

Agenda for Berwick St James Village meeting

Thursday 23rd May 2024

7pm The Reading Room

1. Welcome

2. Minutes of the last meeting & matters
3. Village finances & approvals
 1. Annual Governance Statement
 2. Accounting Statements
 3. Approvals expenditure
4. Election of Officers
5. Berwick Road (B3083) footpath update
6. Asserton Lane update
7. Business signage

8. Church update
9. Speed Watch / A360 closure
10. Wessex water services
11. Village Questionnaire 2024 outcomes
12. Fundraising Events for 2024/25
13. AOB

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Village Meeting
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Paul

@bingowings14



Fingers crossed it's hummus





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3. Village
Finances &
Approvals
3.1 Annual
Governance
Statement
3.2 Accounting
Statements
3.3 Approvals
expenditure

Berwick St James Parish Meeting Accounts 2022-2023

<u>1 April 2023</u>	<u>Balance as at 1st April 2023</u>	<u>Precept</u>	<u>Community Fund</u>	<u>A303 Fund</u>	<u>Bob Drake</u>
		2970	1636	615	870
18 April 2023	Hire of Bouncey Castle for Coronation party		-280		
25 April 2023	Wiltshire Council Precept	2,000			
2 June 2023	GDPR registration	-35			
14 June 2023	Village Insurance (Community First)	-208			
15 June 2023	Wiltshire Association of Local Councils	-63			
18 May 2023	Cheques from Bob Drake's funeral				145
18 May 2023	Wine for Village Meetings/presents		-132		
15 August 2023	Reading Room	-500			
1 September 2023	Village Website - Hugo Fox	-122			
	Misc Payments re Jubilee (Mugs)		40		
	Misc Income re Coronation (BBQ)		50		
	Misc Payments re Graveyard Maintenance	-669			
17 November 2023	Marquee Hire (Old Forge Farm Shop)		50		
	Misc: Salvation Army payments	117			
30 November 2023	Wild daffodil bulbs				-585
25 March 2024	Defibrillator electricity reimbursement *	-25			
25 March 2024	Container licence payment	-32			
25 March 2024	Hedgehog signs		-97		
25 March 2024	Bob Drake Cherry Tree				-119
25 March 2024	Parish Mag subscription	-100			
	<u>Balance as at 31 March 2024</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>1,267</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>311</u>

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2023/24 Form 2PM

To be completed by all Parish Meetings that neither received gross income nor incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2024, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, **provided** that the Parish Meeting has certified itself as exempt at a Parish Meeting held between **1 April and 30 June 2024** and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than **30 June 2024** notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2023/24, the higher of the Parish Meeting's total gross income for the year or total gross annual expenditure for the year did not exceed **£25,000**

Total annual gross income for the Parish Meeting 2023/24: £2403

Total annual gross expenditure for the Parish Meeting 2023/24: £2968

There are certain circumstances in which an Parish Meeting will be **unable to certify itself as exempt**, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If a Parish Meeting is **unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt** and it **must** submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Form 3PM to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of **£210 +VAT** will be payable.

By signing this **Certificate of Exemption** you are confirming that:

- This parish has no Parish Council
- The authority was in existence on 1st April 2020
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2022/23), the external auditor **has not**:
 - issued a public interest report in respect of the Parish Meeting or any entity connected with it
 - made a statutory recommendation to the Parish Meeting
 - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and not withdrawn the notice
 - commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
 - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act.

If you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and the Parish Meeting neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor **either** by email or by post (not both).

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, and Annual Accounting Statements still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of this certificate and notice of the period for the exercise of public rights, published on a suitable website or be publicly displayed in the local area before 1 July 2024. **Signing this certificate confirms the authority will comply with the publication requirements.**

Signed by Chair

Date

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

I confirm that this Certificate of Exemption was approved by this Parish Meeting on this date:

as recorded in minute reference:

Email

Telephone number

Place where this Certificate of Exemption is published or displayed (e.g. Parish Notice Board, Newsletter, Village website, etc.)

ONLY a copy of this Certificate of Exemption should be returned EITHER by email OR by post (not both) as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor but no later than 30 June 2024. Reminder letters for late submission will incur a charge of £40 + VAT.

