

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 781st Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 19:00hrs

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

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes). No public were present.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- **Somerset Councillors (SCllrs).** SCllr Roundell Greene had sent her apologies.

19:01 – Meeting opened

24/73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Cllr Rowsell had sent his apologies.

24/74 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. None.

24/75 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th Oct 24.

24/76 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

- Woodland working group report

Cllr Harker reported that a small group of volunteers had come forward and work had begun on clearing the brambles, working to a copy of the original plan for the woodland. Although it was physically hard work the area was looking much improved. Further clearing would take place in February, before the bird nesting season. No costs had been incurred to date, with all debris being re-used on the footpath surface and edging.

24/77 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- One.network presentation. Noted.
- Public RoW Maintenance guidance (Pete Hobley, SC RoW). Noted.
- Response to SETTLEMENTS Somerset Local Plan. Noted
- Somerset Flood Action Fund (Cllr Mike Stanton, Somerset Rivers Authority). Noted.
- Somerset Validation Planning Consultation. Noted.

24/78 PLANNING – Decisions **REPORT**. None.

24/79 PLANNING – Applications. None.

24/80 FINANCE – To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for November 2024.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NOV 24 PAYMENTS		
PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - NOV 24	£ 723.64
K M DIKE NURSERIES	GROUND MAINTENANCE OCT24	£ 259.00
PINNACLE	PAYROLL	£ 49.20
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 1,031.84

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

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24/81 REPORTS – To receive:

a. Parish Councillor reports

Cllr Harker had recently attended Code of Conduct Training and encouraged all Cllrs to undertake this training to better understand when to Declare an Interest and what that means during a meeting.

Cllr Eustice announced her intention to resign at the end of the year, due to personal workload. All agreed that she had been an active Cllr and would be sorry to see her go. The Clerk thanked Cllr Eustice, on behalf of the PC (as the Chair was not present).

24/82 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- To APPROVE the 2025-26 Budget
- To APPROVE the 2025-26 Precept
- To CONSIDER steps to move to a .Gov domain and associated email addresses (to include budget)
- To CONSIDER adopting a Communication Policy
- To CONSIDER steps towards a Barrington Local Plan.
- To CONSIDER obtaining quotes for tree work in the Parish

24/83 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 14 January 2025 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 2nd Jan 25).

19:15 Meeting closed