BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2016 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), Philip Blatchford, Phil Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Cllr J Carter, Cllr R Carter, Cllr H Siggs (8.10pm).

1	Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Richard Higgins and Cath Law.	
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair informed the meeting that a letter had been received from Savills on behalf of Vodafone and would be tabled under correspondence.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 4 October 2016 be signed as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the Minutes 5.1 Highways and footpaths The Meeting noted that the following District Council street signs remained outstanding: Binegar Lane/A37 junction: missing street name (Nov 15) King's Lane: broken road sign (Jun 16) Roemead Lane: broken road sign (Jun 16) The meeting noted that the following Highways items remained outstanding: Whitnell Lane: flood between Cold Harbour Farm and B3139 (Jul 16); ref 295786 The meeting agreed that the Clerk would chase the outstanding items with highways. The meeting noted that the following Highways items were completed: Turners Court / King's Lane junction: sunken services trench (Jul 16); ref 295786 5.2 Planning applications 2014/2684/FUL - Alfie's Retreat, Turner's Court Lane The meeting noted that Mendip District Council had received another planning application and that the application was missing items of information. APP/Q3305/X/16/3155196 - Old Down Caravan Site - Appeal against refused lawful	DA
	development certificate The meeting noted that no decision had been advised. 2016/1306/App – High Banks – BA3 4TR – external finish to Neville's Batch John informed the meeting that he had met with Mr Gregory to discuss making good Neville's Batch. John outlined Mr Gregory's proposal. After discussion, it was agreed that John should invite Mr Gregory to the December meeting to discuss further his proposal with the Council. 5.3 NHS health checks for parishioners The Clerk informed the meeting that this item would be deferred until the New Year.	JS

Local government report The meeting welcomed Cllrs John and Rachel Carter who gave reports on current issues including a review of the current corporate management restructure within the District Council and the Council's on-going review of updated enforcement procedures. Cllr Harvey Siggs reported on current work streams of interest. 7 **Planning applications** There were no applications to consider. 8 **Financial Matters** 8.1 Financial Control The meeting received and noted a summary of the Council's accounts. 8.2 Receipts since last report Mr Coombs - land rent - £906.50 Class Motor Services - wayleave - £60.00 8.3 Standing order payments since last report Mrs D Abbott – salary – October – confidential Primrose Garden Maintenance - £633.60 **8.4 Approval of Cheque Payments** Primrose Garden Maintenance – bramble clearing and hedge trim - £95.00 Mendip District Council – application fee - £95.00 on agenda actual - £97.50 **Budget 2017 - 18** The meeting considered a draft budget for 2017 – 18 and after discussion it was agreed that the budget should be revised to adjust some project areas and include a potential increase in the DA precept. **Project updates** 10 Village signposts (PR/DA) Phil informed the meeting that work continued. The Clerk advised that she had received DA/ correspondence regarding the replacement of signage from Somerset County Council. After PR discussion it was agreed that Phil and the Clerk should arrange a site visit with Sarah Davis from Somerset County Council. **Cemetery shelter and churchyard tree works** (RH/JA) The Chair informed the meeting that the new application had been completed. Binegar Bottom planting, clearing and woodland management plan (JS/PB) John updated the meeting on progress and that he would propose some dates for further JS working parties. The Fair Field (RH, CL/DS) The meeting noted that there were no further developments. **Dementia Friendly Villages** (CL/DA) The meeting noted this would be deferred with the NHS health checks until the New Year. DA Village history plaques (RH) The Chair informed the meeting that the first Blue Plaque celebrating Henry Martin, defender of Rorke's Drift and resident of Belvedere House in Gurney Slade had been put up. He thanked Phil for all his efforts with this project.

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The Chair closed the meeting at $9.02 \, \text{pm}$.