



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 14th OCTOBER 2025, at 7.15pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Murray (Clerk), Unitary Cllrs Grimes & Filmer, plus 8
parishioners

CO-OPTION of New Cllrs

At this juncture, the Clerk asked the interview panel to report on the two interviews held 03.10.25. It was unanimously agreed to ask Paul Williams and Greg Broadhurst to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. They duly signed their acceptance of office form and joined the Council

269/25 To receive apologies for absence – NONE

270/25 Declaration of Interests – NONE DECLARED

271/25 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd SEPTEMBER 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

272/25 Public Participation – a small delegation of Village organisations expressed their concerns with parking at the Hall, especially when the football teams were playing. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council and Village Hall representatives to meet up to work out a solution

273/25 Unitary Councillors reports and the police if present – Unitary Cllr Grimes informed the meeting of Somerset Council's agreement to appoint pay consultants to identify savings for 202/27 of over £104 million. Since declaring a financial emergency in 2023, SC has spent nearly £33 million on consultants and agencies. SC is expanding its Digital Slinky demand responsive transport service. This allows passengers to book via an app just one hour in advance, with phone booking still available. This runs Monday-Friday 7.30am to 5.30pm. To register <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/slinky-services/>

274/25 PLANNNG – NONE – a new application 05/25/00007 had been received and an extension has been asked for until November 11th 2025

275/25 Clerks Report – the Clerk gave a brief report on his work in September

276/25 Dog waste bin (M Schollar) the Clerk updated the meeting of the proposal from Mr Schollar, re a new dog loo bin being installed on "Chickslade". The PC agreed to pay for the emptying (once a week) at a cost of £6.50 per visit. This was subject to the Golf club agreeing to the installation and owning the bin. The Clerk to write to the Golf club and copy Mr Schollar

277/25 Trees – the Clerk had a couple of meetings with the tree contractor, identifying a few anomalies of what work had to be undertaken on behalf of the PC. It was agreed that two areas were to be worked on initially. The conifers at the rear of Manor way to Bramble drive, and the trees on the village green. Cllr Broadhurst agreed to work with the Clerk to discuss the way forward with the tree contractor.

278/25 Village Hall discussion – see notes above in Public Participation

279/25 Fees discussion regarding football & kiosk for 2026 – it was agreed that a small subgroup would meet up to discuss and report back at the November meeting

280/25 Grant Application update – the Clerk had identified a number of "wish lists" for the revamping of the Sports area, to make an application to Somerset Community Foundation for a grant. Costings were to be found. The Chairman of the Village Hall informed the meeting that they had a good relationship with SCF and offered to help with the PC possible application. The Clerk thanked David Stickels

281/25 August 2026 meeting – after much discussion, it was agreed to add the August 2026 meeting for the PC. It was felt that it would be better not to have a summer break

282/25 Financial update YTD – the Clerk had produced some data from the new account's software showing the Year to Date against the budget set for 2025/26. It was agreed that Cllr Green along with the Clerk to investigate the new budget proposal for the precept 2026/27

283/25 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for September 2025 expenditure

Nina Squibb – Cleaning + materials	£286.20
Paul Hawkins – installation of water meter in pavilion	£768.00
PATA – payroll service for PC – July/Aug/Sept	£37.35
Clerks salary September	£1366.75
Clerks PAYE	£341.80
Clerks Expenses	£41.50
Employers NI	£193.73
GB Sport & Leisure – playground inspection inv 18594	£54.00
NBB Recycled Furniture – new bench re Calum Todd	£912.00
Ranger Salary – September	£600.00
Ranger expenses – September	£45.14
Paul Dixon – pavilion status report	£75.00
Mark Fiddes – re pollard willows overhanging neighbours	
Garden – part invoice 29.09.25	£360.00
PGC Contracts – removing brambles at Triangle car park	£198.00
PGC Contracts – 5/12 maintenance invoice 2242	£1803.60
TJS Line marking x 4	£1068.00
Berrow Village Hall – hire of room x 2	£40.00
Fleximedia – New domain name set up (.gov.uk)	£135.00

DIRECT DEBITS IN SEPTEMBER

British Gas (Gas)	£35.25
BT	£57.54
British Gas (Electric)	£175.49

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 30th September 2025** – the Clerk and Chairman signed off the bank reconciliation which was agreed unanimously by the Cllrs

268/25 Cllrs Matters of Report

Cllr Welland – reported that the road signs opposite the Berrow Medical Centre had been knocked down. The Clerk to log on the Highways Portal to be repaired

He asked if quotes can now be obtained for some of the much-needed work required at the Sports area. The Clerk to collate the quotes and report back at the November meeting

Clerk – reported that application has been made to HMRC to reclaim the VAT 01.04.25/30.09.25 (£8771.07)

Agenda items for next meeting – Kiosk Review – Grant Application – quotes for work at Pavilion- insurance claim update

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting
Tuesday NOVEMBER 11th 2025

Signed by Chairman

Date