

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Julie Ferguson

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Minutes of the 772nd Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 19:00hrs

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

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk), SCllr A Dance and 3 members of the public (part-time).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)

A spokesperson for Barrington In Bloom village group gave an overview of the plans and progress to date and enquired as to the process for asking for permissions and grants from the PC. All queries were answered and the PC thanked them for their efforts.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Somerset Councillors (SCllrs)

SCllr Dance gave further information relating to the poor financial situation of Somerset County, giving more detail on the sort of services that may be affected. He urged the PC to make provision for increased costs in respect of some of those services in their budget and precept.

Outside bodies/groups

None.

19:50 – Meeting opened

23/101 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Arnold, Collins and Eustice.

23/102 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).

Cllr McKnight had a payment due.

23/103 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 14th November 2023.

23/104 Matters to report from a previous meeting.

Cllr McKnight reported that the work to refurbish the 'Coronation Bench' was completed. The Chair thanked him for all his efforts.

23/105 Planning decisions report. None.

23/106 Planning applications. None.

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23/107 Finance – To APPROVE the cashbook & bank reconciliation to 31st Dec 2023.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL 2023-24					
Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2024					
	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Remaining	Remaining
	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
RECEIPTS					
Precept	£ 18,150.00	£ 20,171.00			
Deposit Interest	£ 58.57	£ 131.33			
Allotment Fees	£ 140.00	£ 162.50			
Grants	£ -	£ -			
VAT repayment	£ 597.02	£ -			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 18,945.59	£ 20,464.83			
PAYMENTS					
Salaries	£ 4,950.69	£ 4,143.96	£ 5,000.00	£ 856.04	17%
Administration	£ 1,353.01	£ 1,173.77	£ 2,000.00	£ 826.23	41%
Ground Maintenance Contract	£ 3,176.12	£ 2,569.51	£ 4,500.00	£ 1,930.49	43%
Ranger	£ 1,586.62	£ 1,584.44	£ 2,500.00		
Village Hall Hire	£ 120.00	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	100%
I/T & Website	£ 248.36	£ 198.44	£ 350.00	£ 151.56	43%
Subscriptions	£ 159.12	£ 155.46	£ 150.00	-£ 5.46	-4%
Insurances	£ 695.14	£ 605.51	£ 650.00	£ 44.49	7%
Training	£ 206.66	£ 460.00	£ 200.00	-£ 260.00	-130%
Footpath Maintenance	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	100%
Grants (inc. PCC & VH)	£ 540.00	£ 650.00	£ 1,550.00	£ 900.00	58%
Asset Management	£ 449.30	£ 202.45	£ 1,000.00	£ 797.55	80%
Field Lease (Allotments)	£ 506.00	£ 506.00	£ 506.00	£ -	0%
Defibrillator	£ -	£ 1,886.33			
VAT incurred	£ 629.03	£ 858.31			
RESERVES CONTRIBUTIONS			£ 1,200.00		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 14,620.05	£ 14,994.18	£ 19,906.00	£ 5,540.90	
Exc of Recpt over Paymts	£ 4,325.54	£ 5,470.65			
plus balances b/fwd	£ 28,835.25	£33,160.79			
Balances c/fwd	£ 33,160.79	£ 38,631.44	CASHBOOK BALANCE		
Reconciliation with bank accounts as at 31 DEC 23					
Natwest Current Account		£ 25,130.48			
Natwest Reserve Account		£ 13,500.96			
Less Outstanding payments		£ -			
Add Outstanding lodgements		£ -			
Total balances at bank		£ 38,631.44	STATEMENT BALANCES		

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the cashbook/bank reconciliation to 31 Dec 23.

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23/108 Finance – To APPROVE the budget for 2024-25.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2024-25		
Budget Line	Budget 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
SALARIES	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,600.00
ADMINISTRATION	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,800.00
FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 150.00	£ 160.00
GRANTS	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
VILLAGE HALL HIRE	£ 200.00	£ 180.00
IT/WEBSITE	£ 350.00	£ 350.00
TRAINING	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
FILED LEASE (ALLOTMENTS)	£ 506.00	£ 506.00
GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	£ 4,500.00	£ 4,500.00
ASSET MANAGEMENT	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
INSURANCES	£ 650.00	£ 650.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	£ -	£ -
RANGER	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00
FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE TO RESERVES	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
FITNESS EQUIPMENT TO RESERVES	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
HIGHWAYS & DRAINAGE TO RESERVES	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
DEFIBRIALLATOR TO RESERVES	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
IT REPLACEMENT TO RESERVES	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
ST MARYS PCC ANNUAL GRANT	£ 800.00	£ 650.00
VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GRANT	£ 250.00	£ 250.00
VAT	£ -	
Total	£ 19,906.00	£ 20,146.00

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the budget for 2024-25.

23/109 Finance – To APPROVE the precept for 2024-25.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a precept request for £21,180 for 2024-25.

23/110 Finance – To APPROVE the payment schedule for January 2023.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JAN 24 PAYMENTS			
DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
27-Dec-23	STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - DEC (REPORT)	£ 529.37
27-Dec-23	SOMERSET COUNCIL	RANGER NOV 23	£ 211.26
09-Jan-24	STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - JAN 24	£ 549.17
09-Jan-24	DIAL-A-GRASS-CUT	GRASS CUTTING OCT23	£ 60.00
09-Jan-24	TOM MCKNIGHT	REIMBURSE BENCH REFURBISHMENT	£ 68.97
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 1,418.77

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for January 2023.

23/111 To consider a request to use the field for the Village Fete on 17th August 2024.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a request to use the field for the Village Fete on the 17th August 2024.

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23/112 To consider implementation of restricted access to the field.

Cllr McKnight reported that the locks had been replaced and the access to the field was now restricted to key holders.

23/113 To consider rules for bonfires on the field.

The clerk agreed to put together some rules suitable for bonfires on the field for approval at a future meeting.

23/114 Reports – To receive reports:

- a. Parish Councillor reports

There was nothing more reported at this time.

23/115 To report the PC meeting dates for 2024.

The following dates were agreed for 2024 PC meetings:

13/2/24, 12/3/24, 9/4/24, 14/5/24, 11/6/24, 9/7/24 10/9/24, 8/10/24, 12/11/24.

23/116 Items for the next agenda.

- Request from Barrington in Bloom Group for grant funding

23/117 Date of next meeting – 13th February 2024 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 1st February 2024).

20:40 – Meeting closed