5. Berwick Road (B3083) Footpath update

Druids Estate conditions

Meeting 6th March 2024

John Elliot

Fully fenced both sides
to contain dogs

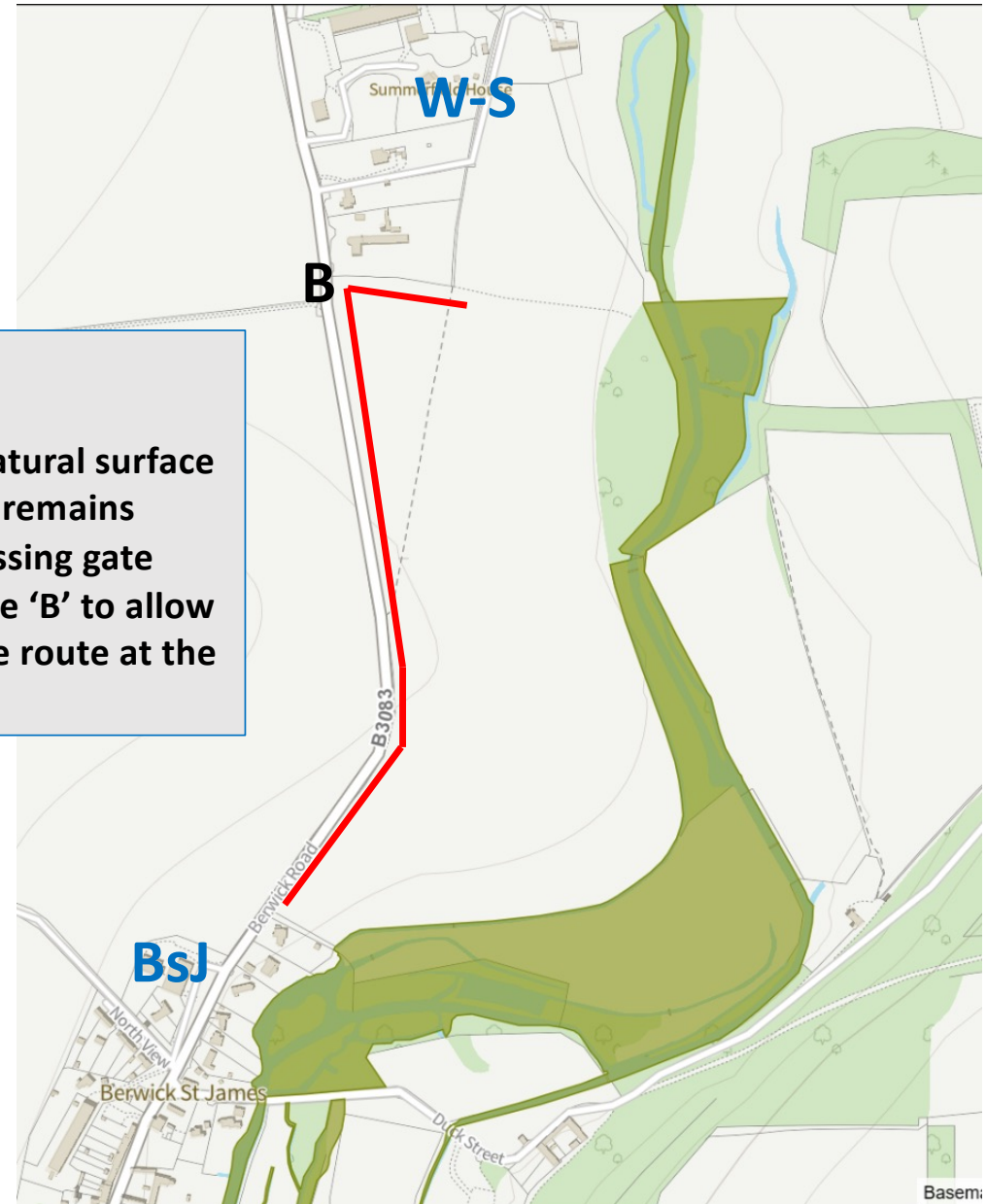
Fencing and works at cost to village

Estimated costs

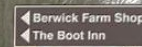
Fencing >£10,000

Wiltshire Council fees >£2,500

End result
Untended / natural surface
Existing fence remains
Removal of kissing gate
Additional gate 'B' to allow access into the route at the north.



7. Business signage



Church update

Heating

Interior

Beech Tree

Garden



Community Speed Watch

CSW

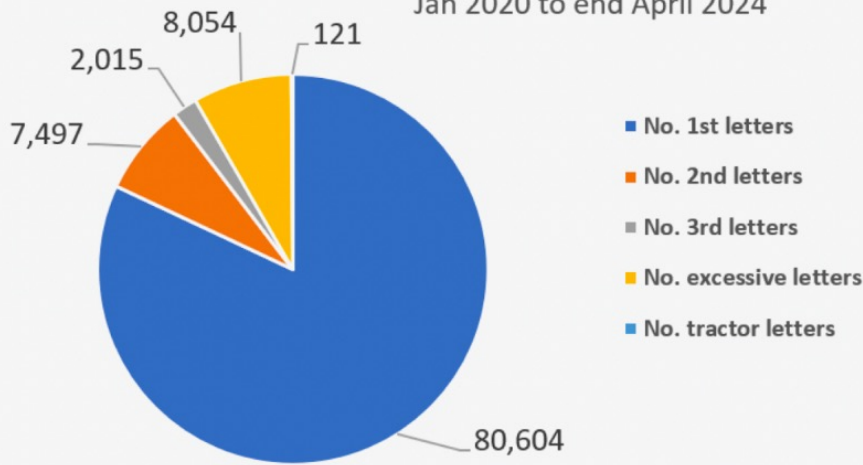
Neil MacDougall



• CSW – Stonehenge area - Data since July 2020 to 8 May 2024

Team	No. 1st letters	No. 2nd letters	No. 3rd letters	No. excessive letters	No. tractor letters	Total letters	No. of watches	Average speeders %
Berwick St James	213	28	6	19	1	267	190	3.6%
Durrington	1077	52	14	92	0	1235	81	6.4%
Enford	2140	179	51	108	0	2478	233	3.2%
Middle Woodford	169	16	2	8	0	195	136	0.9%
Shrewton	1794	77	17	116	4	2008	266	3.5%
Stoford and Newton	721	29	5	45	5	805	145	0.9%
Grand Total	6114	381	95	388	10	6988	1051	3.1%

Total of all CSW letters
Jan 2020 to end April 2024



Total of all CSW letters for Stonehenge
Jan 2020 to end April 2024

