

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 771st Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 19:00hrs

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

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk), SCLlr A Dance and J Roundell-Greene and 2 members of the public (part-time)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes)

A spokesperson for the allotment holders explained the reasoning behind their request (on the agenda) for the PC to purchase a 1000 litre Intermediate Bulk Container (IBC) and permit use of a hosepipe to fill the tank periodically during dry periods in the summer months.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- **Somerset Councillors (SCLlrs)**

SCLlrs were questioned on how Barrington PC could prepare for the impact of the financial crisis announced by Somerset Council, them being a small parish with limited funds, as asked in the recent correspondence from the leader of Somerset Council, Bill Revans (on the agenda for a response). The SCLlrs were not able to provide any costings of likely services that may be cut, but felt that Barrington Parish Council was already covering many of the aspects that might be lost in the coming months and year.

- **Outside bodies/groups**

None

19:20 – Meeting opened

23/86 To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Matt Arnold.

23/87 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.

23/88 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 true and accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2023.

23/89 Matters to report from a previous meeting

None.

23/90 Planning decisions report

None.

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23/91 Planning applications - 21/03411/REM. Land Os 4400 Part Main Street Barrington Ilminster Somerset TA19 0JJ. Application for approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval of 20/00287/OUT (amended by 21/01977/S73) erection of 6 No. dwellings with associated gardens and parking.

There were no comments at this time.

23/92 To consider a response to correspondence from Somerset Council regarding Asset and Service Devolution

After the discussion with the SCLlrs, it was decided that the PC could not do anything more at this time and would consider again before the budget was finalised in January 2024, if any additional information and more importantly indicative costings were forthcoming from Somerset Council.

23/93 Finance – To agree the draft budget for 2024-25

The draft budget was agreed as presented with the caveat detailed in 23/92.

23/94 Finance – To approve the payment schedule for November 2023

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NOV 23 PAYMENTS			
DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
12-Nov-23	STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES	£ 743.21
12-Nov-23	GARDEN FARM & COUNTRY SERVICES	GRASS CUTTING SEPT 23	£ 165.00
12-Nov-23	SOMERSET COUNCIL	RANGER OCT 23	£ 211.26
12-Nov-23	PINNACLE ACCOUNTANCY	PAYROLL SERVICES	£ 45.60
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 1,165.07

23/95 Finance – To select a Coronation Bench

It was decided that Cllr McKnight would use the budget agreed for the replacement bench (£500) to repair the benches outside the village Hall and Cllr Collins agreed to organise a Coronation brass plaque to be mounted on one of the benches.

ACTION: Cllr McKnight and Collins

23/96 Finance – To consider a grant request from Citizens Advice, Somerset

It was agreed that a grant would not be offered at this time, as no information regarding the number of Barrington parishioners that had used the service had been provided.

23/97 Finance – To consider a request from the Allotment holders to purchase an IBC tank at a cost of £85 and to grant permission to use a hosepipe to fill the tank (currently not allowed as per the Allotment Rules).

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of an IBC tank at a costs of £85 and to permit use of a hosepipe for the purposes of filling the tank only.

23/98 Reports – To receive reports:

a. Parish Councillor reports

Cllr Stenner reported that significant water run-off was causing the road surface to 'lift' across from

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the VH. Cllr Bourne agreed to take a look and report to SC Highways as necessary.

ACTION: Cllr Bourne

23/99 Items for the next agenda

- To consider implementation of restricted access to the field
- To consider rules for any bonfires held on the field
- To approve the 2024-25 budget
- To approve the precept request

23/100 Date of next meeting – 9th January 2024 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by Fri 29 Dec 23).

20:30 – Meeting closed