

Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 10th January 2023 at 7pm in the Manor Hall, Berrynarbor

Present: Cllrs A Stanbury (Chairman), G Bacon, G Cornell, M Johns, B Joyce and Cllr Latham
Devon County Cllr A Davis
North Devon District Cllr F Tucker
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
1 member of public

2301/01 **Apologies**
Cllr Beer and County Cllr Davis.

2301/02 **Declarations of Interest**
None.

2301/03 **Public Participation**
A member of the public spoke in support of the **annual appointment of a poet laureate for the village.**

The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed to move this item forward on the Agenda to be dealt with after the reports.

2301/04 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022 as a correct record.

2301/05 **To receive reports from:**

- Police
The report had been circulated.
- District Cllr J Tucker
Cllr Tucker still had concerns with reference to Berrynarbor Park and requested an Agenda item on the next Agenda for an update, enforcement has been to site recently and asked if the PC would also write to the Chief Executive further to its previous letter. Cllr Tucker reported that the Government was looking at changes to local planning and housing numbers and explained that you would require voter ID in the upcoming elections. Cllr Tucker explained that those breeding dogs require a licence which can be obtained from NDC.

Cllr Tucker left the meeting.

- County Cllr Miss A Davis
No report.
- Play Area



Nothing to report.

- **Manor Hall**
Nothing to report, however, it was noted that a key would be required in due course for the Clerk.
- **Footpaths**
It was noted that extra funding had been obtained to address some of the issues found on the annual inspections and this would be progressed.
- **Dog Exercise Area**
None.
- **Grit Bins/Road**
None.
- **Meetings/Events attended by Councillors/Clerk**
None.

2301/06 To consider supporting the annual appointment of a poet laureate for the village

A resident has recently formed a poetry group in Berrynarbor and had asked the Parish Council to consider supporting the annual appointment of a poet laureate for the village. The poet's role would be to support public occasions, promoting poetry as a cultural benefit and supporting education needs by encouraging poetry at the local schools. Members discussed the proposal with the requestor and suggested some funding streams which could be investigated including grants from the Parish Council.

2301/07 Resignation from Cllr Coppin

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the resignation from Cllr Coppin.

2301/08 Representatives

a) Highway Liaison Officer & Tree Warden

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Cornell.

b) Emergency Plan Officers

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Cornell.

c) Finance Working Party

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

d) Personnel Working Party

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to appoint Cllr Johns.



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| 2301/09 | Payments and Receipts | |
| | <u>PAYMENTS</u> | |
| | 86. January Salaries | £431.18 |
| | 87. HMRC PAYE January | £107.80 |
| | 88. Zoom Monthly Fee, January | £14.39 |
| | 89. Tesco Mobile, Phone Charge December, 2022 | £10.50 |
| | 90. Public Toilet Cleaning, December | £100 |
| | 91. Ink Cartridges | £44.89 |
| | Payments total: | £708.76 |

RECEIPTS
Receipts total: **£0.00**

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

- 2301/10 **To consider a community awareness event**
 The Parish Council had been asked to support a community awareness event to raise awareness of what groups are available to residents on the parish. The Parish Council was generally supportive of the idea and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for Cllr Cornell to liaise with the organisers.
- 2301/11 **Boules**
 Members were informed that there had been a delay from the North Devon Council taking a report to Committee to allocate the Section 106 funding, the proposal will now go to NDC's committee in early February. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 2301/12 **Jubilee Fountain and Bus Shelter**
 Cllr Cornell reported that a carpenter could repair the bus shelter with a quotation of £800 it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to proceed if the quotation could be reduced to £650. Cllr Stanbury will continue to investigate repairs to the Jubilee Fountain, and it was agreed to investigate the option of barriers in front to prevent further damage.
- 2301/13 **Play Areas**
 Members considered the remedial works required following the annual inspections it was noted that the slide in the Recreation Field is not the wrong way around and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to ask TK Play to provide a quotation for a replacement gate on the Manor Hall.
- 2301/14 **Budgets & Precept**
 Members considered the impact and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree the budgets and a precept of £23,589.56.



2301/15

Gritt Bins

Members felt the top of Haggington Hill required a gritt bin Cllr Latham will seek written permission from the landowner to site the bin and it was agreed to investigate moving the bin from Crosspark to the top of Haggington Hill.

2301/16

Berrynarbor Car Park

Cllr Stanbury reported that he had spoken to the officer at NDC and they were looking to prepare draft heads of terms removing the liability for the bank for consideration.

Meeting ended at 8.52pm.

Signed.......... Dated:..21.12.23.....