

Minutes of the 780th Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th October 2024 at 19:00hrs

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

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public (part time).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes).

Nothing was raised at this time.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- **Somerset Councillors (SCllrs)**

Cllr Roundell-Green reported that the SC reorganisation was ongoing, the budget is being managed carefully by SC, however the budget for Childrens Services is a constant challenge with 603 children in care. There is a desperate shortage and need for Foster Carers to come forward, anyone interested should get in touch with Somerset Council.

19:10 – Meeting opened

24/59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Cllr Stenner had sent his apologies as he was unwell.

24/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. None.

24/61 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th Sept 24 (LGA1972 sch12, para41(1)).

24/62 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

- Fly tipping signage. Somerset Council highways had responded explaining that a sign on the public highway would not be permitted and any sign on private land needs to have the landowners permission and liability cover.

24/63 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

24/64 PLANNING – Decisions **REPORT.** None.

24/65 PLANNING – Applications. None.

24/66 VILLAGE WEBSITE – To hear a **REPORT** **and** **CONSIDER** **any PC support, to include budget provision.**

A member of the public had come forward and had completed an assessment of the current village website. He agreed to maintain the website in its current form and would work with the Communications WG to consider the future alongside the PC website moving to a .Gov domain and other social media platforms in use across the parish.

The discussion moved to the creation of the Wildflower Area and Woodland Walk, offering advice on the best approach to create and manage the field and woodland. A report had been sent to the Chair with recommendations for consideration which the clerk agreed to circulate to the PC. After further discussion it was agreed that a budget of £500 (using delegated authority – Clerk and

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Chair) could be used before the next meeting to start the thinning and clearing. A Working Group of Cllrs Harker, Oakes, Tom McKnight and Neil McLean would source quotes for the next stages to be brought to a future meeting.

24/67 FINANCE – To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for October 2024.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL OCT 24 PAYMENTS		
PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - OCT 24	£598.76
DIAL A GRASS CUT	GRASS CUTTING	£ 160.00
BARRINGTON PCC	ANNUAL FIELD RENT	£ 506.00
K M DIKE NURSERIES	GROUND MAINTENANCE SEPT24	£ 259.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 1,523.76

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24/68 FINANCE – To **APPROVE** the Cashbook/Bank Reconciliation and **NOTE** the Budget Q2 Review (01 April 24 – 30 Sept 24).

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL 2024-25					
Receipts and Payments Summary for the year ending 31st March 2025					
	Last Year	This Year	Budget	Remaining	Remaining
	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25
RECEIPTS					
Precept	£ 20,171.00	£ 21,180.00			
Deposit Interest	£ 179.65	£ 100.43			
Allotment Fees	£ 162.50	£ 37.50			
Grants	£ -	£ -			
VAT repayment		£ 597.02			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 20,513.15	£ 21,914.95			
PAYMENTS					
Salaries	£ 5,551.27	£ 2,912.70	£ 5,600.00	£ 2,687.30	48%
Administration	£ 1,640.27	£ 733.20	£ 1,800.00	£ 1,066.80	59%
Ground Maintenance Contract	£ 2,569.51	£ 959.36	£ 4,500.00	£ 3,540.64	79%
Ranger	£ 1,936.54	£ 352.09	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,147.91	86%
Village Hall Hire		£ -	£ 180.00	£ 180.00	100%
I/T & Website	£ 424.44	£ 161.53	£ 350.00	£ 188.47	54%
Subscriptions	£ 242.71	£ 138.55	£ 160.00	£ 21.45	13%
Insurances	£ 709.38	£ 728.32	£ 650.00	-£ 78.32	-12%
Training	£ 460.00	£ 50.00	£ 200.00	£ 150.00	75%
Footpath Maintenance	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	100%
Grants (inc. PCC & VH)	£ 1,050.00	£ 750.00	£ 1,400.00	£ 650.00	46%
Asset Management	£ 473.42	£ 302.30	£ 1,000.00	£ 697.70	70%
Field Lease (Allotments)	£ 506.00	£ -	£ 506.00	£ 506.00	100%
Defibrillator	£ 2,636.33	£ -	£ -	£ -	0%
VAT incurred	£ 992.33	£ 294.26			
RESERVES CONTRIBUTIONS			£ 1,200.00		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 19,192.20	£ 7,382.31	£ 20,146.00		
Exc of Recpt over Paymts	£ 1,320.95	£ 14,532.64			
plus balances b/fwd	£ 33,160.79	£34,481.74			
Balances c/fwd	£ 34,481.74	£ 49,014.38	CASHBOOK BALANCE		

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24/69 FINANCE – To **AGREE** the DRAFT budget for 2025-26.

The PC worked through the budget line by line and agreed a Draft Budget for 2025-26, with the creation of a new Reserve – Environmental Management. It was agreed that the Ranger Budget Line would be renamed Environmental Management and the remainder would go to the new reserve at the end of the FY.

The final budget would be approved at the January 2025 meeting.

24/70 REPORTS – To receive:

- a. Parish Councillor reports. Nothing was reported at this time.

24/71 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

24/72 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 26th November 2024 - tbc (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 15th November 2024).

20:40 Meeting closed