

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2014 in the Memorial Hall at 7 30 pm

Present: Philip Blatchford, Richard Higgins (Chair), Cath Law, David Stone, Phil Roberts, Roger Anderson, Gus Halfhide

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Mrs Molly Reakes, Mr Grenville Reakes, Mrs Karen Spence and Mrs Hazel Payne

1	<p>Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interests David declared an interest concerning the planning application of agenda item 8.2.</p>	
3	<p>Chair's announcements The Chair informed the meeting that Rachel Carter had updated him on the Mendip Local Plan on which Council are invited to respond to changes made. It was agreed that no Extraordinary meeting was required.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the previous meetings It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 3 June meeting be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>1 Tree works at Holy Trinity graveyard and Binegar cemetery (Min 5.2) [May 13] The Chair reported on the result of village consultation. Following discussion the meeting agreed that tenders should be sought for removal of the cemetery cypresses. Members considered the option of creating a sculpture. Cath provided details of a website (www.robbeckinsale.co.uk).</p> <p>2 Council land at Emborough Philip reported that the first treatment of the <i>Fallopia japonica</i> had been completed. A second treatment would take place once the results of the first were clear. [Nov 13]</p> <p>3 Binegar Bottom land: replacement of gate posts [Nov 13] Philip reported he had been unable yet to replace the gatepost.</p> <p>4 Highways: requested works outstanding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Binegar Bottom/Roemead Lane re-erection of road name sign [Nov 13] 2. Surface water drains on Station Road and Binegar Lane [May 14] <p>5 Planning issues</p> <p>1 2014/0045 Turner's Court Lane travellers' pitch The meeting noted that this application is pending consideration</p> <p>2 2014/0492 Housing to rear of Flowerstone, Station Road The meeting noted that this application is pending consideration</p> <p>3 2014/0905 Housing to rear of Flowerstone, Station Road The meeting noted that this application is pending consideration</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>DA</p>

	<p>6 Projects for sustaining healthy lives [Jun 14] Cath presented ideas for adult outdoor fitness equipment. In light of discussion on item 10.</p>	
6	<p>Local government reports Richard presented a report on behalf of Cllr Rachael Carter regarding the Local Plan six week consultation.</p>	
7	<p>Police report There was no report.</p>	
8	<p>Planning application 2014/1030/FUL: proposed new house, Hylands off, Binegar Lane The Chair read a letter from Pointcloud Ltd (Planning Agent) Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to recommend that the decision be left to the Planning Officer following consultation responses.</p> <p>Planning application 2014/1046/PAC: Change agricultural building to dwelling, Roemead Road BA3 4UL It was noted that the application falls in St Cuthbert Out The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access from the highway • Footpath access • Outside of development limits • Justification for change of use <p>Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to recommend that the decision be left to the Planning Officer.</p>	
9	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>1 Receipts and Payments The following receipts were noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. E Emery & Sons (funeral D Hill): £275.00 2. E Emery & Sons (funeral H Bown): £100.00 <p>The following standing order payments were noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primrose Garden Maintenance for grass cutting £633.60 (2/7 payments) <p>It was RESOLVED to authorise the following payments and the cheques were signed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Somerset Association of Local Councils Clerks training: £55.00 2. Philip Blatchford, Acting Clerk's expenses: £73.11 3. Parish Clerk for June Salary – Undeclared for confidential purposes 4. Parish Clerk for July Salary – Undeclared for confidential purposes 5. Parish Clerk for August Salary – Undeclared for confidential purposes 6. HMRC PAYE income tax for June salary <p>It was agreed that the following payments would need to be made prior to the next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playsafety Limited £128.40 2. Ecosulis £366.66 <p>2 Unpaid wayleave by "The George" The meeting agreed due to non-payment the sign is to be removed.</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>RH</p>

	<p>3 Financial summary</p> <p>The meeting received a summary of budget, spending and variances for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binegar Parish Council • Binegar Playing Fields Group • National Saving & Investments account 	
10	<p>Binegar Playing Fields Group</p> <p>Philip read a letter received from Big Wood Play Systems regarding wood treatment. It was noted that the Annual Safety inspection recommended only minor maintenance for the multiplays. It was therefore agreed that the equipment was safe. It was agreed that Philip would show inspectors the sites of wood rot and how to inspect it and report.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that the Clerk should write to the Council's insurers to seek advice on insurance coverage in light of recent findings.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>DA</p>
11	<p>Binegar Cemetery and Holy Trinity Churchyard</p> <p>1. To note burial authority for Holy Trinity graveyard</p> <p>Gus advised the meeting the old church yard is under the authority of the Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council is however responsible for its maintenance. The new cemetery was bought by the Parish Council on 16 February 1953 and therefore is under the authority of the Parish Council.</p> <p>2. To consider action to take about ownership of the Cemetery</p> <p>It was agreed that the new cemetery ownership should be added to the Councils asset register, noting the conveyance letter Richard has.</p>	<p>RH</p>
12	<p>Archiving parish council records</p> <p>Gus reported that parish council archival activity would be completed in July and requested that paper records formerly held by the Acting Clerk and Acting RFO be passed to Gus for inclusion. He asked that the clerk's computer files be consolidated to be backed up to CD and archived. Councillors who kept their own computer files were asked to ensure those files were included.</p>	<p>GH</p>
13	<p>Honouring local people</p> <p>Richard reported a link to Bickleigh in Devon showing how they honour local people. Richard agreed to prepare a suitable way forward for Binegar.</p>	<p>RH</p>
14	<p>Press and media relations policy</p> <p>To consider notice boards</p> <p>Diane reported on current notice boards and it was RESOLVED that they should be retained and spruced up. It was agreed council would cover the costs of materials; Jonathan Abbott has volunteered to carry out the work. Richard asked for thanks to be passed to Jonathan.</p> <p>To consider press and media policy</p> <p>The meeting received a press and media policy from Diane and it was RESOLVED to adopt the policy.</p>	
15	<p>Events attended</p> <p>There were no reports of events attended.</p>	
16	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <p>David reported low hanging phone cable across Binegar Bottom. Philip reported low hanging phone cable in front of the playing field.</p> <p>Diane to contact BT</p>	<p>DA</p>

17	<p>Correspondence Richard read a letter from the Fielding's regarding Slade Bottom.</p>	
18	<p>Items for the next or future agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binegar Parish Council Risk Assessment • NS&I bank mandate • Best Village 	
19	<p>Date and time of next meeting It was agreed to meet at Binegar Memorial Hall on 2 September at 7 30 pm.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9 13 pm.