



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 11th NOVEMBER 2025, 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, plus 1 parishioner

285/25 To receive apologies for absence – NONE

286/25 Declaration of Interests – Cllrs R Dyer, Welland and C Dyer re agenda point 293/25 (Kiosk)

287/25 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th OCTOBER 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 Dyer and seconded by Cllr Stannard

288/25 Public Participation – NONE

289/25 Unitary Councillors reports and the police if present – Cllr Grimes
informed the meeting that a further 85 caravans had been given planning permission at Unity Farm. Somerset Council has approved a £3 million pay and grading review over the next two years. The six-week consultation re Sunday car parking charges has now closed and the motion will now go to the full council in December.
Cllr Filmer stated that an interim head of planning is being recruited over a one year contract

290/25 PLANNING – 05/25/00007 – rearrangement of existing main access to holiday park entrance road including removal of existing canopy over the entrance road and other hard standing, provision of associated roads, parking, other hard standing, landscaping and other infrastructure and works –
LOCATED at Unity Beach Holiday Park, Coast Road, Berrow TA8 2QY

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to object to this application

291/25 Clerks Report – the Clerk submitted his report prior to the meeting

292/25 Trees – the Clerk and Cllr Broadhurst updated the Council re their findings of the contract for the tree works against the actual trees on the Parish Council land. It was agreed that the Clerk, with the help of Cllr Broadhurst to re work the contract, then a meeting can be arranged with the tree surgeon to discuss. It was agreed that two areas where to be worked on initially, The conifers at the rear of Manor way to Bramble drive, and the trees on the village green.

293/25 Fees discussion re football and kiosk for 2026/27 – after comparison of other fees being charged in Somerset – it was agreed that a 10% increase for the majority of the users of the fields would be applied from January 1st, 2026. Other users will be notified of their increases.

The kiosk concession would also be subject to the increase

The SCI Tournament fee would be discussed at the December meeting

294/25 Budget 2026/2027 – the Clerk, with the help of Cllr Green presented the proposed budget for 2026/2027. After some discussion, it was agreed that certain areas needed to be revisited and contingency fund for future replacements of assets. The Clerk to revamp and report back at the December meeting

295/25 Defibrillator update – the Clerk had obtained two quotes from suppliers, to replace the defibrillator. It was agreed that the Clerk to find out if an external cabinet could be purchased and installed, also to ascertain the true costings

296/25 Play Equipment update – Cllrs C Dyer, Welland and the Clerk had met up with our solicitor and independent playground inspector to discuss a piece of equipment at the village green play area. It was agreed that the Clerk to report back with some procedure of monitoring all the equipment. Also, that the Ranger to booked in for a playground inspection course (RPII accreditation)

297/25 Finance Matters

a)To approve payments for October 2025 expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning	£300.00
Keith Hooper – new bench installation at Village Green	£580.00
K M Gordon – flailing back hedges & brambles	£1200.00
Clerks Salary October	£1366.95
Clerks PAYE	£341.60
Clerks Expenses	£259.23
Employers NI	£193.73
GB Sport & Leisure – playground inspection inv 18820	£54.00
GB Sport & Leisure – repairs to zip wire and	
G Force Roundabout – inv 18764	£2803.34
Ranger Salary – October	£600.00
Mark Fiddes – re tree overhanging neighbours' fence	£144.00
PGC Contracts – 6/12 maintenance invoice 2260	£1803.60
TJS Line marking x 4	£1224.00
Berrow Village Hall – hire of room x 1 (14/10/25)	£20.00

VAT where applicable which the PC can claim back

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

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

298/25 Cllrs Matters of Report

Cllr R Dyer – asked the Clerk to arrange training for the new Ranger to carry out Fire Alarm tests at the Pavilion. To ask Phil at PGC Contracts – to trim back foliage to the new boundary of the field. Along with Cllr Green, to ask for any items discussed that are not resolved, to be added to the next agenda, to avoid them being missed

Cllr Broadhurst – asked if the weeds/brambles on the footpaths and ginnels could be trimmed. The Clerk to ask PGC Contracts

Clerk – to rearrange the meeting with the Village Hall

Agenda items for next meeting –
SCI Tournament
Budget approval
Sports Facilities update

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

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

Signed by Chairman

Date