

**Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11th April 2023
at 7pm in the Manor Hall, Berrynarbor**

Present: Cllrs A Stanbury (Chairman), G Bacon, B Joyce, G Cornell, M Johns,
J Latham and L Thorpe

County Cllr A Davis.
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
3 members of the public

2304/01 **Apologies**
None.

2304/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Latham declared a Personal Interest in Item 2304/06 Planning Application
76855.

Cllr Bacon declared a Personal Interest in Item 2304/06 Planning Application
76824.

2304/03 **Public Participation**

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for supporting the coronation celebrations and the funding, the medallions have been purchased and the preparation for the events was going well.

It was noted that an item had been discussed at the last meeting with reference to the basket swing and the Clerk would be contacted.

A member of the public spoke in response to the concerns that were raised at the last meeting in relation to a shepherd's hut at Rivensdale. The property owner confirmed that she had been in contact with planning prior to siting and building control, the hut is not plumbed in so there is no sewage going into the stream, the owner is in discussions and taking advice on where to place a treatment plant. The Planning Authority has confirmed that there is no issue and the hut will be offered on a B&B basis.

2304/04 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one against from Cllr Johns, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 as a correct record.

2304/05 **To receive reports from:**

- Police
The report had been circulated.
- County Cllr Miss A Davis
Attached as Appendix A.



- District Cllr J Tucker
No report.
- Play Area
It was noted that the bin in the Manor Hall play area were not being emptied and agreed to speak to the Manor Hall and Berry in Bloom to see if an arrangement could be reached.

There might be more willow required in the Manor Hall play area and agreed to place as an Agenda item.
- Manor Hall
The AGM will be 7pm on 4th July 2023.
- Footpaths
The bus shelter at the top of Barton Lane is overgrown and it was agreed to ask the volunteers of Berry in Bloom if they could look at clearing.
- Dog Exercise Area
It was agreed to look at the hedge and to seek a quotation from the Parish Council's contractor.
- Grit Bins/Road
None.
- Meetings/Events attended by Councillors/Clerk
The community awareness event went well with lots of people in attendance, two new bell ringers have been recruited as a result and the former Editor of the newsletter was presented with the thank you gift.

2304/06

Planning & Planning Correspondence

76828 Single storey rear extension at Rivendell Mill Lane Berrynarbor
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Balchin

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

76855 Erection of two semi-detached single storey dwellings (one local needs dwelling) at Land at Hagginton Hill Berrynarbor
Applicant: Mr Richards

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL.

76918 Reinstatement of beach access at Sandy Cove Hotel Old Coast Road Berrynarbor
Applicant: Sandy Cove Hotel



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

76824 Erection of multi-use building for camping park at Watermouth Valley
Camping Park Berrynarbor
Applicant: David Wassall

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions on from
Cllr Bacon, to recommend APPROVAL.

2304/07

Payments and Receipts

106. Trophies Plus Medals	£237.30
107. British Gas	£42.09
1. April Salaries	£431.38
2. HMRC PAYE April	£107.60
3. Zoom Monthly Fee, April	£15.59
4. Tesco Mobile, Phone Charge March, 2023	£10.50
5. Public Toilet Cleaning, March	£100
6. Manor Hall, Hall Hire	£210
7. DALC Membership	£242.42
8. Manor Hall, Hall Hire	£45
9. Community Shop, Sewage Donation	£194.68

Payments total: £1,636.56

RECEIPTS

Receipts total: £0.00

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

2304/08

Hedgehog Highway Initiative

Members considered supporting the initiative, it was felt that the Parish is not urban enough and agreed for Cllr Cornell to investigate further.

2304/09

To receive and consider information relating to school transport to Ilfracombe Academy

Information was circulated prior to the meeting explaining that a pupil of Ilfracombe school who lives in Berrynarbor has had their school transport withdrawn, it was noted that the County Cllr is involved, members felt it was totally unacceptable to expect them to walk along a very dangerous road and the bus comes through the village with empty seats but cannot collect the pupil, it was agreed to write and support the County Cllr.

2304/10

Defibrillator Training

It was noted that the Manor Hall had been booked for the 13th July 2023 6.30pm – 8.30pm.



2304/11 **Membership of Devon Association of Local Councils 2023/2024**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to renew the Parish Council's membership.

