

Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12th September 2023 at 7pm in the Manor Hall, Birdswell Lane, Berrynarbor

Present: Cllrs A Stanbury (Chairman), G Bacon, B Joyce, J Latham and K Young
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk (remotely)

2309/01 **Apologies**

Cllrs E Clarke, D Norman and County Cllr Miss A Davis.

2309/02 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Bacon declared a Personal Interest in Item 2309/07 Application 77503.

2309/03 **Public Participation**

A member of the public informed the Parish Council that they would be trimming back the bushes in the vicinity of the bus shelter.

It was noted that an email had been received in relation to a pavilion for the Boules/Recreation Field and agreed to place an Item on the next Agenda.

Representations had been received about the dangerous parking in Barton Road.

2309/04 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th August 2023 as a correct record.

2309/05 **To receive reports from:**

- Police
The report had been circulated.
- County Cllr Miss A Davis
Attached as Appendix one.
- District Cllr J Hunt
None.
- Play Area
It was noted that there was a tree down in the Recreation field and South West Water had been notified.

Cllr Young reported that there is a hornets nest on private property and was advised to contact Environmental Health.

There is a broken bench in the Manor Hall play area which Cllr Bacon will look at.

- Manor Hall
It was noted that the fete was successful.
- Footpaths
Cllr Latham confirmed that she would chase up landowner permission to fell the dead trees along the footpath.

The contractor had been asked to provide additional cuts to the footpaths as necessary and agreed to look at the cutting schedule of the footpaths for the next tender process.

- Dog Exercise Area
Cllr Young reported that people are putting their dog waste in the dog bag dispenser. It was noted that Cllr Adam has the replacement key and bags for the dispenser and agreed to pass to Cllr Young to refill and place a notice asking people to dispose of dog waste appropriately.
- Grit Bins/Road
None.
- Meetings/Events attended by Councillors/Clerk
It was noted that Cllr Latham and Stanbury had met NDC on site and agreed that NDC would cut the car park hedge as requested.

2309/06

Co-option

It was noted that no applications had been received and the Chairman urged Cllrs to encourage people to apply.

2309/07

Planning & Planning Correspondence

Planning Applications: to consider

77470 Prior approval for the erection of an agricultural building to store hay & associated hardstanding at Broadlands Farm Berry Down Combe Martin
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Brunt

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

77471 Prior approval for the erection of an agricultural building for storage of machinery and associated works at Broadlands Farm Berry Down Combe Martin

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Brunt

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

77503 Erection of toilet block at Watermouth Valley Camping Park Road From Watermouth Road To The Old Saw Mill Berrynarbor
Applicant: Mr Wassall



It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention from Cllr Bacon, to recommend Approval, subject to the materials being used being clarified which should be in keeping with the local area, the Parish Council has concerns about the reference to a multi-use building in the design and access statement and would like a condition to ensure the building is a toilet block and not multi-use.

77495 Demolition of extra dwelling and erection of new dwelling at Summerhill Hagginton Hill Berrynarbor
Applicant: Naomi Hallet

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

2309/08

Payments and Receipts

PAYMENTS

50. September Salaries	£448.07
51. HMRC PAYE September	£112.20
52. Pension Contributions	£162.45
53. Zoom Monthly Fee, August	£15.59
54. Tesco Mobile, Phone Charge September 2023	£12.01
55. Public Toilet Cleaning, August	£125
56. British Gas	£67.83

Payments total: £943.15

RECEIPTS

Interest £9.22

Receipts total: £9.22

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

2309/09

Defibrillator

Members were informed that the current lease expires in 2024 and were informed that the renewal with the South West Ambulance Trust would be £1,800 for a further three years.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to renew the lease with South West Ambulance Trust.

It was noted that Cllr Norman is looking into the broken glass.

2309/10

Public Toilets

It was agreed to place an item on the agenda for the next meeting.



2309/11

Festive Lights

Cllr Bacon reported that some of the stars did not work last year and it would be nice to replace them and purchase some additional lighting. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to purchase further lighting up to £300.

2309/12

Mill Lane

Cllr Stanbury explained that the County Cllr had suggested pay and display parking along Mill Lane to help alleviate parking for Broadsands. Members considered the suggestion but felt it would not address the problem, however, the pavement along from the fountain could be extended to prevent parking and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to request DCC investigate the possibility of extending the pavement.

2309/13

Berrynarbor Sign

It was noted that Berry In Bloom had tried to clean the Berrynarbor sign at the entrance to the village, however, it was felt that a replacement sign was required and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to replace the sign.

Meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Signed.....



Dated:.....

10/10/23

Berrynarbor Parish Council
County Councillors Report
September 2023

Publicity for our area.

On the back of the extension of the 301 route and the newly launched 'Rail Link' logo I have been promoting with GWR and DCC transport department Combe Martin as a destination amongst public transport users.

Video will be launched at the GWR Stakeholder evening later this month were it will be seen by many from DfT, rail user groups, local authorities, Travel watch groups and many others. While the primary focus for enhancing the route is for residents accessibility and choice about travel it is a happy coincidence that I can support the economy of the village by promoting this around the County, Peninsula and Nationally.

