



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 10th March 2026, at 7.15pm

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

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

353/26 To receive apologies for absence – Unitary Cllr Filmer, Cllr R Welland

354/26 Declaration of Interests – NONE

355/26 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 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 Stannard

356/26 Public Participation – NONE

357/26 Unitary Councillors reports and the police (if present) – Cllr Grimes stated Somerset Council's request to increase council tax beyond the 4.99% threshold was rejected. A Local Government Minister has written to Somerset Council with concerns of a request for £30million of exceptional financial support. Council leader has responded. Concerns have been raised about the potholes repairs standards. The durability of repairs and the processes involved are to be looked at. Cllr Grimes and Cllr Filmer had attended a meeting with the Unity Farm management at Berrow, re the concerns of how holiday traffic, caravans etc, are going to be managed. Unity Farm confirmed that all holiday (caravans etc) traffic will use Coast Road and not Red Road

358/26 PLANNING – NONE

359/26 Clerks Report February –

I arranged a meeting with the Village Hall, along with Cllr Broadhurst to discuss the problem with the billing for metered watered supply. It was agreed to arrange a visit by Wessex Water. All parties agreed to a stop cock shut down taking meter readings I attended site meetings with electrical contractors to ask them to quote for the new electric at the pavilion.

With a few anomalies with the administration of the football club, I organised a meeting with the club and Cllrs to agree a plan on going forward.

Tenders were sent out to contractors for grant application for improvements to some of the facilities. This will help re the grant application to Hinckley

Working on the update of all the PC's policy statements for the Council to adopt

360/26 Items from previous meeting

- a) **T&C's for Pavilion users** – with a slight amend to the start date, these will now be distributed to the users
- b) **Pavilion repairs** – it was agreed that quotes be obtained from 3 builders re the report about the condition of some of the pavilion areas.
- c) **Defib order** – a question was asked about any yearly maintenance fee for the new defibrillator from St John Ambulance. The Clerk to find out, and if ok was given the authority to pay the pro-forma invoice
- d) **Website update** – Cllr Williams had worked on quite a few items for the new web site pages. This will be discussed when the Clerk meets up with the web designer within the next week.
- e) **Trees** – following meeting with Cllr Green and the tree surgeon re the conifers along the whole of Red Road playing field, it was agreed that other quotes be obtained for the additional work which needs to be carried out
- f) **Water meter** – the Clerk had attended a meeting with the Village Hall following a site visit from Wessex Water. The exercise of a stop cock test be undertaken to eliminate any leak in the Hall or Pavilion

361/26 No Dogs signage – the Clerk had replied to the consultation re dogs in public areas and have asked that the Cemetery be included. Somerset Council had been in touch with the Clerk, informing him that all Dog signage is being revamped and details will be sent out after the consultation finishes

362/26 Grant Application update – the Clerk presented the 3 quotes received for all the electrical work. Cllr R Dyer identified a few anomalies within the quotes and asked the Clerk to clarify – so they are all “like for like”. The MUGA quotes suggested 2 different surfaces to be used. The Clerk to ask about maintenance of the surfaces. Further request for outdoor gym to be sought

363/26 Annual Parish Meeting invites – the agenda was agreed by the Cllrs and will be distributed along with the PC meeting agenda for the meetings on Tuesday April 14th

364/26 Dredge of pond at Village Green (South) – the Clerk is still waiting on the 3rd quote, but permission was given by the Cllrs, that if it was more than the competitive quotes already received, the Clerk to give the go ahead for the work to be carried out

365/26 Football Club update/SCI requirements – the new T&C's will be forwarded to the football club. The application form for their pitch maintenance has been completed and sent to the secretary. Plans were agreed with the Council for the SCI football tournament in May and the Clerk to email the organiser for their requirements as soon as possible

366/26 Parish Council Policy updates – the Clerk had completed all the policies, and thanked Cllrs for their help in proofreading them. These will now be adopted at the April meeting

367/26 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for February 2026 expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning – February	£253.32
St John Ambulance – New Defib (Pro forma)	£1447.94
Clerks Salary February 26	£1366.75
Clerks PAYE	£341.80
Employers NIC	£193.73
Clerks Expenses – February 26	£28.00
TJS – Line marking invoice Jan 26	£240.00
TJS – Line marking invoice 2512 for February	£276.00
Crown Estates/Somerset Council (Beach Lease)	£658.00
PGC Grounds Maintenance 9/12	£1803.40 **
Ranger February salary	£600.00
Dredging of pond (if authorised by Council)	£1728.00 ****
Berrow Village Hall – hire of hall 10.02.26	£20.60

VAT where applicable which is reclaimable

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

** - less £0.20p overpaid last month

DIRECT DEBIT

British Gas (Electric) 13.01.26 – 12.02.26	£ 180.03
British Gas (Gas) 02.01.26-01.02.26	£ 95.67
Telephone 01.02.260 - 28.02.26	£57.54 **
Direct 365 Skip Hire 29.03.26/28.06.26	£374.54

** Price to increase from April 1st (7%)

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The Clerk had received 2 invoices after the agenda was published
Paul Dixon £387.76 – repairs to pavilion
SALC – £50 - Cllr training

The above will be paid by BACS with Unity Trust Bank (internet banking)
These were agreed unanimously by the Council – proposed by Cllr Broadhurst
and 2nd by Cllr Stannard

368/26 Financial update – Budget/YTD as at 28.02.26

b) Bank reconciliation & budget update as at 28th February 2026 – the Chairman signed off the bank reconciliation which was agreed unanimously by the Cllrs. The Clerk presented the year-to-date figure against the budget which was agreed.