2304/12 **To discuss the damaged bollards on the coast road**
Members discussed the bollards and access, it was noted that the bollards are not broken but there is a rock in the way and concerns were raised about emergency access, it was agreed to raise with the County Cllr. Members noted that a cliff survey was going to be undertaken by DCC and agreed to follow this up.

2304/13 It was **resolved** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

PART B

2304/14 **Berrynarbor Car Park & Toilets**
Members were informed that the toilets will still come with a dowry but the dowry for the car park had been removed and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to go back to NDC about the dowry payments.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Signed.......... Dated:..... 16/5/23.....

Berrynarbor Parish Council

County Councillors Report

April 2023

£2 Bus fare until June 2023

Please try and use the bus, even for a few journeys a month, encourage others to try it out. At only £2 a trip this is substantially cheaper than taking a car into Barnstaple and no car parking charges.

Bus passengers in Devon can take advantage of a cap on single bus fares as part of the Department for Transport's new fares initiative, through the Government's Help for Households campaign.

Bus users will pay no more than £2 for a single journey when boarding the bus anytime in February, March, April, May and June.

For more information on the £2 single fares scheme, terms and conditions and exclusions, visit the [Travel Devon website](#).

Devolution

A devolution deal for Devon, Torbay and Plymouth has recently moved a step closer following an announcement by Dehanna Davidson the governments levelling up minister. For residents in Devon this would bring greater local control over key local priorities such as housing, public transport and connectivity and skills our economy needs.

The deal would not require a change to the established democratic structures across the area or need an elected mayor.

The new powers would be devolved to a partnership of existing local councils who would deliver on a joint programme working alongside a wide range of local stakeholders.

Local partners across Devon have now been invited to work together to prepare a final business case to present to Government for final approval later this year.

Any final deal would require local consent with the full agreement of all the constituent councils as well as parliamentary approval.

Additional Funds for roads

Devon will receive an extra £9.4m announced in the recent budget to fund highway maintenance. The majority of this will be used on the minor road network. I will know more about allocations in the next weeks.

The County's share of the £200m announced is the largest amongst County and unitary authorities.



This winters weather has had a significant impact on Devons 8000 miles of road network, this additional funding will contribute to the extensive maintenance and repair programme across Devon.

Community emergency plan funding opportunities

Independent charity Devon Communities Together is working with Devon County Council (DCC) and the Environment Agency to provide the funding opportunities.

This latest programme is financed by DCC and the South West Regional Flood & Coastal Committee local levy funding, and is administered by Devon Communities Together as part of its role in the Devon Community Resilience Forum (DCRF), whose core mission to help communities prepare for, and respond to, emergencies.

Scheme 1 – up to £250 for communities that wish to develop their own Community Emergency Plan

The Devon Community Resilience Board (DCRB) wants to encourage more communities to produce a Community Emergency Plan (CEP).

A CEP is a document which helps guide a community to organise a response to a local emergency; from flooding or snow to the completely unexpected. They ideally need to be updated every three years, however some communities in Devon either don't have a plan in place or are not sure how to put together a support document for their community. The aim is that by providing this funding, many more communities across the county will be able to put plans in place to ensure their resilience in case anything happens within their community.

Once approved and completed, the DCRB will upload a completed CEP to a secure government gateway. This enables emergency responders to combine local knowledge with their expertise, allowing an effective place-based, joined-up response.

Devon's communities can bid for this fund to help form their own Community Emergency Planning group.

Further guidance and support on creating the group can also be provided from the DCRF with in-person attendance from a Devon Communities Together Resilience Project Officer. <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/grant-funding-emergency-flood-resilience>

Scheme 2 – up to £1,500 for small scale works and resilience equipment (once a CEP is in place)

Experience has shown that a wide range of small resilience measures can make a real difference to communities. This funding is available to communities to improve their own resilience with equipment and small scale works, and may range from the provision of sandbag stores and other flood protection equipment, road signs, tools and personal protective equipment, to one off small scale works to reduce risk.

DCRF recommends that a Community Emergency Response Team defines its own shopping list to meet local requirements. Examples of resilience measures can be provided by the DCRF, other



communities, or Devon County Council to help a Community Emergency Planning Group consider what might be best for a particular area.

Reminder of how to report a Highway issue;

Report a problem - Roads and transport (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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