

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 776th Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 19:00hrs

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

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk), Somerset Cllr Adam Dance, Jo Roundell-Greene and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)

Nothing was heard at this time.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Somerset Councillors (SCllrs)

Somerset Cllrs reported on the Somerset Council Redundancy programme currently underway and the contract negotiations taking place with Suez securing the future of waste collection in Somerset.

19:20 – Meeting opened

24/1 To elect a Chair.

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Bourne as Chair. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

24/2 To elect a Vice-Chair.

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Eustice as Vice-Chair. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

24/3 Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

None.

24/4 Declarations of interest. 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 Bourne had a payment due.

24/5 To APPROVE and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th Apr 24 (LGA 1972 sch12,para41(1))

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th Apr 24.

24/6 Matters to report from a previous meeting.

The clerk reported that the hedgehog surrounds had been received and were handed to a parishioner to distribute around the parish.

24/7 To co-opt a member to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To co-opt Graham Weekes onto the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Cllr Weekes was welcomed onto the parish council.

24/8 Planning decisions report.

22/01298/FUL – Barrington Court, NT Eastfield Lane, Barrington, TA190NQ. Installation of property gates along the access drive to Barrington Court. Approved.

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24/9 Planning applications. None.

24/10 Finance – To APPROVE the clerks contractual annual pay increase.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the clerks contractual annual pay increase backdated to 1st April 24.

24/11 Finance – To APPROVE the payment schedule for May 24.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MAY 24 PAYMENTS			
DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
14-May-24	STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - MAY 24	£ 530.77
14-May-24	K M DIKE NURSERIES	GROUND MAINTENANCE - APR24	£ 259.00
14-May-24	DIAL A GRASS CUT	GRASS CUTTING	£ 96.00
14-May-24	GALLAGHER INSURANCE	ANNUAL INSURANCE	£ 728.32
14-May-24	D BOURNE	REIMBURSE KEYS	£ 9.50
14-May-24	PINNACLE ACCOUNTANCY	PAYROLL AND YEAR END	£ 102.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 1,725.59

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for May 24.

24/12 Finance – To APPROVE a grant request from St Mary's Church PCC for £1500 for grass cutting in the Churchyard.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a grant request of £750 from St Mary's Church PCC for grass cutting.

24/13 Finance – To NOTE receipt of the Precept.

Noted.

24/14 Finance – To NOTE the Annual Internal Report for 2023-24.

Noted. No matters for concern were notified.

24/15 Finance – To APPROVE AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** AGAR Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement.

24/16 Finance – To APPROVE AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** AGAR Section 2 - Accounting Statements.

24/17 Finance – To ANNOUNCE and **NOTE** the period for the exercise of public rights – Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 12th July 2024.

Noted.

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24/18 To APPROVE the asset register.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL REGISTER OF FIXED ASSETS						
Item	No.	Purchased	Historical Cost (Value)	Insurance value 2024-25	Notes (policy detail)	Annual Check Completed ?
Benches (3)	3	1977	£ 600.00			
Bins (3)	3	N/K	£ 300.00			
Name Stones (2)	2	2003	£ 1,500.00			
Benches (2)	2	2005	£ 140.00			
Noticeboard (ext-VH)	1	2007	£ 520.00			YES
Signboard	1	2008	£ 120.00			
Footpath stand	1	2009	£ 1,200.00			
Grit bins	6	2011, 2019	£ 800.00			
Noticeboard (Sch) 50%	1	2014	£ 330.00			YES
Noticeboard (Sharlands)	1	2019	£ 425.00			YES
Please Drive Carefully signs	2	2013	£ 600.00			
Seat shelter	1	2005	£ 3,500.00			
Speed Camera	1	2021	£ 950.00			
Dog waste bin	1	2017	£ 210.00			
Subtotal			£ 11,195.00	£ 17,060.00	Street furniture	
Strimmer	1	1998	£ 400.00			
Protective equipment	1	1998	£ 45.00			
Water tap	1	2008	£ 200.00	£ 25,000.00	Metered water	
Drainage equipment	1	2014	£ 270.00			
Subtotal			£ 915.00	£ 1,100.00	Garden equip, plant & machinery	
Pitcher (gift)	1	2005	£ 740.00			
Noticeboard (int)	1	2007	£ 100.00			
Footpath map	1	2009	£ 300.00			
Laptop & s/w	1	2019	£ 800.00			YES
Laminator	1	2015	£ 40.00			YES
Scanner/copier	1	2016	£ 130.00			YES
Subtotal			£ 2,110.00	£ 2,648.00	General contents	
Goal posts	2	2011	£ 450.00	£ 558.00	Sports equipment	
MUGA	1	2005	£ 8,000.00			
Outdoor fitness equipment	8	2018	£ 11,000.00			
Subtotal			£ 19,450.00	£ 23,525.00	Playground equipment	
Defibrillator	2	2024	£ 2,750.00	£ 5,000.00	Defibrillators	
Telephone box	1	2020	£ 1.00			
Jubilee Beacon	1	2022	£ 588.00			
TOTAL			£ 36,421.00	£ 74,891.00		

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the asset register.

24/19 To AGREE Councillor Roles and Responsibilities.

The following roles were agreed.

- Footpaths – Cllr Rowswell
- Village Hall Representative – Cllr Bourne
- Allotment Representative and Recreation Field – Cllrs Harker and Oakes
- Fitness Equipment – Cllr Bourne
- Planning – Cllr Eustice
- Human Resource Representative – Cllr Eustice

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A footpath volunteers had come forward to act as the Parish Paths Liaison Officer (PPLO) for the village and SC and Cllr Rowsell would report on activities at future meetings.

24/20 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: To **ADOPT** the Standing Orders.

24/21 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED: To **ADOPT** the Financial Regulations.

24/22 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Dignity at Work/Bullying and Harassment Policy.

RESOLVED: To **ADOPT** the Dignity at Work/Bullying and Harassment Policy.

24/23 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Risk Management Scheme.

RESOLVED: To **ADOPT** the Risk Management Scheme.

24/24 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Publication Scheme.

RESOLVED: To **ADOPT** the Publication Scheme.

24/25 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED: To **ADOPT** the Code of Conduct.

24/26 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Grievance Policy.

RESOLVED: To **ADOPT** the Grievance Policy.

24/27 To REVIEW and ADOPT the Complaints Policy.

RESOLVED: To **ADOPT** the Complaints Policy.

24/28 Reports – To receive reports:

a. Parish Councillor reports

No further reports were heard at this time.

24/29 Items for the next agenda.

- To consider plans (possible Working Group) for a managed wildflower area in the Recreation Field
- To consider the future management of the SID
- To consider a PC Communication Policy (possible Working Group)
- To consider steps towards moving to .gov.uk domain (inc. website and email management)

24/30 Date of next meeting – 11th June 2024 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 30th May 2024).

20:40 – Meeting closed.