

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 750th Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 19:00hrs

Present – Councillors

Margaret Stone (Chair), Tom McKnight, Peter Oakes, Victoria Collins, 8 members of the public.

In attendance:

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk

19:00 – Meeting opened

21/21 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given

Apologies were received and accepted from Mat Arnold, Don Bourne, Mike Stanton & Adam Dance.

21/22 Declarations of Interests

None.

21/23 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting

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

21/24 Public Open Session to include County and District Councillors reports

There was a presentation from Dr Caroline Brown from Joyrights Field Academy, the notes from which are appended to the minutes. Keith Weston (Operations Manager - National Trust) also presented a report of the current activities at Barrington House, in particular an update on the work being done on the car park & roofing project.

21/25 Planning Decisions Report.

None.

21/26 Planning Applications.

None

21/27 Finance - To approve the following payments:

J Ferguson – Clerks salary & expenses (August)	£337.58
HMRC – PAYE (August)	£64.80
Garden Farm & Country Services	£320.00
SSDC – Ranger 2020-21	£1904.76
Play Inspection company	£114.00
SALC – Affiliation fee	£123.24
Dial a grass cut	£150.00
Pinnacle Accountancy – Payslips	£12.80

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

21/28 Finance – To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation

RESOLVED: The cashbook and bank reconciliation were unanimously approved.

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21/29 Parish Matters – Report on SID purchase

The clerk reported that the Pitcombe PC SID had been purchased and was waiting to be collected. Councillor Stone offered to collect and councillor McKnight suggested it could be stored at the village Hall. The clerk explained that it was advisable for at least 2 councillors or nominated persons be Chapter 8 trained to permit them to work on the highway, at a cost of £528 (for 2 persons) and that sites for the SID needed to be agreed with Somerset County Highways, along with a Memorandum of Understanding.

ACTION: Councillor Stone

21/30 Date of next meeting – 14th September 2021

20:05 – Meeting closed

Presentation given at Barrington Parish Council Meeting on 10th August 2021 by Dr Caroline Brown of Joywrights Field Academy.

Joywrights Field Academy

Summary overview of presentation to Barrington Parish Council 10th August 2021

Caroline Brown, drcarolinebrown@gmail.com

The three key drivers behind the project are: Environmental; Community; Business Plan.

All of the following activities reside in one, two or all three of the above objectives.

- 1) Planted more than 180 trees since January 2019, including a mixed fruit orchard (more to be planted over the next few years)
- 2) Allow hedgerow trees to grow into trees
- 3) Increase species diversity – already in just 2 years the field has gone from just a little clover and cover in buttercup to include; daisy, dandelion, vetch, trefoil, tansy, wild geranium, mallow); ladybird population is very small but is there and I'm working on encouraging them!
- 4) Ensure minimisation of plastic pollution – microplastic particles are now being found in human liver and kidney tissue
- 5) Developing growing beds for fruit and vegetables
- 6) Reduce resource use and develop resilience to the Drought and Deluge cycle that it appears climate change is putting us into (evidence as Athens burns right now, floods in Germany and Belgium last month, burning in US, heatwave in Canada, fatal floods in China)

Community projects in place currently:

- Allotment activities for learning disabled adults and their carers
- Tree nursery for Ilminster tree planting group
- Community composting for neighbours in Barrington (plastic free and **absolutely no Glyphosate (Roundup)** waste).

Community projects in development

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- Discussing with Rama Life the potential for teaching children how to make hay by hand (scythe, turn, pitch, bale, store)

Business plan:

- Caravan is self-contained, to be offered as Air B&B
- Some limited camping (maybe aligned to workshops)
- Workshops:
- Ground to gourmet (soil up organic growing of food, propagation, dealing with pests organically), picking and preparation of food, preservation (jam, chutney, pickle, juice, fermentation)
- Scything and haymaking
- Hedge laying
- Composting
- Coppicing
- Sale of hand cut hay as small pet food

Neighbours are welcome to contact me via my email address (drcarolinebrown@gmail.com) or just to pop in if the gate is open, I will be very happy to answer any questions and discuss any worries or concerns you might have.