

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 773rd Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 19:00hrs

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) – Don Bourne (Chair), Tom McKnight, Peter Oakes, Rob Stenner.

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)

Members from the Barrington in Bloom Committee explained how the money from the grant, if received would be used in different areas around the village and also how the group would be working with the nursery and forest school, providing seeds and planting supplies for the children to grow on plants.

They also asked for PC assistance, helping to fund repairs and necessary maintenance on the many footpaths and RoW throughout the parish. It was agreed that volunteer help would be needed.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Somerset Councillors (SCllrs)

SCllrs A Dance and J Roundell-Greene had sent their apologies.

19:25 – Meeting opened

23/118 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given (*LGA 1972 s85(1)*)
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Eustice.

23/119 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.

23/120 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 correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2024.

23/121 Matters to report from a previous meeting.
None.

23/122 To NOTE resignation of a Parish Councillor.

It was **NOTED** that Cllrs Collins and Arnold had resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Council Notice of Vacancy had been posted.

23/123 Planning decisions report.
None.

23/124 Planning applications - 22/01298/FUL. Barrington Court, National Trust Eastfield Lane Barrington Ilminster. Installation of property gates along the access drive to Barrington Court.

RESOLVED: To **SUPPORT** the application.

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23/125 Finance – To APPROVE the payment schedule for February 2024.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 24 PAYMENTS			
DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
13-Feb-24	STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - FEB 24	TBA
13-Feb-24	SOMERSET COUNCIL	RANGER JAN 24	£ 211.26
13-Feb-24	SALC	MEMBERSHIP	£ 57.25
13-Feb-24	PINNACLE	PAYROLL FEE	£ 45.60
13-Feb-24	MARSH COMMERCIAL	ALLOTMENT INSURANCE (REPORT)	£ 103.87
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 417.98

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for February 2024.

23/126 Finance – To APPROVE a grant request for £400 for the Barrington In Bloom event.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a grant request for £400 for the Barrington In Bloom event.

23/127 Finance – To APPROVE a cost of £150 to support the Hedgehog Highway Project by purchasing a box of highway hedgehog surrounds, stickers and leaflets.

23/128 Finance – To APPROVE the purchase of a replacement VH defibrillator due to obsolete replacement parts for the current unit.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the purchase of a new defibrillator and cabinet at a cost of £750 match funded by London Hearts.

ACTION: Clerk

23/129 To AGREE the date of the Annual Parish Meeting and any additional arrangements

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held prior to the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2024, to start at 6pm. The clerk was asked to arrange refreshments and produce some posters to encourage public attendance.

ACTION: Clerk

23/130 To consider any work required on the PROW throughout the parish in preparation for Barrington In Bloom.

The clerk agreed to contact Somerset Council Footpath Warden and Volunteer co-ordinator and put them in touch with the Barrington in Bloom group to progress a maintenance/volunteer day for the footpaths and RoW in the parish.

ACTION: Clerk

23/131 To consider a request to use the field for a private event on Sat 2nd March 2024.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the request. Cllr Bourne agreed to respond.

ACTION: Cllr Bourne

23/132 To consider a request for permission to host a bonfire night event on the field on Sat 2nd November 2024.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a request for permission to host a bonfire night event on the field on Sat 2nd November 2024, however a bonfire was not to be allowed. Councillors offered the Coronation Beacon as a focal point for the evening celebrations.

ACTION: Clerk

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23/133 Reports – To receive reports:

a. Parish Councillor reports

Cllr Oakes reported that he had lifted the stuck drain cover at the bottom of the lane opposite the village hall, allowing access for it to be cleared. Cllr Bourne agreed to contact SC Highways to arrange.

ACTION: Cllr Bourne

23/134 Items for the next agenda.

There was nothing identified at this time.

23/135 Date of next meeting – 12th March 2024 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 1st March 2024).

20:30 – Meeting ended.