



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 12th MAY 2026, at 7.15 pm

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

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

385/26 To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs R Dyer, K Green –
Unitary Cllr Filmer

386/26 Declaration of Interests – NONE

387/26 Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman plus Cllrs responsibilities At this juncture the Chairman stood down and Clerk asked for nominations of the office of Chairman. It was agreed unanimously that Cllr Carol Dyer be elected. Proposed by Cllr Broadhurst and seconded by Cllr Stannard. Cllr Dyer then signed her acceptance of office form and retook the meeting
It was agreed that all the other responsibilities listing be deferred to the June meeting

388/26 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2026 and the Annual Parish meeting – 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

389/26 Public Participation – NONE

390/26 Unitary Councillors reports and the police (if present) – Cllr Grimes informed the meeting that the Chief Finance Officer is only interim until the end of March 2027 at a cost of £7,000 per week. Somerset Council has published its latest Housing Needs Assessment across the county from 2025 to 2045.

391/26 PLANNING – NONE

392/26 Clerks Report April

I had arranged further meetings with subcontractors re the grant application for the Pavilion.

Discussions took place with the Web Designer to revamp the site. Cllr Williams stated he would help with the site.

I had the new defibrillator delivered and arranged for a qualified electrician to install, once permission is given by the Village Hall.

Work had started to complete the Parish Council's audit for 2026/2026, making ready to deliver to the internal auditor.

Making ready all the arrangements for the SCI tournament

393/26 Items from previous meeting

- a) **Grant Application** – as all the quotes have now been received, the Clerk to ask the two MUGA contractors to attend for final specification meeting before approval given. To be deferred to the June meeting
- b) **Pavilion repairs** – it was agreed to contact local builder Burrows to obtain a further quote, The Clerk to ring to make an appointment
- c) **Water Meter update** – the Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Bristol Water about the leaks reported, but they have stated that the leaks were internal we cannot receive a credit. THIS IS NOT what the Clerk had asked for. To chase up along with the discussions with the Village Hall.
- d) **Car Parking** – the Clerk had managed to find out the owners of the houses in relation to the parking spaces available. A letter was posted through all the doors, explaining what was being asked. It has resulted in 4 residents replying and invoices and licences to be sent

394/26 Defibrillator installation date – as the new defibrillator had been received, a local qualified electrician has offered to install the unit free of charge. The Parish Council agreed that if he can provide a test certificate that the go ahead be given, once the Clerk had asked the Village Hall's permission

395/26 Additional Bank signatories – Cllr Broadhurst and Williams agreed to be added to the internet banking authorisation. The Clerk, once he has received copies of their identification to apply to the bank to add their names

396/26 White Lining Requests – Traffic Management from Somerset Council had written to the Clerk asking for any white road markings required within the Parish. It was agreed that the Cllrs let the Clerk know at the June meeting

397/26 AGAR update – the Clerk informed the Council that all the necessary paperwork for the Annual Governance Accountability Return 2025/2026 had been completed, all reconciled and now with the internal auditor. Once this has been sanctioned it will be sent to the chief auditor in London

398/26 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for APRIL 2026 expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning – April	£394.18
Clerks Salary April 26	£1366.95
Clerks PAYE	£341.60
Employers NIC	£193.73
Reimbursement to Cllr C Dyer – keys cut x 3	£18.00
PGC Grounds Maintenance 11/12	£1803.60
GB Sport & Leisure – monthly inspection – inv 19967	£54.00
H Kidner – repair to heating pipe in pavilion – inv 810	£102.00
TJS – white line marking inv 2587	£732.00
Ranger April salary	£600.00
Berrow Village Hall – hire of hall 09.02.26 – inv 1826	£20.60
GB Sport & Leisure – repairs to play equipment – inv 19958	£913.54
SALC affiliation fee	£760.07

