



A Meeting of Berrow Parish Council was held at Berrow Village Hall on
Tuesday 8th SEPTEMBER 2026, at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors C. Dyer (Chair), R. Dyer, G Broadhurst, M Stannard, R Welland, P Williams and the Clerk

431/26 To receive apologies for absence – Councillor K Green.
Unitary Cllrs R. Filmer & T Grimes. (They sent a copy of their report)

432/26 Declaration of Interests – NONE

433/26 Approval of minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th JULY 2026 – the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were agreed unanimously by the Members and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Stannard and Williams

434/26 Public Participation – NONE

435/26 Unitary Councillor reports – as they were both absent, Cllr Filmer had sent the Clerk a copy of the Somerset Council briefing for September. The Clerk highlighted the changes in planning as from 31st October 2026. It will mean that planning applications can be decided by planning committees. Smaller applications, including householder developments, and most schemes of 1 to 9 homes will have to be determined by planning officers rather than committees. Somerset Council is consulting on possible changes to its Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working age residents from April 2027. More than 28,500 households currently receive support, costing over £31m a year. The proposals are intended to provide greater support for some of the most vulnerable households while reducing support elsewhere, so the overall cost of the scheme does not increase. Pensioners will not be affected by the proposed changes. The consultations runs until **SEPTEMBER 28th 2026**. You can take part online via the Council's portal <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/comms/council-tax-reduction-consultation-2026/>

436/26 Items from last meeting

- a) **Water Meter Update** – a site meeting is to be arranged for an inspector from Wessex Water to attend re the discrepancies in all the meter readings
- b) **SCI – plus parking plan** – it was agreed that the Clerk to write to SCI to let them deal with a possible parking solution at Northern Farm. Also the following:
Pay for the skips upfront – disclose how many participants – only 5 event organisers cars to be allowed onto the playing field. The Clerk to find out about the parking cones procedure on the highways, as used by the Golf course.

- c) **Grant Application** – as all quotes have now been received, the Clerk asked for help in applying for large grants. Names were given to him of who may help with filling in the application form and will follow up. It was discussed about the possibility of a dual application for both the pavilion and playground requirements– the Clerk to report back. Possibly apply for lottery funding for the refurbishment of the play area was discussed.
- d) **Payment queries** – the Clerk explained the invoice received from the skip supplier (£1.20) being the extra rubbish bags let outside the skip. Other small invoices (£4.80) are for the extra fuel charges.
- e) **Tree maintenance** – the tree contractor has confirmed that the conifers running from the containers till the far end of the field is scheduled to start work October 5th and 6th
- f) **New Councillor update** – the Clerk stated that the possible new Cllr has not replied to the invitation to come to a meeting, so this is now closed
- g) **Sport Tour Tournament** – the Clerk to contact Berrow FC – as the dates of the tournament in May may clash with Berrow's tournament
- h) **Bank signatory** – the Clerk informed the meeting the Cllr Brodhurst has now been cleared to become a signatory for the bank payments.

437/26 Play equipment concern at Village Green – following the latest inspection report from GB Sport, a meeting was asked for which Cllr Broadhurst and Stannard along with the Clerk attended along with a representative from GB sport. There are items which are need of immediate attention. To that extent, it was agreed that the Clerk to ask for a quote to repair/replace/remove some of the equipment. A further meeting to be set up as soon as possible. Another contractor to remove the exposed concrete will now be contacted to carry out the job urgently

438/26 New notice board at Village Green – the Clerk informed the meeting of a replacement wooden notice board with a cost of approx. £750 + installation. Cllr Welland asked for a copy of the board specification sheet to enquire about the possibility of a contractor to make a similar one

439/26 Parish walkways/road conditions update – following the Clerk reporting to Highways the condition of the walkway between Church House Road and Parsonage Road with overgrown weeds and brambles. This has now been cleared but not the brambles. The Clerk to check the contract with the Village Maintenance contractor to see if he should be controlling the brambles. It was agreed that a request be made to all the parishioners to help with the Village clean up of their immediate verges etc. which will enhance the look of the village

440/26 Parking issue Parsonage Road/Pinnocks Croft – the Clerk had received an email from a resident about some inconsiderate parking at this junction. The Clerk updated the meeting that he had written to Highways, along with photographic evidence asking for a site meeting along with the VH to discuss. When a reply comes he will let everyone know

441/26 Clerks Report – to be distributed later

442/26 Finance Matters

a) To approve payments for July 2026 expenditure

Somerset Council – dog poo emptying April/June	£101.40
Berrow Village Hall – hire of room	£20.60
Parish Council Websites – Domain.gov.uk 2025/6	£36.00
Parish Council Websites - Domain.gov.uk 2026/7	£36.00
GB Sport & Leisure – playground inspection July	£54.00
TJS Contracts – white lining – 09.07 - 24.07.26	£636.00
Nina Squibb – pavilion cleaning + materials	£317.64
PGC Contracts 2/12 village maintenance	£1803.60
Clerks Salary – July	£1366.75
PAYE	£341.80
NIC Contribution	£193.73
Rangers Salary July	£600.00

The authorisation of transferring £30,000 from the instant access Account to the current account

The above payments and transfer were agreed by the Councillors to be paid due to no Parish Council meeting held in August

VAT included where applicable which is reclaimable

a) To approve payments for AUGUST 2026 expenditure

Annual inspection of equipment at Village Green	£100.00
PGC Contracts – 3/12 Maintenance + Tower work	£1953.60
GB Sport & Leisure – playground inspection August	£54.00
Zurich Insurance – Parish Council's insurance	
Oct 26/September 27 (Final year of 3-year contract)	£4040.60
Clerks Salary August	£1366.95
PAYE	£341.60
NIC	£193.73
Clerks Expenses (July/Aug)	£62.19
Rangers Salary August	£600.00
Nina Squibb – Pavilion cleaning August	£240.00

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 seconded by Cllr Dyer

DIRECT DEBITS – August 2026

British Gas (Electric)	£166.14
Telephone	£61.92
Direct 365 (additional pick up/fuel surcharge	£6.00
Wessex Water – 15.12.25 – 16.06.26	£1158.90
British Gas (Electric)	£128.50
British Gas (Gas)	£44.20

£108.00

444/26 Matters of report

It was agreed that the Clerk to contact the football Club to clarify the following:

- There is a low hanging cable – either power or telephone – Clerk to take a photograph and ask the relevant supplier to make good

Next scheduled meeting is on TUESDAY OCTOBER 13th 2026

Date