



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 13th January 2026, 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

320/26 To receive apologies for absence – NONE

321/26 Declaration of Interests – NONE

322/26 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 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 Broadhurst and seconded by Cllr Stannard

323/26 Public Participation – NONE

324/26 Unitary Councillors reports and the police (if present) – Cllr Grimes informed the meeting of various subjects taken place at Somerset Council. They have admitted that they “Got it wrong” after cutting over 500 job posts. Recruitment is now underway to fill some key posts. Sunday parking charges decision has been deferred again so that Somerset Council can carry out a wider review of parking. Cllr Filmer stated that it is looking likely that Somerset Council will ask permission from Government to increase the council tax by 11%.

325/26 PLANNING – NONE – but still ongoing is 005/25/0007 Unity.
A shared planning 06/25/00013 Warren Farm Brean.
The Cllrs agreed that a No comment be placed on the planning portal

326/26 Clerks Report December – The Clerk had a meeting with a representative of the Crown Estate re the Beach Lease. It has been agreed that Somerset Council will take over the lease for 2026. The Parish Council will still have to pay for 2025 (approximately £900), but this will be reimbursed. The clerk is still waiting for the purchase order from Somerset Council to pay this amount. All the groups using the pavilion and fields had emails to notify them of the new 2026 charges, including the new contract for the kiosk concessionaire

327/26 Items from previous meeting

- a) **Web site updating** – it was agreed that the site needed quite a few changes and updating. The Clerk to ask the host to keep the finances and PC minutes/agendas “live” and to place “site under construction” for the other pages. As these pages are worked on, they will be replaced. Cllr Williams agreed to help with the work on the new site
- b) **Football Club T&C’s** – it was agreed that the new T&C’s for all users of the facilities be sent an updated copy of the agreement. In return the Clerk to ask for a signed copy long with the organisations Public Liability
- c) **SCI fees to be confirmed** – The Clerk apologised to the Council, as he had missed this off the December minutes, where it was agreed to charge the new charge for each tournament in May

328/26 Football Club Issues – it was agreed that the Clerk to set up a meeting with the Football Club, to discuss various administrative issues to resolve for both parties

329/26 Water meter analysis re invoice – the Clerk gave a detailed breakdown of the recently received invoice from Wessex Water for metered water supply to the Pavilion and Hall. Along with Cllr Broadhurst, he is to arrange a meeting with the Village Hall to discuss the bill

330/26 Pavilion Repairs – the Clerk reported that the toilet leaks in the Pavilion had been repaired, along with the rain coming through the roof skylights. Also the outside gent’s toilet had a new flush unit installed. Since the survey of the pavilion (September), the majority of the work to be carried out, the PC is actively looking for grants, the question of new doors was discussed. The Clerk to obtain some quotes and report back. The Clerk to arrange the repair of the disabled door, which had been vandalised.

331/26 New “NO DOGS” signage – it has been brought to the attention of the PC about the number of dogs that are in public areas (Village Green play area/football field) The Clerk to order 10 new aluminium no dog signs. He is to investigate costings and report back

332/26 Somerset Council leaders letter – the Clerk had received a letter from Somerset Council’s leader (Bill Revan’s) - A Cllr had queried the paragraph about the precept payments in his letter (in previous years 100% was paid to the PC – this is now reverting to 50% April and 50% in September) would that have any adverse impact on the PC. This will not be the case

333/26 Community Council request – Cllr Williams stated that he is on the Committee of the Berrow Church Primary School, who are requesting a pedestrian crossed be installed. Cllr Filmer informed him that he first contacts about the feasibility of this project be to Somerset Council (Highways). In essence the PC would consider the proposal if a letter from the school was sent to the Clerk asking for the PC’s backing. This subject to be revisited in 3 months’ time giving Cllr Williams enough time to speak to Higways

334/26 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for December 2025 expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning – December	£240.00
Rangers Salary – December	£600.00
Clerks Salary December	£1366.95
Clerks PAYE	£341.60
Employers NIC	£193.73
Clerks Expenses – December	£14.50
Berrow Village Hall – hire of room x 2 – inv 1725	£41.20
TJS Gardening – line marking December – inv 2450	£420.00 **
Coomber Security – Fire maintenance + Training	£78.72
GB Sport & Leisure – playground inspection Dec	£54.00
PATA payroll services Oct/Nov/Dec	£37.35
Solicitors fee re insurance claim	£912.32
Door Controls – 2 new keys for room 1 in Pavilion	£34.50 ****

** not paid due to queries on service provided

**** not paid due to not being received

DIRECT DEBITS

Direct 365	£374.54
Water meter at Cemetery 07/06/25 – 08.12.25	£39.21
British Gas (Electric)	£146.67

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 Brodhurst
and 2nd by Cllr Stannard**

c) Bank reconciliation & budget update as at 31st December 2025 – the Clerk and Chairman signed off the bank reconciliation which was agreed unanimously by the Cllrs

335/26 Cllrs Matters of Report

Clerk – had received an anonymous letter from a resident re the state of the grass opposite the Co-op, with vehicles parking on the grass areas. Th Clerk to send the letter to Burnham Town Council as they maintain this area

Cllr Stannard – reported that a water meter cover opposite Unity Farm is missing. The Clerk to inform Bristol Water

Cllrs – asked that all items NOT – to be placed on the following month agenda, until resolved

Cllr Green – asked about the fire alarm testing – the Clerk had received some training and is awaiting the correct paperwork

To ask the Clerk to ask our grass maintenance contractor to continue and trim back the brambles next to the side of the Millennium pitch

Trees – the Clerk gave an update on some trees that have been blown down and now are a Health & Safety issue. Costs to be gathered for the removal. The Clerk to ask a sub-contractor for a cost to trim the Leylandii hedge for it total length (front & back) as well as the height. The Clerk to ask other local Clerk's, who they use for all tree work

Agenda items for next meeting – NONE

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting Tuesday FEBRUARY 10TH 2026 at 7.15pm

Signed by Chairman

Date

