



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 9th JUNE 2026, at 7.15 pm

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

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

401/26 To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs R Dyer, Unitary Cllr Filmer

402/26 Declaration of Interests – NONE

403/26 Election of Vice Chairman plus Cllrs responsibilities Cllr Green was elected as Vice Chairman unanimously, and he agreed to take the post. It was agreed, that due to Cllrs work commitments it would be better to share the responsibilities as the Cllrs have been doing for the past 2 years

404/26 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2026 and the Annual Parish meeting on April 14th 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 Cllr Stannard and Williams

405/26 Public Participation – NONE

406/26 Unitary Councillors reports and the police (if present) – Cllr Grimes informed the meeting that an independent review by Public Finance Institute awarded Somerset Council a one-star rating out of a possible 5. Since 2023 Somerset Council has spent £18.9 million on external consultants. Somerset Council is in the process of selling assets to pay for the day-to-day spending capitalisation direction

407/26 PLANNNG – 05/26/00006 – internal and external alteration/refurbishment with erection of extension to ancillary entertainment facilities (RJ's) to provide show bar and indoor stage (with mezzanine), and additional ancillary food, beverage and leisure areas, formation of entrance feature and external terrace garden and play area, signage, and provision of cycle and car parking spaces including disabled spaces and other associated infrastructure and landscaping. **LOCATED** at Unity Breach Park, (RJ's Entertainment Complex) Coast Road Berrow
As this application was only received today, it was agreed that the Clerk to ask for an extension and arrange a site meeting with Unity

05/26/00007 – Erection of two storey side extension (West) on site of existing garage (to be demolished) – **LOCATED** at 5 Rosetree Paddock, Berrow T8 2JP

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to support this application

408/26 Clerks Report May

Dealing with all the requirements for the start of the DCI Tournament. Liaising with Berrow Football Club regarding issues about the tournament. After the fiasco of the parking on Red Road, dealing with all the fallout on 9/10th May. I had contacted the Police, but no reply till after the event. Contacting SCI for more information on what went wrong. I went along to Westcroft to explain what happened and the plans in place for the weekend 16/17th which they appreciated. Initial talks with SCI and Cllr Welland are looking at the parking issue by using the Scott's field next to Westcroft and better marshalling

Balanced the AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return) and completing all the paperwork for the Internal Auditor

Issues with some of the play equipment – liaising with supplier to fix

409/26 Items from previous meeting

- a) **Grant Application** – it was agreed, after reviewing all the three quotes for all the electrical work, that a local contractor would be engaged, and his quote be submitted with the grant application. The Clerk to have a meeting with a contractor to revisit his quote for the new MUGA and outdoor gym equipment, again to be submitted with the application
- b) **Pavilion Repair** – the two building contractors have unfortunately declined from taking on anymore work on, due to them being so busy. Cllrs gave the Clerk some more names to contact, and report back at the July meeting
- c) **Water Update** – the Clerk had been in touch with Bristol Water (again!!) and will now scan all the documents to be send recorded delivery to Bristol Water. The next bill is due next week, which we can then see “like for like” usage with our own water meter installed in October 25
- d) **Car Parking** – the Clerk had distributed letters to all residents concerned. This has resulted in 4 paying and the Clerk to chase the others
- e) **Defib installation** – it was agreed to decommission the existing Defibrillator and to install the new one onto the side of the pavilion. The Clerk to arrange with the agreed electrician
- f) **White Lining requests** – the Clerk now has quite a few areas of concern, which the Clerk will send the list to Highways to hopefully re paint the white lines

410/26 Licence for Brean Leisure Park – it was agreed unanimously by the Cllrs that this should be granted

411/26 Sports Facilities Committee update – the new keys for room 1 were incorrect and the correct versions have now been ordered.
The Clerk to find out the correct length of grass is being cut. It was agreed that a meeting be set up with the grass contractor, white lining contractor and the football club to discuss other issues (manhole cover re an old water monitoring chamber and moles)

412/26 Sports Tour request May 2027 – the Clerk had received an enquiry to use the Red Road playing field for a tournament at the end of May 27. It was agreed that the Clerk to find out the numbers involved – timings – marshalling etc – then report back to the Council

413/26 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for MAY 2026 expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning – May – inc SCI	£436.19
Clerks Salary May 26	£1366.75
Clerks PAYE	£341.80
Employers NIC	£193.73
Ranger Salary – May 2026	£600.00
Clerks Expenses – April and May	£68.48
Internal Auditor – Richard Young	£50.00
Mark Fiddes – 19 Rowan Way – 4 Willows pollard	£360.00
Burnham Waste – 2 skips for SCI 07.05/11.05	£740.00
GB Sport & Leisure – Playground inspection May	£54.00
Berrow VH – room hire April and May – inv 1861/1886	£41.20
PGC Contracts – Village maintenance – 12/12 – inv 2356	£1803.60
TJS Line marking - May 2026 - inc SCI	£930.00

VAT included where applicable which is reclaimable

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

DIRECT DEBITS - May

British Gas (Electric)	£182.38
British Gas (Gas)	£ 87.81
Telephone	£ 61.92

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

414/26 Bank reconciliation & statements – the Chairman signed off the bank reconciliation which was agreed unanimously by the Cllrs.

415/26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26

- a) To approve Governance Statement
b) To approve Financial Statement

The forms had been distributed prior to the meeting and were agreed unanimously by the Council, and the Chairman signed them off

416/26 Cllrs Matters of Report

Clerk – had received an enquiry from a parishioner about co-option onto the Parish Council. The Clerk had forwarded an application form and will report back once returned to the Clerk. He informed the Council that he is away for the July meeting, but taken measures for a local Clerk to attend and run the meeting

Cllr Stannard – asked if the hedge severely overhanging the footpath behind Penmoor Close be trimmed back. The Clerk explained that a notice has been served on the occupier and if nothing done, then Somerset Council will trim the hedge back – but at a cost to the occupier

Cllr Welland – stated that a NO DOGS sign is missing from near the bridge into the football pitches. The Clerk to chase up the recent Public Spaces Protection Order re where dogs are banned. The Parish Council has been waiting on the new signage from Somerset Council

Cllr Green – asked for an update on the tree contract and what trees are covered/not covered. The Clerk to chase and report back at the next meeting

All Cllrs – asked if any information is available re the proposed 2000 new homes planned by Barretts Housing

Agenda items for next meeting –

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting, will be Tuesday July 14th at 7.15pm

Signed by Chairman

Date