

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 761st Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 19:00hrs

Present – Councillors

Don Bourne (Chair), Tom McKnight, Robert Stenner, Mat Arnold, Victoria Collins, Peter Oakes

In attendance:

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk, County Cllr Adam Dance, County Cllr Jo Roundell-Greene and 14 members of the public

i) Public Open Session.

A member of the public read out a letter expressing disappointment at the recent decision of the PC not to grant the requested £800 for grass cutting at St Mary's Church earlier this year. A further question relating to removing the budget for the Village Hall grass cutting was heard. Generally the feeling in the parish, reflected in the large public turnout that evening, was in support of payment to help with grass cutting costs throughout the parish.

Further questions relating to frequency of grass cutting at Sharlands (clerk confirmed that SSDC were responsible for this piece of land) and speeding through the village were heard. Cllr Bourne explained that he had been in receipt of correspondence from SCC Highways and no further measures were being considered at this time.

ii) County and District Councillors Reports – Reports circulated by email.

Cllrs Dance and Roundell-Greene gave updates on recent activities at County Hall and encouraged the PC to complete the Warm Hub questionnaire that had been emailed to all parishes.

19:35 – Meeting opened

22/75 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Mike Stanton.

22/76 Declarations of interests

None.

22/77 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: To approve and sign as a true and accurate record the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2022.

22/78 Matters to report from a previous meeting

There was nothing to report from the last meeting.

22/79 Co-option of members to the Parish Council

Cllr McKnight presented a statement from Debbie Eustice asking to be considered to be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To co-opt Debbie Eustice on to Barrington Parish Council.

22/80 Planning decisions report – None.

Noted.

22/81 Planning applications – 22/02065/FUL - Land To The East Of: 23 Highfields Main Street Barrington Ilminster. Erection of three new dwellings

RESOLVED: To SUPPORT the application.

Chairman

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22/82 Planning applications – 22/02572/S73A – 2 Sharlands, Barrington. The erection of a two storey rear extension to dwellinghouse. S73A application to vary conditions 2(approved plans) and 4(window details) of approval 20/02615/HOU to allow for a change to fenestration on east elevation of the extension.

RESOLVED: To SUPPORT the application.

22/83 Finance – To report payments made since the last meeting

STAFF salary & expenses – Aug 22	£463.13
SSDC – Ranger July '22	£192.07
Pinnacle Accountancy – Payroll fee	£42.00

22/84 Finance – To approve the following payments:

11-Oct-22	Garden Farm & Country Services	Grass cutting Jul, Aug & Sept 22	£	925.00
11-Oct-22	Play Inspection Company	Annual inspection	£	120.00
11-Oct-22	SSDC	Ranger - Aug	£	192.07
11-Oct-22	STAFF	Salary Sept & Oct	£	770.46
11-Oct-22	STAFF	Admin & expenses Sept & Oct	£	175.60
11-Oct-22	SALC	Annual subscription	£	123.72
11-Oct-22	Dial a grass cut	May to Sept (7 cuts)	£	224.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£	2,530.85

RESOLVED: To approve all payments totalling £2530.85.

22/85 Finance – To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliations

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Financial Summary 2022-23				
31/08/2022				
CASHBOOK		Receipts	Payments	Balance
01/04/2022	Balance B/F			£28,835.25
	PLUS Receipts to Date	£18,155.45		£46,990.70
	MINUS Payments to Date		£6,766.96	£40,223.74
Current Balance				£40,223.74
BANK		Current Acc		£26,907.23
		Reserve Acc		£13,316.51
	less unpresented cheques			
	plus outstanding lodgements			
Bank Reconciliation				£40,223.74

RESOLVED: To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation with a bank balance of £40,223.74.

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22/86 Finance – To note the budget summary

