

# ***BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL***

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2015 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

**Present:** Jon Abbott, Philip Blatchford, Richard Higgins (Chair), Cath Law, Phil Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

**In attendance:** Diane Abbott (Clerk), Geoffrey Small (*Old Down Touring Park*), John Carter and Rachel Carter (District Councillors).

1	<p><b>Apologies for absence and Chair's announcements</b> There were no apologies for absence.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Jon and John for their work on starting to clear waste from the Batch and pruning and tidying around Binegar Green bus stop. He thanked Phil and Philip for planting <i>Betula utilis</i> var. <i>jacquemontii</i> 'Snow Queen' in the cemetery.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Geoffrey Small and gave a summary on the current situation regarding the removal of a section of hedging between <i>Old Down Touring Park</i> and adjacent Parish land. He stated he would take the matter in Item 8 of the agenda after Item 4.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Councillors John and Rachel Carter and Members introduced themselves.</p> <p>The meeting noted the tornado through Binegar on the morning of Friday 29 May 2015.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b> There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the 11 May 2015 Annual Meeting with parishioners and the ordinary meeting be signed as a correct record.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Binegar Cemetery</b> The Chair reported the repair of headstones in the cemetery and noted that the headstones laid down in the churchyard would be re-erected soon. He stated that Bishop Peter had formally planted and blessed the commemorative trees and that there was to be a bench beneath them. The meeting noted the Chair's proposed financial arrangement between the Council, himself and bench donor to preserve anonymity. The Chair shared images of a local Lych-gate and it was agreed that he could research any need for planning consent and take the idea forward. The Clerk told the meeting that Sue Stone had sent a "thank you" to the Parish Council from the Parochial Church Council for the planting of the three new cemetery trees saying that they looked splendid and helped to make the 950<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday such a successful day. Phil informed the meeting that Andy Wrintmore, stonemason, had kindly offered to engrave a piece of granite to commemorate the event.</p> <p><b>4.2 Highways</b> <b>Repair and maintenance of finger sign posts (Mar 15)</b> The Clerk informed the meeting that Highways had stated there was no budget to maintain finger posts and had advised the Parish Council to find a contractor to carry out the work. The Clerk undertook to investigate any grants available and to check with the Clerk at Ashwick on how it had refurbished its own finger posts.</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>DA</p>

<p><b>Cleaning of surface water drains, Kings Lane (May 15)</b> The Clerk informed the meeting this was Highways' task number 288955.</p> <p><b>Repair of potholes, Tellis Court Lane (May 15)</b> The Clerk informed the meeting this was Highways' task number 288954.</p> <p><b>4.3 Planning applications</b></p> <p><b>2015/0622/TPO – Meadwood House, BA3 4TS – Felling 1 oak tree</b> The meeting noted this application was pending consideration.</p> <p><b>2014/0045/FUL – Turner's Court traveller's site – reported breach of conditions</b> The Chair stated that Mendip District Council had advised the applicant that the additional works carried out were not approved and had invited the applicant to submit a further planning application to regularise deviations from the original planning permission. It was noted this would trigger further public consultation. The meeting discussed concerns of parishioners regarding foul water drainage of the site as well as general enforcement of conditions by Mendip. John and Rachel Carter stated they would continue to follow this up with Mendip District Council.</p> <p><b>2015/0632/HSE – 7 Flowerstone BA3 4UQ – Rear extension and new garage</b> The meeting noted this application had been approved with conditions.</p> <p><b>2014/2742/FUL – The Portway, BA3 4UA – Maintain agricultural dwelling</b> The meeting noted this application was pending consideration.</p>	
<p><b>4.4 Ownership of Neville's Batch</b> [Sept 14] Jon informed the meeting that work on the application for registering <i>Neville's Batch</i> for Village Green status was almost complete. David reported news from <i>Western Power Distribution</i> that no wayleaves were paid for apparatus on Neville's Batch. It was considered that this helped the Village Green application.</p>	JA
<p><b>4.5 Emborough Pond</b> [Nov 14] The Chair informed the meeting that the application to put two caravans on the foundations of the boathouse had been deemed invalid by Mendip District Council and that Anne Caley had taken on the task of registering the footpath.</p>	
<p><b>4.6 Clarke's Pool</b> [Dec 14] The meeting noted quotes from <i>Crestmoor</i> and, courtesy of Mr Richard Emery, from <i>R. M. Penny</i>. John reported meeting Mr Christopher Penny to discuss the works. He reported, with pleasure, that Mr Penny was prepared to dredge the Pool for the cost of hiring a digger for a day. This would require access to the pool from the adjacent field and arrangements for disposal of the silt. John stated that he and Jon would work on these arrangements.</p>	JS
<p>The Council agreed there was urgency to this project that it wished complete before the end of the summer. The first step was to fell the ash tree growing in the Pool and the Clerk confirmed she had a quotation for this work but required a second. John stated he would obtain a further quotation. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to proceed by accepting the lower quotation. Philip advised he might have a contact who could remove the tree at no cost.</p>	JS DA
<p>Since the Council was unable to proceed with <i>Crestmoor</i>, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to obtain the chemical analysis of the silt from <i>Crestmoor</i> and pay their fee of £161.</p>	RH
<p><b>4.7 Binegar Memorial Hall</b> [Mar 15] <b>Removal of Heras fencing and electrical supply to defibrillator</b> With no further reports, it was agreed to remove these items from the agenda.</p>	DA

