

## **Berrow Parish Council**

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Minutes of Berrow Parish Annual meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6.30pm at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall.

**Present:** 4 members of the parish, the Chair, Clerk of Berrow Parish council and 4 guests.

Welcome to everyone, new clerk Sallyann Gough and Andy Raistrick who is applying to join the council.

1. **Apologies:** Dr Philip Thompson will be late.
2. **Minutes:** the minutes of the Berrow Parish Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chair of the meeting.
3. **Chairman's Report:** Cllr Ruth Coates Chair of Berrow Parish Council gave her report which is attached to these minutes. Appendix A.
4. **Statement of accounts – Council Finance Officer gave the** Finance report. Transactions since last parish council meeting - opening balance £4679.57 on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 closing balance £4511.98 on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025. A copy of the accounts is given in Appendix B.

#### **5. Berrow & Pendock Village Hall report**

Berrow representatives on the village hall committee are Cllrs. Janice Kennedy and Caroline Samsonoff and they gave the report. The Pendock representatives are Cllr. Emily Harris, who is also the Vice chair, and the second is TBC as one member has just resigned. John Dudfield is Chair, other members are Elizabeth Rambridge, from the Berrow with Pendock pcc and Bob James. Renovations now completed, aside from getting quote for new front door from Jeremy Phillips. The fish and chip quiz raised £321.28. Used the village halls new Sum up machine for the quiz which worked well. Hopefully have got grants in the offing and regular income from rent for craft and choir meetings. The hourly rate for regular users is to be raised to £8.00 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> July, it has not been raised for many years. The hall will be holding the Pumpkin festival again this year, the first Pumpkin festival took place last year which was successful. Sheelagh Tooze has now left the village hall team which is to be looked at at the next meeting. Rev. Julie requested Jason Box, the IT expert to come to a meeting at the hall and Ruth and Jan also attended. He activated the guest Wi-Fi. Jan has notices to put up with login details, but it has been tested and it works. The adverts have been changed to say free Wi-Fi, if it is found not to be adequate then there is the option to put a router downstairs. Rev Julie has just renewed the benefice office Broadband contract for 2 years. Geoff Gittings has been doing work on the inner hall chimney area. Total cost for renovations are £17000 about £10000 left in account. Fire inspection and insurance notices to go up on the board. There are a few admin things to resolve in the next Village Hall meeting.

**6. Berrow Charities report in Annual meeting that followed**

**7. Any further business**

The defibrillator that is surplus at the school and has been offered to Berrow parish council to install somewhere is still at the School. This to be followed up.

**Concluded 7pm**