

The Minutes of the Meeting of Berrow Parish Council
Held at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at 8.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. Richard Fellows (Chairman), Geoff Shail, Mike Thomas, Ruth Coates, Angela Tomkinson, and Paul Lewis

As there were no members of the public at the meeting there was no adjournment for the discussion of views.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Anne Lewis

2. Declaration of Interests :

Councillors were reminded that they should keep their Register of Interests up to date. There were no personal interests declared in respect of items on the Agenda.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2015 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed.

4. Financial Report:

a. Financial Statements: The following transactions had taken place since the last meeting:

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Outgoings:	Lengthsman	472.00
	Hire of Hall	50.00
	Stationery	28.52
	Clerks Salary	<u>126.00</u>
	Total	£676.52

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Incomings:	Worc. CC	<u>590.00</u>
	Total	£590.00

Balance at 15th December 2015 £2461.08 as agreed to bank statement

Balance at 22nd March 2016 £2,374.56

b. Appointment of Internal Auditor: Mr Mealing was proposed and appointed as the Parish Council's internal auditor for the year to 31st March 2016.

c. New Audit Regulations: The Clerk reported that subsequent to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 which required that from 2017 smaller authorities will appoint auditors through a 'sector led body' or opt out of such arrangements and appoint auditors locally.

This new SLB set up by NALC (National Association of Local Councils), SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) and ADA (Association of Drainage Authorities) has worked together to procure audit for smaller authorities for the start of the 2017/2018 financial year.

Those smaller authorities who wish to participate in the SLB do not need to do anything as all smaller authorities are automatically opted in to the new body and will have an auditor procured for them.

However, every council is entitled to opt out of the new arrangements. The decision to opt out must be through a formal meeting of the council, and as such every council who is eligible to opt-out needs to actually formally consider if they are going to.

The Council considered the options and agreed that it would opt-in to the SLB arrangement.

- d. **Loan Repayment:** The Clerk reminded the Council that the loan from Pendock Parish Council was due for repayment before the beginning of June 2016 and it was agreed that as there were sufficient funds in the account this would be done at the beginning of the next financial year.

5. Correspondence:

a. Planning Applications:

16/00326/LBC Conversion of existing coach House to 3 bedroom dwelling – recommend Approval

15/01602/HOU Single Story extension to rear of Oldbury, Berrow - APPROVED

- b. **Email from Michael Robson regarding the TPO imposed on trees directly effecting the safety of the highway** – The Clerk had received emails from Mr Robson asking for the Council's support in his objections to the TPO. As the Council were aware, he had for some time been trying to open an alternative access to his house as the current one was excessively dangerous to traffic on the highway. In anticipation of a further application to open an alternative access MHDC have imposed a TPO on trees that might be in danger of being removed to make way for the access.

The Council agreed that they should support him in his endeavours to make the highway safer and the Clerk was requested to send its views to the appropriate District and county officers.

- 6. **Date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council:** The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 18th May 2016 at 7:30pm at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Signed
Chairman

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