

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 779th Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Monday 9th Sept 2024 at 19:00hrs

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

In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 minutes). None.

OUTSIDE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- **Somerset Councillors (SCllrs).** No report had been received.

19:00 – Meeting opened

24/59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s85(1)).
Cllr Eustice and Stenner had sent their apologies.

24/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. None.

24/61 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 16 July 24.

24/62 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

- Confirmation Cllrs PC emails are setup. Cllr Bourne, Weekes and Oakes agreed to set up their emails as a matter of priority. **COMPLETE.**
- Sharing of contact numbers. Cllrs had shared their contact numbers. **COMPLETE.**

24/63 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter about bins in legacy Mendip and South Somerset. Cllr Bourne had provided the information required by SC. It was thought that only 1 bin would be chargeable.
- Allotment vacancy. A vacancy had been notified and the next person on the waiting list had been contacted.

24/64 PLANNING – Decisions REPORT. None.

24/65 PLANNING – Applications. None.

24/66 FINANCE – The payment schedule for AUG 24 was NOTED.

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL AUGUST 24 PAYMENTS		
PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - AUG 24	£519.16
PLAY INSPECTION COMPANY	ANNUAL INSPECTION	£156.00
K M DIKE NURSERIES	GROUND MAINTENANCE JUL24	£ 259.00
PINNACLE	PAYROLL FEE	£ 49.20
MR RYAN NEWMAN	REIMBURSE TELEPHONE BOX REFURB	£ 162.80
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£1,146.16

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

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL SEPT 24 PAYMENTS		
PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
STAFF	SALARY AND EXPENSES - SEPT 24	TBA
SALC	SALC & NALC ANNUAL FEE	£ 138.55
K M DIKE NURSERIES	GROUND MAINTENANCE AUG24	£ 259.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 397.55

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the payment schedule for SEPT 2024.

24/68 FINANCE – To **AGREE** an approach for budget setting.

It was agreed that Cllrs would meet before the November meeting to agree the Draft Budget.

24/69 ALLOTMENTS – To **REVIEW** the allotment holders agreement.

Cllr Harker agreed to be the allotment contact and a more representative allotment agreement would be presented for PC approval prior to next years renewal (Sept 25).

24/70 PLAY INSPECTION – To **NOTE** the annual Play Inspection Report and **CONSIDER** any recommendations, **to include budget provision.**

There were a significant number of general wear and tear and deterioration noted, all currently considered low or very low risk, however it was decided that addressing some of the items early would be the best approach to preserve in the long-term. Cllr Bourne agreed to do an on-site assessment of the equipment with the report, for consideration at a future meeting. The clerk was asked to provide a copy of the report to the VHC as it covered the children's play area.

24/71 FLY TIPPING – To **CONSIDER** any actions to address fly tipping in the parish, **to include budget provision.**

The clerk had asked SC Highways for permission to install a sign at the Puckington end of the village as garden waste was recurringly dumped there, this being fly tipping.

24/72 VILLAGE WEBSITE – To hear a **REPORT** and **CONSIDER** any PC support, **to include budget provision.**

This item was deferred to the next meeting as the volunteer for the village website was unable to attend the meeting.

24/73 REPORTS – To receive:

- Communications WG update. Cllrs Harker & Eustice had produced a Communications Strategy paper, explaining the Aims, Objectives, Methods and Principles of how to improve communication in the parish. This was an ongoing task and would remain a focus for Cllrs to reach out into their community, raising the profile of the Council for the benefit of its residents. Ideas and methods raised in the paper would be brought to the PC over the coming months, for adoption to meet the objective of improving PC Communications.
- Wildflower meadow progress update. Cllr Harker gave an update, explaining the process that will be followed to create a wildflower meadow in an area of the Recreation Field.
- Parish Councillor reports. No further reports were heard at this time.

24/74 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Village Website (deferred)

24/75 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 8th October 2024 (all agenda items to be provided to the clerk by 27th September 2024).

20:45 – Meeting closed.