

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2014 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Jon Abbott, Philip Blatchford (Chair), Cath Law, Phil Roberts and David Stone.
In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Nigel and Sarah Gibbons, Harvey Siggs (7:40pm).

1	<p>Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Gus Halfhide and Richard Higgins.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interests There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.</p>	
3	<p>Chair's announcements The Chair stated he would take item 8.1 (planning) first. This was followed by the Local Government report from Cllr Harvey Siggs (item 6)</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the previous meetings It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 2 September meeting be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>5.1 Tree works and churchyard [May 13] Diane informed the meeting that the Tender process had begun and six tenders have been sent out. Further interest had been received and invitations to tender be sent. It was agreed that the tenders would be assessed by: Jon Abbott, Philip Blatchford and Richard Higgins.</p> <p>5.2 Cemetery Gates [June 14] Philip informed the meeting that PR had taken place with Mark Adler from Mendip Times. An article will be printed in the December issue of the Mendip Times. Mark thanked the Council for a lovely community story. Philip stated that the cemetery gate would be made once the cypress trees are felled.</p> <p>5.3 Binegar Bottom land: replacement of gate posts [Nov 13] Philip reported he would try to look at it this month.</p> <p>5.4 Highways: requested works outstanding</p> <p>1. Binegar Bottom/Roemead Lane re-erection of road name sign Diane informed the meeting that she had been advised by highways that Mendip District Council were responsible for signage. Diane to follow up.</p> <p>2. Surface water drains on Station Road and Binegar Lane – no action yet taken [May 14] The meeting was informed that highways had confirmed the work would be completed by 8 December. Members were asked to monitor and feedback to Diane.</p> <p>5.5 Planning issues</p> <p>1. 2014/0492 Housing rear of Flowerstone The meeting noted this application had been withdrawn</p> <p>2. 2014/0905 Proposed new house and relocation of parking, Tralee, Binegar Lane The meeting noted that this application had been approved with conditions.</p> <p>3. 2014/1526 Change of use of agricultural buildings to dwelling, Bennetts Lane The meeting noted this application had prior approval refused</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>PB</p> <p>DA</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>4. 2014/1783/LBC Marchants Hill House, Portway Lane, Gurney Slade, BA3 4TZ The meeting noted this application had been approved with conditions.</p> <p>5. 2014/1749/HSE High Banks, Binegar Lane, Gurney Slade, Wells, Radstock The meeting noted this application had been approved.</p> <p>6. 2014/1750/APP Turners Court Lane traveller pitch reserved conditions Philip up-dated the meeting on information previously circulated regarding fencing and waste water. David recommended that the boundaries of the water catchment area should be checked. Philip agreed to look into.</p> <p>5.6 Safety audit of memorial stones in churchyard and cemetery [Jun 14] Diane advised the meeting that approaches had been made to ascertain information and costs. No information as yet received, Diane to chase.</p> <p>5.7 Dog fouling [Jun 14] The meeting noted the dog bin had arrived. It was agreed that it would be positioned on the grass in front of the playground, Philip and Jon to put in place.</p> <p>5.8 Somerset County Council Chairman's Award (Sept 14) The meeting received an up-date on the awards evening, a press release and copy of the citation were circulated. David stated that Kathleen had been honoured to receive the award.</p> <p>5.9 Internal Audit [Aug 14] The meeting noted Phil and Diane had arranged to meet to review procedures.</p> <p>5.10 The Batch [Sept 14] The meeting received an up-date on progress with Western Power. Diane to continue researching with a visit to the offices in Radstock. Ownership is continuing to be investigated.</p> <p>5.11 Parish Paths The meeting received an up-date forwarded from Gus which stated that the rambles working party installed a couple of kissing gates off Coalpit Lane on 21 October. The blocked footpath on Coalpit Lane had been cleared. The locked gate of the footpath that joins the northern end of Coalpit Lane remained chained and padlocked. Philip suggested the landowner of the locked gate be approached and asked to install a Bristol Gate or Stile which would offer protection to the land and access to walker. Diane to contact landowner. Cath informed the meeting that the footpath sign on Turners Court Lane had been damaged. Diane to report to Somerset County Council.</p> <p>5.12 Clarke's Pool After discussion it was agreed that members should consider ideas to bring to the December meeting. Diane to re-engage with Somerset highways regarding clearance of the pool following agreement that silting was due to run off from the highway.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>DA</p> <p>PB JA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA RB</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p>
6	<p>Local government reports The meeting welcomed Councillor Harvey Siggs and noted receipt of previously circulated report. Cllr Siggs up-dated the meeting on challenges facing Mendip District Council.</p>	
7	<p>Police report There were no police reports.</p>	.
8	<p>Planning applications and issues 8.1 2014/1935/FUL Highbanks, Binegar Lane, Gurney Slade, Wells, Radstock The meeting received written and verbal concerns from parishioners. Following discussion the</p>	DA

	<p>following key points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over development of the site • Access • Water run off <p>The meeting RESOLVED to recommend refusal</p>	DA
9	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>9.1 Financial Control The meeting received a summary of budget, spending and variances (previously circulated) for Binegar Parish Council, Binegar Playing Fields Group and National Saving & Investment accounts.</p> <p>9.2 National Savings and Investment Bank authority Authority completed with relevant signatures</p> <p>9.3 Receipts since the last report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thornhill Farms Dorset (Rent) £1000.00 2. Exclusive Memorials (Inscription Mrs Wareham) £30.00 3. £467.60 (£613.00 less float £50.00 less cash payments £95.40) <p>9.4 Standing order payments since the last report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primrose Garden Maintenance for grass cutting: (£633.60 6/7 payments) <p>9.5 Cheque payments It was RESOLVED to authorise the following payments and the cheques were signed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Downside Abbey & School - Cemetery £485.00 2. Glasdon UK Limited – Dog Poo Bin £312.92 	DA
10	<p>Binegar Playing Fields Group Philip updated the meeting on the status of the soft surface installation. Soft Surfaces have confirmed the site is not ready for installation and offer two options. After discussion the meeting agreed Diane should contact Star Rubber and ascertain if their quote from July is still valid and check contractual condition with Soft Surfaces.</p>	DA
11	<p>Projects for sustaining healthy lives and improving the village environment The meeting received an update from Cath and Philip on adult fitness equipment. After discussion it was agreed that parishioners should be canvassed to judge the level of support for such a project. Diane to place an article in the Parish magazine and on notice board asking for comments.</p>	DA
12	<p>Emborough Pond Philip up-dated the meeting on concerns raised by parishioners regarding Emborough Pond. After discussion it was agreed that Diane should contact Emborough Parish to voice concerns on behalf of Binegar Parish Council.</p>	DA
13	<p>Events Attended There were no reports.</p>	
14	<p>Highways and rights of way Philip up-dated the meeting on responses Diane had received from Highways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnt Wood and Old Down crossroads – traffic engineer notified, awaiting response. • Wall repair – Diane following up information regarding landowner. 	DA
15	<p>Correspondence Philip read out correspondence from Somerset County Council regarding library consultation and</p>	DA

	requested Diane contact Michelle Cussock to suggest details are published in the Parish magazine.	
16	Items for the next or future agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playing field gate – December 2. Old Down touring park 	
17	Date and time of next meeting It was agreed to meet at Binegar Memorial Hall on 2 December 2014 at 7:30 pm.	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:32 pm.