

Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9th August 2022 at 7pm in the Manor Hall, Berrynarbor

Present: Cllrs A Stanbury (Chairman), G Bacon, B Joyce, and J Latham
North Devon District Cllr F Tucker
2 members of public

- 2208/01 **Apologies**
County Cllr A Davis, V Woodhouse (Clerk), S Barten, A Coppin, J Beer and M Johns
- 2208/02 **Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 2208/03 **Public Participation**
Members were updated by a member of the public regarding the situation at Berrynarbor Park, S. Emery had emailed a response from NDC (circulated) and Selaine Saxby MP had written to NDC expressing her support also. Members asked if the PC had also written in lend further support.
- 2208/04 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th August 2022 as a correct record.
- 2208/05 **To receive reports from:**
- Police
The report had not been received.
 - County Cllr Miss A Davis
Report is attached as Appendix A. Members were happy to hear a temporary bridge is in place allowing the road to re-open at Hunters Inn.
 - District Cllr J Tucker
informed members he was keeping pressure on the Berrynarbor Park situation. Highlighted the on-going battle with littering, please report any littering to him or customer services at NDC. It was brought to attention that the recycling collection was not being collected the top end of the Sterridge Valley for the last few weeks, despite being logged at NDC as collected.
 - Play Area
it was noted the Party in the Field had forgotten to seek permission for the upcoming organised event, members voted all in favour to allow use of the field on this occasion as relevant documents had been supplied.
 - Manor Hall



No report.

- Footpaths
Nothing to report.
- Dog Exercise Area
it was noted the small field was very overgrown in the wild flower area,
A Stanbury to talk with Berry in Bloom.
- Grit Bins/Road
None.
- Meetings/Events attended by Councillors/Clerk
Stanbury had meetings re quotes for the Bouladrome in the Dog Field.

2208/06 **Resignation of Cllr Burch**
Noted.

2208/07 **Planning & Planning Correspondence**
75611 Proposed extensions, alterations and erection of garden room/home
office at Manor Cottage Birdswell Lane Berrynarbor
Applicant: Mrs Eaton

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve.

75666 Erection of open porch, internal alterations and replacing cement
render with lime render to original walls at East Hagginton House Hagginton
Hill Berrynarbor
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Carey

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve subject to listed
building conditions being satisfied, the velux windows in the roof in
particular.

75667 Listed Building consent for the erection of open porch, internal
alterations and replacing cement render with lime render to original walls at
East Hagginton House Hagginton Hill Berrynarbor
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Carey

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve subject to listed
building conditions being satisfied, the velux windows in the roof in particular.

2208/08 **Payments and Receipts**

PAYMENTS

45. August Salaries	£431.18
46. HMRC PAYE August	£107.80
47. Zoom Monthly Fee, July	£14.39
48. Tesco Mobile, Phone Charge June, 2022	£10.50



49. Public Toilet Cleaning, June	£100
50. South West Water	£42.75
Payments total:	£709.62

RECEIPTS

Interest	0.11
Receipts total:	£0.11

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the payments and receipts.

- 2208/09 **To consider quotations for construction of Bouladrome**
Members considered quotations for the construction of a Bouladrome, it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the quotation from A&B Contractors.
- 2208/10 **To consider NDCs consultation on a proposal to introduce an animal licensing policy**
Members asked this be published on the website so all can view.
- 2208/11 **To review the PC Risk Assessments**
The Parish Council's Risk Assessments were reviewed.
- 2208/12 **Berrynarbor Car Park**
Members were informed that an officer at NDC had been appointed from the Estates Department to progress the matter.

Meeting ended at 7.45pm.

Signed.......... Dated: 11/10/22.....

Berrynarbor Parish Council

County Councillors report

August 2022

DCC Finance

Devon County Council is facing an unprecedented black hole in our finances caused by the cost of living crisis and spiralling demand for help for vulnerable children and adults.

The Director of Finance, Angie Sinclair predicts that we could overspend by more than £40 million in the current financial year. And she says urgent action must be taken by every council department to rein in spending.

A panel of senior officers is already looking at options for councillors to consider including spending cuts, remodelling services to save money and cancelling or delaying building projects. Unlike central government, local councils are required by law to balance their books every year.

The council has never before faced a combination of demand growth and price shock pressures of this scale. The pandemic and geopolitical situation has created huge financial pressures nationally and the county council is not immune from that.

The current forecast is unprecedented and immediate action must be taken to safeguard the financial stability of the authority.

A financial stability programme has been created comprising senior officers from each service who are examining every option to save money.

Some of the financial pressures facing us include:

- children's services forecasting an overspend of £17.9 million with a big increase in demand and the rising cost of placing children in care.
- £7.7 million overspend in education with the bulk of that taken up by transporting children to school because of spiralling fuel and wages.
- Adult care services are forecasting an overspend of £6 million.

There is also a risk that inflationary pressures could result in costs, in addition to this overspend, of more than £10 million this year.

National pay negotiations are at an early stage but indications are that increases to the National Living Wage coupled with the cost of living crisis will result in a higher than expected pay claim this year. The estimated cost of this has been included within the forecast overspend. The County budgeted a 2% salary increase, predictions are now running for up to 7% and each 1% extra equals about £1.5million.



Although It is very early in the financial year and much will, of course, change as the year progresses. However immediate action must be taken to safeguard the financial stability of the authority.

Devon is not alone in dealing with these pressures. Most councils are facing the same problems, according to the Local Government Association. In addition the County Council Network is highlighting the particular cost pressures on county authorities because of the nature of delivering services in large, sparsely-populated rural areas.

One of the first casualties is the County Councillor Locality grants, they have been suspended until further notice. I know the grants are a lifeline to getting a lot of projects off the ground. It is with much regret I need to advise you of this.

Martinhoe Bridge

Pleased to advise a temporary bridge in now in place.

Reminder of how to report a Highway issue;

[Report a problem - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk)

0345 155 1004

Live chat is available on the Highways website Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4.30 pm (4 pm on Fridays). To report a problem with road maintenance, traffic management and parking, streetlights and signs and public rights of way

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