

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2015 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Jon Abbott, Richard Higgins (Chair), Philip Blatchford (7.40pm), Cath Law, Phil Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Tony Griffin and Paul Sharp.

1	<p>Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p>Chair's announcements There were no announcements.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 1 September 2015 be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>5.1 Binegar Cemetery - Proposal to build a lych gate Jon reported that he had completed form FR1 and that a fee of £97.50 was required. The meeting RESOLVED to pay the fee to secure 'authorised development' approval. The meeting agreed to give thought to the design and who should build it.</p> <p>5.2 Finger sign-posts The Clerk informed the meeting that a second company had carried out a site visit and that she awaited their quotation. The Chair stated that he would investigate sourcing SCC finials.</p> <p>5.3 Highways</p> <p>Kings Lane cleaning of surface water drains [May 15] The Clerk informed the meeting that she had reported again the drains in Kings Lane.</p> <p>Sight line obstruction fence at Binegar Lane /A37 junction [Sep 15] The Clerk reported that Highways had been informed of the potential obstruction, that an inspection of the site had been arranged and details forwarded to Mendip District Council.</p> <p>5.4 Planning applications</p> <p>2014/0045/FUL – Turner's Court traveller's site – reported breach of conditions The Chair informed the meeting of recent correspondence between District Councillors and planners. It was noted that a councillor had requested a meeting the planning enforcement team. The Chair stated he would continue to keep in touch with Councillors Carter.</p> <p>2015/1764/FUL – Proposed house – land adjacent to Holy Trinity The meeting noted this application had been refused.</p> <p>2015/1830/OTS – Proposed house – 5 Dalleston, Turners Court Lane, Binegar The meeting noted this application was pending consideration.</p> <p>5.5 Ownership of Neville's Batch [Sept 14] Jon reported that further discussions had taken place with Somerset County Council and that he would act on their guidance.</p> <p>5.6 Binegar playing field boundary fence [May 15] The Clerk informed the meeting that the fencing project work was completed.</p> <p>5.7 Pedestrian controlled crossing A37 [Jun 13] The Chair informed the meeting of correspondence with Cllr Fothergill which stated that a settlement had now been agreed and consideration was now been given to the design. The meeting agreed to seek an update at the end of October.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DA RH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RH</p>

	<p>5.8 Refurbishment of large multiplay [Aug 14] Philip informed the meeting that work would be completed within two weeks.</p> <p>5.9 'Get up to Speed' internet and computer skills programme [Jul 15] The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been a good response and that a date, location and decision on modules would be progressed.</p> <p>5.10 Flood prevention The Chair stated that a site visit had taken place with himself, Jon and Josian Lebrun, Somerset's Flood Engineer, to discuss the culvert and flooding concerns at Binegar Bottom. After discussion, it was agreed that Ashwick Parish Council should be up-dated on the culvert and a meeting arranged. Additionally, Jon undertook to arrange to meet Neil Corp about Binegar Bottom. Jon and John undertook to consider whether to clear the ditch beside the Post Office.</p> <p>5.11 Somerset County Council Chair's Award for Services to the Community The Clerk stated that the Council's nomination had been accepted and that an invitation had been made to Molly and Grenville Reakes to attend an awards ceremony on 22 October. The Chair confirmed he would be taking Molly and Grenville.</p> <p>5.12 Clarke's Pool safety risk assessment [Sep 15] The Chair presented the meeting with a risk assessment for the pool. After discussion, the meeting agreed to accept the assessment and that the Clerk should purchase an appropriate hazard warning sign. The Chair agreed to post the risk assessment on the website.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>DA</p> <p>RH JA JS</p> <p>RH</p> <p>DA RH</p>
6	<p>Local government reports No reports received.</p>	
7	<p>Police reports The Clerk read out a report received from Nicola Housley for September: 01 – Cows in road on Marchants Hill. 02 – 2 calls reference a car in ditch near Roemead Farm. 03 – An accident between a car and lorry on the junction of A37 and B3739 no injuries. 06 – Cow in road in Emborough. 13 – Suspicious activity involving an air gun and animal poison in Bennetts Lane area.</p>	
8	<p>Planning There were no planning applications to consider.</p>	
9	<p>Dementia aware and dementia friendly community Cath updated the meeting on progress made on joining the Dementia Action Alliance and stated that two awareness sessions would take place for residents on Thursday 25th November; one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Penny Ford from the <i>Dementia Action Alliance</i> would conduct the sessions. It was agreed that the event should be advertised in the parish magazine, website and on noticeboards.</p>	CL
10	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>10.1 Financial Control The meeting noted a summary of budget spending and variances (previously circulated) for the Council's accounts.</p> <p>10.2 Preliminary budget The meeting received a preliminary budget for 2016-17 (previously circulated). Members agreed to examine the draft and prepare for discussion at the November meeting.</p> <p>10.3 Receipts since last report: The meeting noted receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Coombs – Land rent - £906.50 • Western Power – Wayleave - £74.71 • Village Day takings - £457.90 • Village Day repayment of float - £52.00 	

