

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Manor Hall, Berrynarbor on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr A Stanbury as Chairman of the meeting.  
9 electors, Mrs Victoria Woodhouse – Parish Clerk

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were accepted and signed as a correct record.

**2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

No matters were raised.

**3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was circulated and is attached as Appendix A.

**4. Berry in Bloom Report**

A representative from Berry in Bloom provided the meeting with a report. They explained that the group is rewilding a part of the field (which used to be the small dog walking area) which volunteers are looking after, however, the pathway is unsuitable for use and slippery. A number of flowers have been planted and the message the group would like to promote is patience, the area will need time to re-wild, it was suggested that a sign could be investigated.

Litter picks around the village have been organised along with tidying of bus stops, strimming and trimming of bushes and other vegetation. New bulbs have been planted along with bedding plants for the summer and the hanging baskets are being planted for the Manor Hall, Church and Shop. It was noted that the hedge around the car park is dangerous as it is too high and agreed to take up with NDC. There had been issues with dogs escaping through fencing in the dog walking area onto the road and Berry in Bloom asked about the cleaning of footpath signs and cutting of the footpaths.

**5. Primary School Report**

No report received.

**6. Manor Hall Report**

The report from the last AGM for the Manor Hall was circulated and is attached as Appendix 2.

**7. Berrynarbor Pre -School Report**

The meeting was informed that sessions had been reduced due to funding cuts and an increase in costs, the pre-school would appreciate support with fundraising.

**8. Comments and Questions from Members of the Public**

No comments or questions were raised.

**9. Matters raised at the discretion of the Chairman**

None.

**Meeting ended at 7.25pm.**

Signed..... Dated .....

## Chairman's Report April 2023

Berrynarbor parish council started the year with a full compliment of 9 councillors. Throughout the year we had resignations from councillors Barten, Beer, Coppin and Burch.

We Co-opted councillors Cornell and Thorp. Councillor Cornell was voted in as vice chairman.

We end the year with 2 vacancies and going forward to the May election only : councillors have applied for the role of councillor creating 6 vacancies.

The main event of the year was the Queen's platinum jubilee which was celebrated in the parish with various events well attended by parishioners.

Sadly the Queen passed away on the 8th September with a period of mourning observed nationally and the cancellation of the September parish council meeting.

Meetings throughout the year were addressed by various bodies including representatives of 2 potential housing development sites, one at Pitt hill and another at Moules farm. As yet neither have submitted a planning application for council consideration.

The planned bouldrome facility at the recreation field has been slow to progress. The council applied for section 106 funding to fund the project and this was officially approved in March this year.

The contractor has been requested to commence the works as soon as weather permits.

Various donations have been made throughout the year including Berry in bloom, CAB, the records office and Berrynarbor newsletter.

The council continues to negotiate the lease of the public car park and freehold of the public toilet from NDDC.

The process is frustratingly slow but hopefully the process will conclude in the forthcoming calendar year.

Sadly our Clerk Victoria tendered her resignation in November.

Vicki first joined us as a temporary locum clerk and we have been incredibly fortunate that she was persuaded to stay for the past 7 years!!

We are in the process of recruiting a replacement clerk and wish Vicki all the very best for her future and thank her for such a positive impact she has made on Berrynarbor parish council. You will be very much missed.



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## MANOR HALL TRUST

AGM held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Chair Report

Finally, after two difficult years with us all having to deal with a dreadful pandemic, the hall welcomed groups and activities back in. The first of these events being our summer fete. It was still unable to be totally back to normal but none the less it was another successful fundraiser for the hall. In September the hall looked resplendent in fairy lights and flowers as it hosted a beautiful wedding for a village couple who had patiently waited almost two years after their intended date. In October we held another successful fashion show in conjunction with the Ilfracombe clothes shop Clathers. Lots of happy ladies enjoying a glass of Prosecco with friends while watching the local models strut their stuff! In the half term the preschool had a face lift with some new flooring, repainting and some general updating. Having had a few years without a Christmas fayre it was decided that we would run our own, so on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December the hall had several craft and gift stalls, refreshments and even a visit from father Christmas. It was an enjoyable and well attended event particularly as covid restrictions and concerns were still present, and so it is hoped to repeat it again this year.

December also saw the return of a wreath making session in the hall with many a splendid wreath and table decoration created with the skilful help of Sue Neal.

It was a quiet start to the year with a handful of bookings outside of the user groups. In April Pam very kindly offered to start a monthly coffee

and cakes afternoon, it has proved very popular and a fantastic fundraiser so it is hoped to continue throughout the summer months. With the sad closure of our village pub Karen came up with the good idea to have the Sunday night pub quiz in the hall instead, this has also been very popular enabling people to get together for some light hearted fun whilst raising funds for the hall.

The queen's platinum jubilee celebrations saw the hall as the main venue for the celebrations. The organising committee did an excellent job at devising a weekend that enabled all ages of our community to come together to celebrate this unique jubilee.

The extortionate rise in utility bills will unfortunately be a testing time for community buildings such as our hall but I have no doubt the continued hard work and dedication by the hall's trustees along with the fantastic support of the village it will continue to provide a safe and pleasant place for all the residents to enjoy.