# **BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

In attendance: Cllrs John and Rachel Carter and Mike Pullin.

1	Apologies for absence	
1	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept apologies from Richard Higgins, Cath Law and Phil Roberts.	
2	Chair's Announcements	
	The Chair made the following announcements:	
	1. Police Report from Sheila Thompson The meeting noted two reports of sheep on the road, pre-planned explosive testing in Highcroft Quarry and a non-dwelling burglary in Dalleston.	
	2. Holy Trinity Church The Chair thanked John and David who had cleared ivy and overgrown vegetation from under the beech trees on both sides of the churchyard.	
	3. Consultation on Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Risk Management Plan The Chair informed the meeting of the object of the consultation and asked if a councillor would take responsibility to look at the plan and bring a report back to the December meeting. John undertook to review the plan.	JS
	4. Briefing session from Mendip Planning Board The Chair reminded Members that it would be a useful session to attend.	DA
	5. Thank you letter The Chair passed on thanks from a parishioner for the Council's (namely Richard) prompt action in organising access for mobility scooters along the footpath joining the A37 to Station Road.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 3 October be signed as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the Minutes	
	1. <b>Great British Clean-up</b> The meeting noted that Phil had passed on his thanks to those councillors and two villagers that had helped over the weekend.	
	2. <b>Services to the Community Award</b> The Chair informed the meeting that he and Diane had taken Kevin Seymour and his wife to receive his award.	
	3. <b>Grass cutting contract</b> The meeting noted that a quotation was awaited.	
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### 4. Binegar Land and Station Road public benches

The meeting noted that an order had been placed for the repair of the benches.

# 5. A37/Tape Lane traffic island

The meeting noted that an order had been placed to renovate and plant the traffic island.

### 6. Highways and footpaths

- Binegar Lane/A37 junction: missing street sign (Nov 15)
- Roemead Lane: broken road sign (Jun 16)
- King's Lane: broken road sign

The meeting noted that Richard had met with the Mendip maintenance manager and replacements were in hand.

# 7. Planning applications

- 2016/2573/FUL Alfie's Retreat BA3 4UA Compliance with planning conditions
  The meeting noted that Mendip District Council had received amendments to the
  application.
- 2017/1797/FUL Land to rear 5 Dalleston proposed dwelling The meeting noted that no determination had been made.

# 6 Local government reports

The meeting was up-dated on current projects within Mendip District Council by Cllrs John and Rachel Carter.

Cllr Mike Pullin commented that several applications for Highway Small Improvement Schemes had been received and were under review.

# 7 Planning applications

There were no planning applications for consideration.

#### 8 Financial matters

#### 1. Current financial position

The meeting received a report and noted the financial position to date.

### 2. Receipts since the last report

The meeting noted the following receipts:

- £275.00 J Emery Mr W Coombs
- £900.00 P Coombs Land Rent

#### 3. Standing order payments since the last report:

- £649.37 Primrose Garden Services grass cutting payment (6/7)
- £xxx.xx Parish Clerk October salary

#### 4. Cheque payments authorised:

- £900.00 Ministry of Play Installation of Zingo's
- £31.50 Mileage Chair's Awards Taunton

# 9 **Budget 2018-19**

The meeting received and noted the draft budget for 2018-19.

# 10 **Projects**

# 1. A37 road improvements for Gurney Slade

#### Village name signs

The Chair informed the meeting that Somerset Highways had offered to replace the current sins with new standard signs. It was agreed that further discussion was required with Highways.

DA

	Highway Small Improvement Scheme application  Cllr John Carter agreed to raise the issue of speeding on the A37 with Somerset Highways.	JC
	<b>Traffic island planting</b> The meeting noted that work was in hand with Primrose Garden Maintenance and would include a border of salt tolerant <i>Euonymous</i> .	
	<b>Ditch by Gurney Slade Stores</b> The meeting noted that Jon and John would clear the site again over the next couple of weeks.	
	2. <b>Binegar Bottom</b> John updated the meeting on the project to restrict the flow floodwater. After discussion, it was agreed that the first priority was to unblock the culvert under the road and more fully understand the two different proposals to restrict floodwater.	JS
	3. Cemetery improvements The meeting noted that an order had place for Estate Fencing with installation planned before Christmas. The Chair informed the meeting that Richard Priestley had undertaken to organise the removal of the current fence and fill the holes.	
	<b>4. Churchyard improvements</b> John informed the meeting that a quote was awaited for the re-shaping of the Yew trees.	JS
11	<b>Playground</b> The meeting received and noted the playground report for October. The Chair informed the meeting that the Zingos had been installed and that Diane would be chasing the installation of surfacing.	DA
12	Agricultural Land at Emborough The meeting noted that a new Farm Business Tenancy agreement was now in place.	
13	<b>Donation</b> The Chair informed the meeting that a request for a donation had been received from 1 <sup>st</sup> North Mendip Scout Group. After discussion, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to donate £100 to the Scout Group and £50 to the Air Ambulance.	DA
14	<b>Events attended</b> The Chair informed the meeting that he had attended the Somerset Chairman's Awards for Community Service.	
15	Highways and rights of way  Members reported overgrown hedges along of Portway Lane.	DA
16	Dates for the next and future meetings  To note the next meeting: 5 December 2017 in the Memorial Hall	
	Future meetings 6 February 2018, 6 March 2018, 3 April 2018	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:31 pm