

## ***BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL***

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2017 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

**Present:** Jon Abbott, Philip Blatchford (7:50pm), Richard Higgins, Cath Law, Phil Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

**In attendance:** Diane Abbott (Clerk), Tony Griffin, Cllr Mike Pullin (8:20pm), Paul Sharp, Cllr Harvey Siggs (8:20pm).

1.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Chair's Announcements</b> The Chair announced that Councillors John and Rachel Carter were unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>He read an invitation to <i>Mendip Community Transport's</i> birthday celebration. John accepted the invitation on behalf of the Parish Council and agreed to attend with Mrs Scadding.</p> <p>The Chair stated there was to be a quiz night on Sunday 9 April to raise funds for the playground.</p>	JS
3.	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b> Jon declared a personal interest in Item 15.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Minutes</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the 7 March 2017 meeting be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Highways and footpaths</b> The Clerk undertook to pursue the following outstanding matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turner's Court/Emborough Lane junctions: curb edge – ref 298489 (Nov 16)</li> <li>• Roemead Lane: broken road sign – referred to Mendip (Jun 16)</li> <li>• Binegar Lane/A37 junction: missing street sign – referred to Mendip (Nov 15)</li> <li>• A37 viaduct – ref 298490 (Feb 17)</li> <li>• Tape Lane: road cleaning (Mar 17)</li> <li>• Tape Lane/lane to Oakhill junction: pot hole (Mar 17)</li> </ul> <p><b>5.2 Planning application</b> <b>2016/2573/FUL</b> – Alfie's Retreat BA3 4UA – Compliance with planning conditions The meeting noted there was no decision.</p> <p><b>5.3 Proposal from BT to remove public telephone box from Turner's Court Lane</b> The meeting noted the BT withdrew this proposal in light of objection from the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>5.4 NHS health checks for parishioners</b> The Chair informed the meeting that five parishioners had attended the checks.</p> <p><b>5.5 Asset Register: disused bus shelter on A37 at Old Down</b> David stated that he was not aware of the provenance of this shelter. Following discussion, the meeting agreed it was not a Parish Council asset. The meeting then <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Asset Register presented by the Clerk to the March meeting.</p>	

	<p><b>5.6 Parish Council Land</b> The Chair reported that he would meet with the Land Agent and an interested party on 5 April.</p>	
5	<p><b>Local government report</b> The meeting welcomed Cllr Harvey Siggs to the meeting at 8:20 pm. Harvey bid farewell as County Councillor and thanked the meeting for its warm welcome over his 12 years in office. He introduced Mike Pullin, a candidate for Mendip Hills in the May County elections.</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning applications</b> There were no applications to consider.</p>	
7	<p><b>Financial matters</b>  <b>8.1 Financial Control</b> The meeting received and noted a summary of the Council's accounts.</p> <p><b>8.2 Receipts since last report</b> The meeting noted the following receipts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation – Horse and Jockey collecting tin (Playground) - £54.00</li> <li>• SP and AP Coombs – Land rent - £906.50</li> <li>• Anonymous Donation - £1,000.00</li> <li>• Mr G Fuzzey – Wayleave - £60.00</li> <li>• Groundwork UK – Grant - £1,000.00</li> </ul> <p><b>8.3 Standing order payments since last report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £XXX.XX - Parish Clerk salary March – confidential</li> </ul> <p><b>8.4 Approval of cheque payments</b> The meeting noted and approved the following cheque payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ham &amp; Doultling Stone Company Limited – Lych Gate stone - £1,202.40</li> <li>• HMRC – Income tax - £153.00</li> <li>• D E Abbott – Expenses – Dementia Friends Session refreshments - £9.18</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>2016-17 year-end financial arrangements</b> In Philip's absence, the Chair reported that Philip had confirmed that he had checked bank reconciliations and found them correct.</p>	
9	<p><b>Insurance</b> The Clerk advised there had been no material change to risk. The meeting noted, therefore, that cover from 1 June would continue with Zurich for the second of the three-year arrangement.</p>	
10	<p><b>Henry Martin and village celebration</b> The meeting received an up-date from Jon on progress and planning arrangements for the event.</p>	JA
11	<p><b>Project updates</b></p> <p><b>Village signposts (PR/DA)</b> The Clerk and Phil informed the meeting that they would be taking the project forward over the coming months.</p> <p><b>Cemetery Shelter (RH/JA)</b> The Chair reported that work was due to commence and that the stone had been purchased.</p> <p><b>The Fair Field (with DS)</b> The meeting noted no further involvement was required as the PCC planned to purchase the field.</p>	DA PR  RH

	<p><b>Binegar Bottom</b> (JS/PB) John informed the meeting that clearance of the south side was complete. He gave special thanks to Paul Sharp without whom the project would not be completed. John stated that the next step was to undertake flood mitigation works.</p> <p>John proposed that the grass area on the north site of Binegar Bottom should be the next project.</p> <p><b>Dementia-friendly villages</b> (with DA) Cath reported that one <i>Dementia Friends</i> sessions had taken place in tandem with the free <i>NHS Health Checks</i>. She thanked the Clerk for delivering the session very well. Cath informed the meeting that she would organise further sessions throughout the year.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>DA CL</p>
12	<p><b>Playground</b> The meeting received and noted the Clerk's report. The Clerk was pleased to report that the new junior multiplay apparatus was shortly to be installed.</p> <p>The Chair suggested a review of outstanding work. He undertook to report on the 2016 annual inspection outstanding. Jon and John undertook to repair the slide steps and sand the posts that required smoothing. The Chair undertook to report on the other outstanding recommendations from routine inspections.</p>	<p>RH JA RH</p>
13	<p><b>Annual Meeting with parishioners</b> The meeting noted Thursday 11 May 2017 as the date of the meeting and agreed it would take the same format as in 2016. The Chair and the Clerk undertook to make arrangements.</p>	<p>RH DA</p>
14	<p><b>Staff appraisal</b> The meeting <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the Chair's recommendation, communicated to each councillor, to raise the Clerk's salary. On behalf of the Council, he thanked the Clerk for her year's work.</p>	
15	<p><b>Events attended</b> There were none reported.</p>	
16	<p><b>Highways and rights of way</b> Philip stated that he and Gus Halfhide planned (weather permitting) to undertake herbicidal weed spraying in the last week of April.</p> <p>Philip raised concerns regarding overgrown hedges. After discussion, the meeting agreed to identify land owners and send letters requesting that hedge maintenance once the bird-nesting season had finished.</p>	<p>PB DA</p>
17	<p><b>Next meeting and future dates</b> The Council noted the next meeting was on 2 May 2017 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2017 meetings – 6 June, 4 July, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting 8.32pm.