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Budget Line	FY22-23 Budget	Actual spend ytd
Clerks Salary	£ 3,200.00	£ 1,750.38
PAYE	£ 800.00	£ 120.00
Admin & expenses	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,041.00
Fees Subscriptions	£ 150.00	£ -
S137 Grants	£ 500.00	£ -
Village hall hire	£ 200.00	£ -
IT & Website	£ 350.00	£ 130.69
Training	£ 200.00	£ 136.66
Field Lease (Allotments)	£ 650.00	£ -
Ground Maintenance Contract	£ 3,800.00	£ 1,480.00
Asset Management (formerly Field Incidentals)	£ 500.00	£ 211.68
Insurance (PC & Allotment)	£ 650.00	£ 592.82
Audit Expenses	£ -	£ -
Ranger Scheme	£ 2,000.00	£ 946.38
Footpath Maintenance	£ 400.00	£ -
Fitness Equipment Reserve	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Highways & drainage Reserve	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Defibrillator Reserve	£ 100.00	£ -
IT Replacement Reserve	£ 100.00	£ -
St Marys PCC (Grant)	£ 800.00	£ -
Village Hall (Grant)	£ 250.00	£ -
Reclaimable VAT	£ -	£ 357.35
Total	£ 18,150.00	£ 6,766.96
Reserves	Additions current yr	Reserves at 31/3/2023
*IT replacement fund (ring fenced)	£ 100.00	£ 300.00
Defibrillator replacement fund (ring fenced)	£ 100.00	£ 300.00
Footpaths Reserve (ring fenced?)	£ 400.00	£ 2,518.99
Outdoor Fitness Fund (ring fenced)	£ 1,000.00	£ 2,428.07
Highways & drainage Reserve	£ 1,000.00	£ 2,000.00
*Election costs (ring fenced)	£ -	£ 350.00
*Enhanced Website (ring fenced)	£ -	£ 250.00
Contingency reserve	£ -	£ 7,644.82
Legal Expenses	£ -	£ 500.00
Admin reserve - 25%-75% running costs	£ -	£ 14,360.12
Total Reserves		£ 30,652.00

Noted.

22/87 Parish Council Matters – To consider the refurbishment of parish noticeboards

Cllr Bourne reported on the poor condition of 2 of the Parish Council noticeboards. Cllr Bourne and Cllr Stenner both agreed to look into what was required to repair them & report back.

ACTION: Cllrs Bourne and Stenner

22/88 Parish Council Matters – To consider the refurbishment of the phone box

Cllr Bourne agreed to ask around to see if there would be anyone willing to help with the refurbishment. The PC agreed to fund any materials required.

ACTION: Cllr Bourne

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22/89 Parish Council Matters – To note annual play area inspection report

Noted.

22/90 Parish Council Matters – To consider the response to the Local Community Networks (LCN) Questionnaire

All Cllrs were encouraged to look at the questionnaire and consider a response to the consultation.

ACTION: All Cllrs

22/91 Parish Matters – To report on the new village hall car park and associated works

The Parish Council were waiting to receive details of the proposed works, but it was agreed that work would now not start until Spring. A Risk Assessment would also need to be carried out.

22/92 Parish Matters – To report on an allotment meeting and agreed works

A meeting had been held whereby there had been agreement to try to create 2 further 'mini' allotments, have a general tidy up, remove a willow tree and install a gate. It had been agreed to wait until Spring.

22/93 Parish Matters – Request from Barrington Day Committee to use the area behind the village hall on Sat 1st July 2023 for car parking and vintage car display

There had been a request from the Village Hall Trustee's to use the area behind the village hall for a village event car park & vintage car display in Summer 2023. The Parish Council agreed in principle and would ask for more detail closer to the date.

22/94 Highways, footpaths and Rights of Way (RoW) – To report on Shelway and Ruskway Lane road and drainage works

Cllr Bourne explained that the works had been completed successfully, with a large blockage of limestone having been removed from the drain. He had reported the signage that had been left behind, to SCC Highways.

22/95 Highways, footpaths and Rights of Way (RoW) – To report on a meeting with SCC Highways relating to a turning area in Water Street

A meeting had been held with representatives from Highways, the National Trust and County & Parish Councillors. No solutions had been identified at this time as the cost of creating a turning area would be significant and there was no space available to Somerset County to create the turning. It was noted that planning permission had not yet been granted.

22/96 Highways, footpaths and Rights of Way (RoW) – To consider correspondence from Somerset RoW relating to an application for Pound Green to be registered as Barrington Village Green (dated 15 Sept 2008)

RESOLVED: To agree to request that Pound Green be registered as Barrington Village Green.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

22/97 Clerks Report/Correspondence

The following items of correspondence of note had been circulated:

- Operation London Bridge correspondence
- Somerset Waste Partnership bulletins
- SSDC Green Flag Award Scheme
- Somerset Community Foundation grant funding correspondence
- SSDC environment updates
- The Rural Bulletin
- SCOP II Climate Conference
- Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day
- Fire Service Consultation

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22/98 Items for the next agenda

- To consider the refurbishment of the 2 benches outside the Village Hall
- To consider a response to the Cost of Living Crisis and creation of Warm Hubs
- To consider having a second defibrillator in the parish

22/99 Date of next meeting – 8th November 2022

Chairman

Date