

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Julie Ferguson

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Minutes of the 778th Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 19:00hrs

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) – Debbie Eustice (Chair), Jane Harker, Peter Oakes, Matthew Rowswell, Rob Stenner, Graham Weekes.

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public (1 part-time).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)

Members of the Village Hall Committee provided details for the village fete to be held on 17th August and also reported on preparations for the imminent Barrington In Bloom judges visit on 25th July. They asked if the PC could request that the rec. field grass be cut just prior to both events and the clerk agreed to contact the contractor. Cllr Oakes agreed to tidy the verges through the village in readiness for the judging day.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- **Somerset Councillors (SCllrs)** Cllr Roundell-Greene reported that the £3mil that Suez required to take them to the contract end date in 2025 had been agreed along with the additional costs to take the contract to 2030, meaning that there would be no drop off in waste services for households.
- Generally SC finances were looking much better with the current streamlining process inc. redundancies going well, however Adult and Children's Social Care was still a significant drain on finances.
- Cllr Adam Dance who had recently been elected as the Lib Dem MP for Yeovil would be stepping down from his role as SCllr for South Petherton and Islemoor, whereupon there would be a by-election for a new SCllr.

19:20 – Meeting opened

24/46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Cllr Bourne sent his apologies (belatedly) as he had inadvertently overlooked the revised date.

24/47 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. None.

24/48 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11 June 24.

24/49 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

- Confirmation Cllrs PC emails are setup. ONGOING. Cllr Harker agreed to assist.

24/50 PLANNING – Decisions REPORT. None.

24/51 PLANNING – Applications. None.

24/52 FINANCE – To APPROVE the payment schedule for JULY 2024.

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BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JULY 24 PAYMENTS		
PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - JUL 24	£538.96
BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL	COMMITTEE ROOM HIRE 2024	£120.00
K M DIKE NURSERIES	GROUND MAINTENANCE JUN24	£ 259.00
SALC	CLLR TRAINING	£ 50.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£967.96

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

24/53 FINANCE – To APPROVE the Cashbook/Bank Reconciliation and **NOTE** the Budget Q1 Review (01 Apr 24 – 30 June 24).

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL 2024-25					
Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2025					
	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Remaining	Remaining
	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25
RECEIPTS					
Precept	£ 20,171.00	£ 21,180.00			
Deposit Interest	£ 179.65	£ 49.58			
Allotment Fees	£ 162.50	£ -			
Grants	£ -	£ -			
VAT repayment		£ 597.02			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 20,513.15	£ 21,826.60			
PAYMENTS					
Salaries	£ 5,551.27	£ 1,905.02	£ 5,600.00	£ 3,694.98	66%
Administration	£ 1,640.27	£ 628.40	£ 1,800.00	£ 1,171.60	65%
Ground Maintenance Contract	£ 2,569.51	£ -	£ 4,500.00	£ 4,500.00	100%
Ranger	£ 1,936.54	£ 352.09	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,147.91	86%
Village Hall Hire		£ -	£ 180.00	£ 180.00	100%
I/T & Website	£ 424.44	£ 161.53	£ 350.00	£ 188.47	54%
Subscriptions	£ 242.71	£ -	£ 160.00	£ 160.00	100%
Insurances	£ 709.38	£ 728.32	£ 650.00	-£ 78.32	-12%
Training	£ 460.00	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	100%
Footpath Maintenance	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	100%
Grants (inc. PCC & VH)	£ 1,050.00	£ 750.00	£ 1,400.00	£ 650.00	46%
Asset Management	£ 473.42	£ 321.34	£ 1,000.00	£ 678.66	68%
Field Lease (Allotments)	£ 506.00	£ -	£ 506.00	£ 506.00	100%
Defibrillator	£ 2,636.33	£ -	£ -	£ -	#DIV/0!
VAT incurred	£ 992.33	£ 130.58			
RESERVES CONTRIBUTIONS			£ 1,200.00		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 19,192.20	£ 4,977.28	£ 20,146.00		
Exc of Recpt over Paymts	£ 1,320.95	£ 16,849.32			
plus balances b/fwd	£ 33,160.79	£34,481.74			
Balances c/fwd	£ 34,481.74	£ 51,331.06	CASHBOOK BALANCE		
Reconciliation with bank accounts as at 30 JUNE 2024					
Natwest Current Account		£ 37,732.20			
Natwest Reserve Account		£ 13,598.86			
Less Outstanding payments		£ -			
Add Outstanding lodgements		£ -			
Total balances at bank		£ 51,331.06	STATEMENT BALANCES		

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the Cashbook/BR to 30 June 24. The Budget Q1 status was **NOTED**.

24/54 RECREATION FIELD – To AGREE responsibilities and communication.

There had been an oversight in communication regarding grass cutting and Cllr Harker, as a

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member of the Recreation Field WG was disappointed not to have been kept informed as she had started to look into plans for the wildflower area which included meeting with a consultant. Cllrs agreed they could do better at keeping each other informed and it was decided, as a quick fix, that contact numbers could be shared between Cllrs (via the clerk) to help with any future issues. Cllr Eustice explained that the wider element of communications between Cllrs and also between PC and parishioners would be the focus for the Communications WG set up at the previous meeting. A report would be presented at a future meeting.

24/55 ALLOTMENTS – To REVIEW the allotment holders agreement.

It was agreed that Cllr Harker and the clerk would work through the current agreement and bring any amendments to the PC in September for approval.

24/56 REPORTS – To receive:

- a. Parish Councillor reports
- None.

24/57 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Communication WG update
Wildflower meadow progress update
Allotment agreement for approval

24/58 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 10th September 2024 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 30th August 2024).

19:45 – Meeting closed.