

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 774th Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 19:00hrs

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

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk), Somerset Cllr Adam Dance and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)

Nothing was heard at this time.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Somerset Councillors (SCllrs)

SCllr Dance gave a verbal report.

19:18 – Meeting opened

23/136 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))
Apologies were received and accepted from Debbie Eustice.

23/137 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.

23/138 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 13th February 2024.

23/139 Matters to report from a previous meeting.

The new Defibrillator and Cabinet had been delivered to the Parish and Cllr Bourne agreed to arrange for it to be installed in the place of the obsolete Village Hall unit.

23/140 To Co-opt members to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: to Co-opt Jane Harker and Matthew Rowswell to Barrington Parish Council. The Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed and witnessed.

23/141 Planning decisions report. 22/01298/FUL. Installation of property gates along the access drive to Barrington Court. Approved.

Noted.

23/142 Planning applications.

None.

23/143 Finance – To APPROVE the payment schedule for March 2024.

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BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 24 PAYMENTS			
DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
13-Mar-24	STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - MAR 24	TBA
13-Mar-24	HEDGEHOGS R US	HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS	£ 157.50 REPORT
13-Mar-24	NSALG	MEMBERSHIP	£ 30.00 REPORT
13-Mar-24	SOMERSET COUNCIL	RANGER FEB 24	£ 211.26
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 398.76

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

23/144 To **APPROVE** a ground maintenance contractor for 2024-25

RESOLVED: To appoint Halcyon Landscapes for the annual ground maintenance contract for 2024-25 at a cost of £2240.00 for the field, allotments and mound and £350 for the play park.

It was decided not to continue with the Ranger scheme at this time.

23/145 To **CONSIDER** a response to the Somerset Council Highway Maintenance Devolution – Options for local enhancement to routine highways maintenance services.

It was agreed to register an interest in the Highway Steward Scheme.

ACTION: Clerk

23/146 To **AGREE** a request to use the field for Barrington Fete to include a classic car display.

It was agreed that Cllr Oakes would cut the field in readiness for the fete and the PC would arrange for the stump in the field to be removed.

ACTION: Cllr Oakes

23/147 Reports – To receive reports:

a. Parish Councillor reports

Cllr Bourne reported that he had received Cllr McKnight's resignation that evening and thanked him for all the work that he has carried out in the parish both as a Cllr and as a parishioner. It was hoped that he will continue to work with the PC in the future helping with the upkeep of the field area primarily.

A letter of thanks from the allotment group was read out for the purchase of the IBC tank, with particular thanks again going to Cllr McKnight.

23/148 Items for the next agenda.

None.

23/149 Date of next meeting – 9th April 2024 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 1st April 2024).

20:53 – Meeting closed.