Video link;

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/861207989?h=b0c9c75ba7>



Free Tree Scheme 2023/2024

This year, Devon County Council are offering free tree packs to landowners and communities within Devon, for the fifth consecutive year. Each free tree pack will contain 45

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trees comprising three types of native broadleaved tree commonly found throughout Devon.

There are currently plenty of schemes and initiatives encouraging landowners and communities within Devon to plant native broadleaved trees. Doing so will help replace the vast number of ash trees that are now dying through ash dieback, as well as supporting wildlife, enhancing our landscapes for people to enjoy, and helping to reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

Last year, Devon County Council gave away 150 packs of free trees to landowners across Devon, thanks to the Emergency Tree Fund.

Are you eligible?

If you have a field corner or another area where you would like to establish a small copse, linear woodland or extend an existing woodland, you can apply for a free tree pack. In previous years free packs of 45 saplings containing oak, birch and rowan trees have been supplied to eligible landowners. To give trees enough space to develop a good crown and grow to maturity, we advise planting at 3m random spacings, which requires an area of approximately 400m sq. (e.g. 20m x 20m) for 45 trees.

How to make an application:

To apply, please complete our online [form](#) by 27th of September 2023. This is the deadline that would enable tree packs to be delivered in time for you to plant in National Tree Week (25th of November – 3rd of December). Applications after this date would be subject to availability. You will be notified if you have been successful before the end of October 2023 and your tree pack will be dispatched to you on a date confirmed by the tree nursery we appoint.

If you are interested in the scheme, please do not delay applying. In previous years, the scheme has been extremely popular and highly oversubscribed.

Growing Communities fund

This DCC grant aims to help local groups and organisations become more resilient and help those in the communities cope with financial pressures. Groups that are encouraged to apply include those who bring communities together for meaningful activities and social interaction, offer people a warm, safe haven or alleviate food poverty. The aim is to build self reliance and resilience within a community.

You can [complete and submit the grants application form online](#). For more information, please contact communitygrants@devon.gov.uk or telephoning [01392 383379](tel:01392383379).



Rural Give Way marking project

This project is aiming to remark all the rural Give-Way and Stop markings across the whole of the County. In addition to simply remarking them DCC are using a more robust product that will improve the life-expectancy and lead to a lower whole life cost and reduced carbon cost.

There are approximately 6,000 rural Give-Way markings that will be treated. For your information there is another 1,500 in our market and coastal towns. The project is estimated to take 4-5 years to complete.

Lining works to include:

To remove existing markings and refresh

- single dashed white lines
- double dashed white lines
- stop lines
- give way triangles
- up to 5 centre lines from the junction

Safety Defects

Following the extremely high numbers of publicly reported potholes across the network during the first part of the year, and the increase in repair gangs as a response, numbers have gradually stabilised through the spring and into the summer, however, remain above average for the time of year. This has meant that there is still some residual pressure on inspection teams in assessing backlogs. Evening and weekend working has remained in place in some areas to assist with this. Work is underway to improve the messaging on the 'report a problem' webpages to reduce the number of defects that are incorrectly reported – since January this year this represents around 55% of all reports received.

Following a very challenging winter for asset condition and safety defects, the numbers recorded across the network had reduced sufficiently that Highway Safety Inspectors (HSI) were able to re-start the identification of non-safety or 'serviceability' defects in June. This process offers HSI's the discretion to record defects that do not meet investigatory criteria in our Highway Safety Policy. The 'Elastomac' trials demonstrated at the Members event in Spring is continuing. The product is envisaged to provide a lower carbon and cost-effective means of repairing carriageway defects. The mastic product uses up to 70% recycled materials, including lorry tyres, that would otherwise be incinerated and, in the right scenarios, allows reactive works gangs to undertake repairs much more quickly when compared to conventional techniques.

Winter Service

Preparations for winter have been taking place over the summer, with the fleet of gritters receiving their annual servicing and calibration checks. Works to install solar panels on some of the salt barns have also been progressed and salt stocks are being replenished ahead of winter.

By keeping the age of the gritting vehicles under 10 years old maintenance costs are reduced and ensures the fleet is safe and appropriate for the task in hand. In preparation for this winter, 8 of our oldest/most costly gritters will be traded-in against 6 nearly new vehicles. This will reduce the



secondary fleet from 12 vehicles down to 10, an appropriate balance of service resilience against financial pressures.

Gully Cleaning

Over 5,000 drainage issues identified by the gully cleaning crews and highway officers have been resolved since April. The challenge remains dealing with over 15,000 outstanding reported issues with funds available.

The ongoing trial to pre inspect gullies due to be cleaned on the cyclical programme has shown 49% of gullies inspected to date do not require cleaning. The aim of the trial is to ensure plant and equipment is being deployed where it is most effective.

A joint trial with Devon's Flood team to place gully sensors in selected streets in Devon is in the preparation stages. It is hoped this externally funded trial will offer insight into whether technology can be used to inform policy or reaction for cyclical gully cleaning. The trial intends to run for an 18-month period from the winter period.

Reminder of how to report a Highway issue;

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

[0345 155 1004](tel:03451551004)

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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