

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 758th Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 18:00hrs

Present – Councillors

Don Bourne (Chair), Tom McKnight, Peter Oakes, Margaret Stone, Robert Stenner (part time), Victoria Collins

In attendance:

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk, County Cllr Adam Dance (part-time), District Cllr Mike Stanton (part-time)

- i) Public Open Session.
- ii) County & District Councillors Reports – Reports circulated by email.

19:00 – Meeting opened

22/19 Election of Chair

RESOLVED: Cllr Bourne was proposed, seconded and duly elected as chair.

22/20 Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED: Cllr McKnight was proposed, seconded and duly elected as vice-chair

22/21 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Arnold (holiday).

22/22 Declarations of interests

22/23 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on April 12th 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

22/24 Matters to report from a previous meeting

There had been no further progress on any of the issues from the last meeting.

22/25 Clerks Report/Correspondence

There was nothing to report at this time.

22/26 Planning decisions report

None.

22/27 Planning applications – 22/00967/FUL, Ruskway Farm, Ruskway Lane, Westport. The erection of two yard covers; the first over a collecting yard and the second over a loafing yard.

RESOLVED: Their was a majority vote to SUPPORT the application.

22/28 Finance – To approve the following payments:

Clerks gross salary & expenses	£443.64
SSDC – Ranger Jan to Mar	£559.44
Garden, Farm & Country Services – Grass Cutting April 22	£330.00
Westcotec – parts for speed camera	£225.00
Dial a grass cut – grass cutting	£96.00
Pinnacle Accountancy – Payroll	£92.40

Chairman

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22/29 Finance – To consider moving the Parish Council bank accounts to a provider facilitating online dual authorisation and agree councillors to be added to the mandate

The clerk explained that the PC should be using a bank account that offered dual authorisations. The recommendation was to switch to Unity Trust Bank. Cllrs agreed to look up Unity Trust Bank & decide at the next meeting.

ACTION: All Cllrs

22/30 Finance – To note the Internal Audit Report

The report had not been received so this would be deferred to the following meeting.

22/31 Finance – To adopt the Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations.

22/32 Parish Council Matters – To adopt the Standing Orders

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Standing Orders.

22/33 Parish Council Matters – To adopt the Code of Conduct

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct.

22/34 Parish Council Matters – To approve the Asset Register

Cllr Stone asked for the newly purchased Beacon to be added to the asset register.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to amend and approve the Asset Register.

22/35 Parish Council Matters – To agree the Insurance renewal quote

The Insurance was on a 3 yr deal and was agreed to be adequate cover for the PC.

22/36 Parish Council Matters – To agree that members not present can sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the next Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to allow Cllr Arnold to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the next parish council meeting.

22/37 Parish Matters – Highways reports

Cllr Bourne reported that he had emailed County Highways asking for drains at the bottom of Copse Shute to be added to the drain map so that they would get jetted routinely. Cllr Stenner informed that the drains in Sharlands had not been cleared and were blocked. The clerk was asked to email Highways asking for 'Businesses Open As Usual' signs at the road closure on the Langport Road.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

22/38 Parish Matters – Footpath reports

There had been a request for a new footpath volunteer co-ordinator from the current holder as he was stepping down. The PC agreed to consider this and approach Cllr Arnold as a possibility.

22/39 Parish Matters – Jubilee event report

Cllr Stone reported that the Jubilee Beacon had arrived and there would be one further meeting before the event to include a site meeting to agree the location of the beacon.

ACTION: Cllr Stone

22/40 Date of next meeting – 14th June 2022