	<p>10.4 Standing order payments since last report The meeting noted standing order payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primrose Garden Maintenance – September payment - £633.60 • Mrs D Abbott – September salary – confidential <p>10.5 Cheque payments The meeting approved the following cheque payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM Penny – Clarks Pool – Clarks Pool clearance - £240.00 • P Blatchford - <i>Fallopia japonica</i> spraying - £100.00 	
11	<p>Mendip Local Plan part II The Chair ran through issues relevant to the Parish and spoke of the importance of sharing details with residents. After discussion, it was agreed that members should hold an informal meeting to consider issues and consultation questions prior to holding a public meeting in November.</p>	DA RH
12	<p>Beautifying our villages The meeting considered ways to improve the appearance of the village, including discussion on issues raised by residents including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside hedges • Roadside verges • Clarke’s Pool • Beautification ideas <p>After discussion it was agreed the following:</p> <p>Roadside hedges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft a letter to owners of overgrown hedges • Establish what action Somerset County Council takes in relation to overgrown hedges <p>Roadside verges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider which roadsides need herbicide spraying and prepare to spray in spring • Initiate a campaign to tidy village verges with a Parish magazine article <p>Clarke’s Pool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor growth on banks around Clarke’s Pool and consider weed management after Spring growth • Obtain a quote for weed suppression in the seating area • Accept an offer of free planting from Primrose Garden Maintenance <p>Ideas Members to consider ideas to beautify the village and bring suggestions to the November meeting.</p>	RH DA PB RH All DA DA All
13	<p>Health and well-being fund The meeting discussed potential projects suited to applying for the Mendip Health and Well Being Fund. Jon suggested a walking / jogging track around Binegar quarry. Philip suggested creating a footpath from a field adjacent to the Horse and Jockey through to Binegar Bottom. After discussion, it was agreed to explore the possibility a track around the quarry.</p>	DA
14	<p>Binegar Playing Fields Group The meeting considered the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accident’s annual safety report. After discussion, the meeting agreed the following actions:</p> <p>Climber – A frame shelter The Clerk (and Philip) to obtain separate quotations to replace planks covering the roof</p> <p>Small multiplay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bull clamps to be adjusted so that the bolts face inwards (with Richard) • Obtain opinion and cost for remedial work required to overcome problem of timber decay 	DA JA DA

	<p>Swing bench</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take down and store swing bench (with Richard) • Take temporary measures to fill gaps in safety surface • Obtain opinion on work required to make good safety surface <p>Table tennis table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build up ground levels to remove trip hazard <p>The Clerk undertook to forward details of equipment value from the asset register to John.</p>	<p>JA DA DA</p> <p>RH</p> <p>DA</p>
15	<p>The Memorial Hall</p> <p>Jon reported on the Memorial Hall Committee's consideration to extend the hall car park and asked if the Parish Council had any interest. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council would support such a project in principle.</p>	<p>JA</p>
16	<p>Events Attended</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that he had attended the Mendip Rural Forum on 23 September. The Chair, Jon and John reported they had attended the presentation on consultation on Mendip's Local Plan, Part II.</p>	
17	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King's Lane – pursue highways to clean surface water drains. • Binegar Lane – await A37 sightline hazard report from highways. • Tape Lane – alert quarry owners to build up of sediment on roadsides. • Turners Court Lane – report pothole by finger post near old railway bridge. • A37 – report blocked gully on viaduct south of Old Down. 	<p>DA DA DA DA DA</p>
18	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p>Somerset Highways letter notifying provision of ten 20kg bags of de-icing material for the village.</p>	
19	<p>Items for the next or a future agenda</p> <p>There were no future agenda items</p>	
20	<p>Next meeting and future dates</p> <p>The Council noted the next meeting would be on 3 November 2015 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2015: 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 25pm.