	<p><b>4.8 Fallopia japonica treatment at Emborough</b> The Clerk informed the meeting that Philip had provided a tender to carry out the work for £100 per treatment. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to award the tender to Philip who was asked to undertake the work when plant growth was at the appropriate stage.</p> <p><b>4.9 Binegar playing field boundary fence</b> The meeting approved a tender invitation to replace the boundary fence with the Memorial Hall and to insert a pedestrian gate. It was agreed to keep a fence around the disused electrical intake for safety purposes. The Clerk undertook to approach potential contractors with a view to selecting a contractor at the July meeting.</p>	DA PB
5	<p><b>Local government reports</b> There was no report.</p>	
6	<p><b>Police reports</b> There was no report.</p>	
7	<p><b>Dealing with planning applications</b> The Clerk gave a short briefing on dealing with planning applications and circulated notes.</p>	
8	<p><b>Planning applications and issues</b> <b>Old Down Touring Site – hedge breaches</b> The meeting received an update from the Clerk on the current situation regarding boundary issues and hedge removal between <i>Old Down Touring Park</i> and Parish land. Mr Geoffrey Small addressed the meeting and apologised for the removal of the hedge and any possible incursion on Council land. He told the meeting that he would replace hedge. To assist, the Council undertook to write with advice. The Chair thanked Mr Small for attending the meeting.</p>	DA
9	<p><b>Dementia awareness and action</b> Cath spoke about the importance of raising awareness of health and wellbeing in the community and drew particular attention to the launch of <i>Health Connections Mendip</i>. It was agreed that the Council would promote and display posters on the subject.</p> <p>Cath continued that, during the course of the year, there would be further ideas progressing towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Community. Members supported the proposal.</p>	DA CL
10	<p><b>Financial Matters</b> <b>10.1 Financial control</b> The meeting noted a summary of budget, spending and variances for the Council's accounts. <b>10.2 Year-end audit</b> Diane advised that the internal audit of the year-end accounts had been completed and that the accounts had been sent to Grant Thornton, the external auditor. <b>10.3 Receipts since last report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusive Memorials – Bown inscription and Hill memorial - £120.00</li> <li>• J E Emery – Selway interment fee - £100.00</li> </ul> <p><b>10.4 Standing order payments since last report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs D Abbott - May salary – confidential</li> <li>• Primrose Garden Maintenance – June payment - £633.60</li> </ul> <p><b>10.5 Cheque payments</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMRC – Salary Income Tax Jan to Mar – confidential</li> <li>• Primrose Garden Maintenance – May payment - £633.60</li> <li>• Exclusive Memorials – Attwood repairs - £150.00</li> <li>• J Abbott – Cemetery signage - £18.00</li> </ul>	

11	<p><b>Binegar Playing Fields Group</b></p> <p>The Council received and noted the Minutes of the 19 May meeting and noted the quiz night on 7 June at 7 00 pm in <i>The George Inn</i>.</p> <p>Philip stated that the Group needed new members. Councillors undertook to spread this news while Philip stated that the Group would work to attract new people.</p> <p>The meeting noted that timber for the multiplay repair had still not arrived. John stated that twice he had had to stand down <i>Morris &amp; Perry</i> as dates scheduled were cancelled as short notice. It was agreed to set a date for work only after receipt of the timber. Philip raised concerns over the safety of the large multi play and requested that it should be withdrawn from . The meeting agreed it should be taken off-line and fenced off.</p> <p>Philip advised that the Group had agreed the Memorial Hall could use the Playing Field free for an event in August and requested that the Memorial Hall reciprocate for Village Day. Jon asked Philip to put a request in writing to the Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>Philip asked playground inspectors to ensure their reports were sent to both Cath and Val.</p>	PB PB PB
12	<p><b>Awards for local people</b></p> <p>The meeting discussed potential nominees for future awards. Members put the names of several local people forward.</p>	DA
13	<p><b>Events Attended</b></p> <p>There were no reports.</p>	
14	<p><b>Highways and rights of way</b></p> <p><b>14.1 Potholes</b></p> <p>Philip reported potholes midway up Bennett's Lane and David on Tellis Lane.</p> <p><b>14.2 Parish Paths Liaison Officer</b></p> <p>The Chair asked Philip if he had handed over to the new officer. Philip stated that he had not but promised to do so. The Clerk undertook to contact the County to arrange for the registration of Paul Sharp and to supply him with tools.</p>	DA PB DA
15	<p><b>Correspondence received</b></p> <p><b>15.1 Somerset &amp; Dorset Railway Trust</b></p> <p>The meeting discussed details of a travelling exhibition previously circulated and David agreed to investigate further.</p> <p><b>15.2 Shepton Mallet United Charities</b></p> <p>The Clerk informed the meeting of an invitation from Shepton Mallet United Charities to inspect the newly refurbished Breadroom Alms house. Jon agreed to attend.</p> <p><b>15.3 Kingscombe speed indicator device results</b></p> <p>The meeting discussed the results (previously circulated). Jon undertook to clarify with Highways some points about the results.</p>	DS JA JA
16	<p><b>Next meeting and future dates</b></p> <p>The Council noted the next meeting would be on 7 July 2015 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2015: 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December; 2016: 2 February, 1 March, 5 April, 3 May, 7 June, 5 July, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9 07 pm.