To approve all payments totalling £713.84

23/9 Finance – To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 31st March 2023

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Financial Summary 2022-23				
31/03/2023				
CASHBOOK		Receipts	Payments	Balance
01/04/2022	Balance B/F			£28,835.25
	PLUS Receipts to Date	£18,945.59		£47,780.84
	MINUS Payments to Date		£14,620.05	£33,160.79
Current Balance				£33,160.79
BANK		Current Acc		£19,791.16
		Reserve Acc		£13,369.63
	less unrepresented payments			
	plus outstanding lodgements			
Bank Reconciliation				£33,160.79

RESOLVED: To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation to 31st March 2023

23/10 Finance – To note the 2022-23 year-end budget and cashbook.

Chairman

Date

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BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Summary 2022-23

Budget Line	FY22-23 Budget	Actual spend ytd	Budget remaining	Budget remaining (%)
Clerks Salary (Gross)	£ 4,000.00	£ 4,950.69	-£ 950.69	-24%
Admin & expenses	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,353.01	£ 146.99	10%
Fees Subscriptions	£ 150.00	£ 159.12	-£ 9.12	-6%
S137/ Grants	£ 500.00	£ 540.00	-£ 40.00	-8%
Village hall hire	£ 200.00	£ 120.00	£ 80.00	40%
IT & Website	£ 350.00	£ 248.36	£ 101.64	29%
Training	£ 200.00	£ 206.66	-£ 6.66	-3%
Field Lease (Allotments)	£ 650.00	£ 506.00	£ 144.00	22%
Ground Maintenance Contract	£ 3,800.00	£ 3,176.12	£ 623.88	16%
Asset Management (formerly Field Incidentals)	£ 500.00	£ 449.30	£ 50.70	10%
Insurance (PC & Allotment)	£ 650.00	£ 695.14	-£ 45.14	-7%
Audit Expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -	0%
Ranger Scheme	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,586.62	£ 413.38	21%
Footpath Maintenance	£ 400.00	£ -	£ 400.00	100%
Fitness Equipment Reserve	£ 1,000.00		£ 1,000.00	100%
Highways & drainage Reserve	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	100%
Defibrillator Reserve	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00	100%
IT Replacement Reserve	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00	100%
St Marys PCC (Grant)	£ 800.00	£ -	£ 800.00	100%
Village Hall (Grant)	£ 250.00	£ -	£ 250.00	100%
Reclaimable VAT	£ -	£ 629.03		
Total	£ 18,150.00	£ 14,620.05	£ 3,529.95	

Noted.

23/11 Finance – To consider a grant request for £650 from St Mary's Church PCC for grass cutting.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant request for £650 from St Mary's Church PCC for grass cutting.

23/12 Finance – To consider purchasing a Coronation commemoration bench

RESOLVED: To approve a budget of £500 for a Coronation Commemoration Bench and plaque and for Cllr Collins to look into suitable benches and report back to the PC.

23/13 To approve the asset register

RESOLVED: To approve the asset register.

23/14 To consider the Insurance Pre-renewal Questionnaire

It was agreed that there was no additional information required to be provided for the insurance renewal quote.

23/15 Reports – To receive reports:

- Defibrillator – Cllr Bourne provided an update after speaking to representatives from

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British Heartbeat Trust and it was agreed that the ZOLL AED fully automatic was considered the best defibrillator. It was agreed that the Clerk could go ahead and purchase the unit and cabinet once the location had been agreed. Cllr Bourne agreed to ask the owners of the school to confirm in writing that they are happy for the unit and cabinet to be fixed to the school and also to arrange for the electrical connections to be put in place.

- b. Parish Councillor reports - Cllr McKnight reported that he had started to fill the gaps in the hedge in the recreation ground & allotment field with goat willow and had attended a recent meeting of the Village Hall Trustees after a request had been made for his attendance.

23/16 Clerks Report/Correspondence

The clerk reported that the year end file had been complied and was with the auditor.

The following items of correspondence of note had been circulated:

- SWP Briefings
- SSDC - Get SuSSed Newsletter
- SSDC – Members briefings
- SC – Launch contact details and briefings

23/17 Items for the next agenda

- Plans for Barrington Day

23/18 Date of next meeting – 9th May 2023

20:10 Meeting closed.