



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 9th December 2025, at 7.15pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Murray (Clerk), Unitary Cllrs Grimes & Filmer

299/25 To receive apologies for absence – NONE

300/25 Declaration of Interests – Cllrs R Dyer, Welland and C Dyer re agenda point 308/25 (Kiosk)

301/25 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2025 – 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 R Dyer and seconded by Cllr Stannard

302/25 Public Participation – NONE

303/25 Unitary Councillors reports and the police if present – Cllr Grimes stated that Somerset Council were in the process of appointing a Temporary Planning Director at a total cost of £250,000 for the year. The Electoral Boundary Commission consultation has now been extended until 14th January 2026. Parishioners can look online and comment on the following link; <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset> The Sunday parking charges decision will now be made in the New Year.

304/25 PLANNING – NONE

305/25 Clerks Report – the Clerk submitted his report prior to the meeting

306/25 Agree precept budget for 2026/2027 – it was agreed, with a minor amendment that the budget be set for the following financial year. Provisions within the precept have now been included for future projects within the Parish. In true terms this means an increase of 8.7% - which means for a house in tax band D = £0.23 per week

307/25 Sports Facilities update – following the meeting on December 1st – the minutes were confirmed and will now be distributed to all members

308//25 To agree fees for 2026/27 for football, other users and kiosk – it was agreed that a 10% increase for all users and kiosk be implemented from January 1st 2026

309/25 Items to be updated from previous meeting:

- a) **New Defibrillator costs** – the Clerk had obtained 3 quotes for a replacement unit. It was agreed that the order to be placed with Community Heartbeat, once all costs have been confirmed and that installation can take place in the New Year
- b) **Play equipment update** – the Clerk had received the latest inspection report from GB sport & Leisure. After discussions held with them, the clerk had asked for the top 5 items that needed to be rectified. Some estimated costs were given, but the Clerk to now ask for confirmation quotes. He was also asked to possibly find another supplier for comparative costs of replacements.
- c) **Fire Alarm Checks** – the Clerk had been given the training to administer the fire alarms in the pavilion. He is to source the correct paperwork for the fire and smoke alarms. Training will also be carried out with the Ranger as well.
- d) **SCI Dates and Fees** – the new dates for the SCI tournament will be the weekends of May 9th & 10th 2026 and May 16th& 17th. After discussion it was agreed that the fees will be increased substantially due to their exclusive use of the facilities.
- e) **PGC – trim back foliage to new line** – it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the contractor and ask him to make good the strimming on the football area, and the walkway towards Parsonage Road, which is overgrown
- f) **Village Hall update** – the Clerk informed the meeting that function dates and football games are being exchanged in better communication, so each party is informed of the dates
- g) **Trees Update** – with the help of Cllr Broadhurst a revised tree work for the Red Road conifers was presented. The Council agreed and that a meeting will take place with the tree contractor in the New Year to discuss the changes

310/25 Boundary Commission consultation – see minute point 303/25 above

311/25 Licence Application – Brean Leisure - the application was discussed and that a concern over the possibility of anti-social behaviour re the 24hours opening to be sent to the Somerset Licencing Officer

312/25 New Notice Boards – quotes had been obtained for recycled noticeboards. The Clerk had asked if a cheaper price could be obtained for the possible purchase of 3 notice boards, this was not forth coming. To that extent, the notice board at the ponds was discussed. Clarification is sought from the Nature group as to who would pay for the board

313/25 Playground Inspection/Training Course – it was agreed that the Ranger be booked on a playground inspection course at the end of January, with him attaining a RPII certificate. The Clerk to book him in

314/25 Footpaths – Cllr Broadhurst informed the meeting of the state of some of the footpaths in our area. In lots of cases the footpaths have overgrown weeds and moss in abundance. Some of the paths are cracking with weeds, to that extent he will report the issue on the SC portal. In the meantime, the Clerk will ask PGC to strim back. The Clerk to let Cllr Broadhurst a copy of all the footpaths for Berrow

315/25 Co-Op dog bin – after much discussion, it was good to report that a new dog loo bin is going to be installed near the entrance to the golf club, further own from the Co-Op store. Thanks to Burnham and Berrow Golf Club, and Mike Schollar for making this happen. The PC to cover the cost of emptying once installed.

316/25 Triangle car park – the Clerk to write to Somerset Council to ask what lease there may be for the layby. The layby is not being used for what is was intended.

317/25 Councillor Training – as we now have two new Cllrs Broadhurst and Williams, it was agreed that the clerk to book them for a Zoom training session with SALC (Somerset Association Local Councils)

318/25 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for November 2025 expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning - November	£259.49
Rangers Salary – November	£600.00
Rangers Materials – Oct/November – inc repair to zip	£152.25
Clerks Salary November	£1366.75
Clerks PAYE	£341.80
Employers NIC	£193.73
Clerks Expenses – November	£36.00
GB Sport & Leisure –inspection inv 19057	£54.00
PGC Contracts – 7/12 maintenance invoice 2277	£1803.60
TJS Line marking November x 25	£1104.00
Berrow Village Hall – hire of room x 1 (11/11/25)	£20.60

VAT where applicable which is reclaimable

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

b) To authorise transfer of £20,000 from deposit to current account

c) **Bank reconciliation & budget update as at 30th November 2025** – the Clerk and Chairman signed off the bank reconciliation which was agreed unanimously by the Cllrs

319/25 Cllrs Matters of Report

Cllr Green – asked that that web site needs updating, as quite a few articles no longer exist

Cllr Welland – to contact Kenny Gordon – to quote to trim back the leylandii at Red Road

Agenda items for next meeting – Web site

Football Club – T& C's
SCI – confirm new charges

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting Tuesday JANUARY 13TH 2026 at 7.15pm

Signed by Chairman

Date