



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on Tuesday 8th July 2025, at 7.15pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Murray (Clerk), Unitary Cllr Bob Filmer and 2 parishioners

232/25 To receive apologies for absence – Unitary Cllr T Grimes

233/25 Declaration of Interests – NONE DECLARED

234/25 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 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 Green and seconded by Cllr Stannard

235/25 Public Participation – Andrea Johnson informed the meeting that both the North & South ponds needed being cleaned up, as they should be cleaned every 5/10 years She is having a meeting with Somerset Council and will let me know. In the meantime, quotes will be obtained for the job
The notice board at the pond near the footpath is in a very bad condition. Andrea had obtained quotes for a new notice board, made from recycled plastic and the environmental group offered to pay 50% of the cost.
Mr Schollar informed the meeting that as an Adopt a Path Volunteer, he work closely with the Golf Club regarding some of the footpath issues. He has had the cost of installing a new dog waste bin and asked in the PC would be able to fund the emptying of the waste bin (approx. £340 - £6.50 a week)). It was agreed that this would be placed on the September agenda for discussion

236/25 Unitary Councillors reports and the police if present – Unitary Cllr Filmer – There is to be a Pay & Grading Review following the creation of the Unitary Authority in 2023. External consultants to carry out the review over the next couple of years. Some of the new parking charges proposals have been delayed, awaiting results from the consultation. The new boundary review is still available for comments to be made up to August 11th 2025. This is the link on the Somerset Council's web site: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-somerset-council/>

237/25 PLANNING – NONE

238/25 Chairmans report - NONE

239/25 Clerks report – distributed to Cllrs prior to meeting

240/25 Parish Council vacancies/co-option – the Clerk had received an email from an interested lady in becoming a Cllr. It was agreed that the Clerk to invite her along for an informal chat about what it takes to be a Parish Councillor

241/25 Zip wire update – the Clerk had been waiting for the contractor to cut back the trees at the equipment. As it is just a small job, he is to get a cost of the work involved from another contractor.

242/25 New Bench at Playground – the Clerk had received some quotes for a new bench and the installation costs. It was agreed to contact the Parishioner to let her choose the bench they would want to have in memory of their son

243/25 Tree work contract – the Clerk has tried unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting with the current contractor. It was agreed that a Cllr and the Clerk to walk the Parish, identifying the work as agreed in the contract to see if the different yearly stages are being met. Also the Clerk had obtained another two tree contractors, to obtain various work which needs to be undertaken by the PC

244/25 White Lining – the Parish Council is now looking at a new person to do the white lining for the football pitches as the previous contractor has resigned. Various ideas are being made by the PC and hopefully this can be resolved soon

245/25 Car parking at Triangle Corner – the Clerk had received some complaints about the parking at the corner. After contacting Somerset Council – it was agreed to find out what the cost would be to enforce parking restrictions. The Clerk to report back at the next meeting

246/25 Extra Tournament (April 2026) – there had been an enquiry from a football tournament company asking to use the football facilities in April 2026. It was decided that the Clerk to write to them asking for another date later on in the year.

247/25 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for the current month's expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning + materials June	£247.72
Clerks Salary – June	£1366.75
Clerks PAYE - June	£341.60
Employers NIC - June	£193.73
Clerks expenses June	£70.54
PGC Contracts – parish maintenance 3 of 12 2025	£1803.60
PATA payroll services April/May/June	£37.95
Village Hall – hire of room – inv 1545/47	£34.00
GB Sport & Leisure – playground inspection	£54.00
Rangers Invoice for June + Materials	£650.00

DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

Electricity – 13.05.25 – 12.06.25	£178.21
Gas – 02.05.25 – 01.06.25	£43.31
BT – June	£57.54
Wessex Water 17.12.24/09.06.25)	£1185.47
Wessex Water Cemetery 17.12.24/06.06.25	£37.56

VAT where applicable

**The above will be paid by BACS with Unity Trust Bank (internet banking)
These were agreed unanimously by the Council – Proposed by Cllr Stannard
and 2nd by Cllr R Dyer – all in favour**

- c) Bank reconciliation & budget update as at 30th June 2025** – all agreed and that a copy is not only emailed, but a hard copy will be brought to the meeting
- d) Payments for August to be agreed** – it was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would delegate the Clerk, in consultation with all the Councillors, to pay invoices in August as there is no planned meeting in August. These payments would then be minuted at the September meeting
Direct Debits would be as usual.

248/25 Cllrs Matters of Report

Agenda items for next meeting –

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting
Tuesday SEPTEMBER 9TH 2025 at 7.15pm**

Signed by Chairman

Date