



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 14th April 2026, at 7.15 pm

With the Annual Parish Meeting finishing early, it was decided to start and Parish Council early and if any public arrived, we would accommodate their allotted time

PRESENT: Councillors C. Dyer (Chairman), K Green, G Broadhurst, P Williams, R Dyer

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Murray (Clerk), Unitary Cllr Grimes and Filmer

370/26 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr R Welland & M Stannard

371/26 Declaration of Interests – Cllr Green re planning 375/26

372/26 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2026 – the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were agreed unanimously by the Cllrs and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr G Broadhurst and seconded by Cllr Green

373/26 Public Participation – NONE

374/26 Unitary Councillors reports and the police (if present) – Cllr Grimes stated that Somerset Council has now set its 2026/27 budget following the Government's decision to reject proposals for any increase above 4.99%. This means that an average council tax bill will increase by nearly £122 per year. A new phonenumber for residents struggling to afford the increased cost of oil. This is being run in conjunction with Citizens Advice. **Telephone number is 0808 278 7842** New electoral boundaries have now been agreed, which will mean the number of Councillors will reduce from 110 to 96. These recommendations are expected to be in place for the possible May 2027 election
Cllr Filmer informed the meeting of the changes in some planning applications. Those applying for 9 or less will now not have the opportunity of going to Committee. Decisions will be made by the case officer and the chief planning officer. The expected new appointment of a chief financial officer cancelled due to the candidate not accepting the post.

375/26 PLANNING – 05/26/00001 – installation of a balcony to the East elevation and new French doors replacing existing windows – **LOCATED** at 6 New Manor Court, Berrow TA8 2FH
The Parish Council agreed to support this application

376/26 Clerks Report March – I attended another meeting with Bristol Water re the metered water supply, and their inspector will be in touch to revisit
As one of the electrical contractors pulled from the tendering process, another contractor was contacted, with their quote now in my possession.
My knowledge of badgers has been taken to a new level, with one visiting the playing field, causing a bit of damage. A running repair has been undertaken
Initial work has started re the year end accounts, which will be presented at the May meeting

377/26 Items from previous meeting

- a) **Website Update** – some items have been placed on the web site, but other updates still to be done.
- b) **Pavilion repairs** – it was agreed that quotes be obtained from 3 builders re the work required for the grant application. Cllrs let the Clerk have some names to obtain quotes
- c) **SCI Tournament** – the Clerk reported that the skip had been ordered for May 7th. Spare keys have been ordered, and other keys will be provided near the tournament. The white lining subcontractor is working the best way to line the pitches required. The Clerk to write to SCI to inform them of what is being done along with the new costing invoice, along with the kiosk tenant to be open for business.
- d) **Water Meter update** – the Clerk informed the meeting that a new inspection has been asked for to see where there is the leakage. The invoice to be sent to the Village Hall for water used

378/26 Grant Application update – one of the electrical contractors to be sked about the container power – the Clerk to writ to him. It was agreed that all the quotes now to be agreed to start the grant application at the May meeting

379/26 To discuss Village Hall email re access – the Clerk had received an email from the Chair of the Village Hall about an incident of someone asking to use the toilets, as the outside pavilion toilets were locked, when there was a private function in the Hall. The Clerk to find more details and report back to the Council and the Village Hall

380/26 Additional Bank signatories – Cllr Broadhurst and Williams agreed to the added to the internet banking authorisation. The Clerk to apply to the bank to add their names

381/26 Parish Council Policy updates – it was agreed that the following policies be adopted and placed on the new web site;

Code of Conduct	Complaints
Financial regulations	Financial Risk Assessment
Grant Policy	I.T. Policy
Privacy Policy	Standard Orders
Unauthorised Encampments	Safeguarding/Child Protection

382/26 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for MARCH 2026 expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning – March	£240.00
Clerks Salary March 26	£1366.95
Clerks PAYE	£341.60
Employers NIC	£193.73
Clerks Expenses – March 26	£54.03
TJS – Line marking March 26 – inv 2541	£684.00
PGC Grounds Maintenance 10/12	£1803.60
Ranger March salary	£600.00
Berrow Village Hall – hire of hall 09.02.26 – inv 1788	£20.60
PATA Payroll services Jan/Feb/March 26	£40.35
Somerset Council – emptying of dog loo bin re Golf Club (12.12.25/31.03.26) inv 32016212	£117.00
Scribe accounts package to March 2027 – inv 15322	£734.40
Somerset Council – business rates – 01.04.26-31.03.27	£453.05
GB Sport & Leisure – inspection in Feb – inv 19572	£54.00
GB Sport & Leisure – inspection for March – inv 19773	£54.00

VAT where applicable which is reclaimable

The above will be paid by BACS with Unity Trust Bank (internet banking)

These were agreed unanimously by the Council – proposed by Cllr R Dyer and seconded by Cllr Williams

DIRECT DEBIT

British Gas (Electric)	£ 200.38
British Gas (Gas)	£ 59.31
Telephone	£57.54
Office Rent – Village Hall	£108.00

VAT where applicable which is reclaimable

383/26 Bank reconciliation & statements – the Chairman signed off the bank reconciliation which was agreed unanimously by the Cllrs.

384/26 Cllrs Matters of Report

Cllr Williams – asked the Clerk to find quotes for a new Community notice board for the play area. Quotes to be brought to the May meeting

All Cllrs – asked what was happening as far as revenue from the allocated car parking spaces at Berrow Road. The Clerk informed the meeting that no files from previous year were available. It was agreed that the Clerk to investigate, going through all the old bank accounts and old software to get the names/addresses and check against the electoral register before sending them a letter asking them if they wish to continue with the parking place

