

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2018 in the Memorial Hall at 7:00 pm

Present: Jon Abbott, Philip Blatchford (7.10pm), Richard Higgins (Chair), Cath Law, Phil Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Cllrs John and Rachel Carter, Cllr Mike Pullen and 29 members of the public.

Public Forum – 6.30 to 7.00pm

The Parish Council heard members of the public speak regarding **2018/0255/OTS** – Residential development of 15 dwellings with ancillary works - Land West of Flowerstone, Station Road.

It was repeatedly stated that there was fundamentally no change to previous applications. The key areas of concern were around the following:

- The application runs counter to the Mendip Local Plan II
- Highways, infrastructure and road safety – access to the proposed site and the village
- Employment
- Flooding and foul water drainage
- Light pollution
- Development size
- Village dynamics
- Listed buildings

1	Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.	
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair welcomed visitors and announced he would take Item 7 after Item 3.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 6 February 2018 be signed as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the Minutes 1. Highways and footpaths <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Binegar Lane/A37 junction: missing street sign (Nov 15)▪ Roemead Lane/Binegar Bottom: broken road signs (Jun 16)▪ King's Lane: broken road sign The meeting noted that work was still outstanding. 2. Planning applications 2016/2573/FUL – Alfie's Retreat BA3 4UA The meeting noted that there was nothing further to report. 3. Proposed permissive footpath between Binegar Bottom and footpath SM3/16 David informed members that he, Philip and John had met the owners who had asked for options. It was agreed that Philip would prepare a proposal for the Clerk to take forward.	PB
6	Local government reports Cllr Pullin gave an update on finance and planning at Mendip District Council. The meeting discussed A37 road safety concerns and Phil undertook to liaise with Cllr Pullin regarding on-going issues.	

7	<p>Planning applications</p> <p>2018/0255/OTS – Residential development of 15 dwellings with ancillary works - Land West of Flowerstone, Station Road, Binegar. Having heard from parishioners and reviewed the Council’s responses to previous applications, the meeting RESOLVED to recommend refusal of the application.</p> <p>2018/0225/FUL – Proposed erection of a two storey, 3 bed, detached dwelling - The Batch, Highcroft Lane, Binegar, BA3 4PT. The meeting reviewed the planning history of the site, considered the application and after discussion RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Case Officer.</p>	DA DA
8	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>Current financial position The meeting received a report and noted the financial position to date.</p> <p>Receipts since the last report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting noted the following receipt: ▪ £105.84 – Openreach BT - Wayleave <p>Standing order payments since the last report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – February salary payment <p>Cheque payments authorised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ £72.00 - SLCC – Annual subscription ▪ £11.14 – J Abbott – Playground cleaning materials ▪ £100.00 – D Abbott – Contracted expenses June 17 to March 18 	
9	<p>2017-18 Financial year-end arrangements Cath informed the meeting that she had carried out the Annual Risk Assessment of Internal Controls with the Clerk and that only a few small changes were needed. Cath confirmed that the controls were effective.</p>	
10	<p>2018-19 Financial year plans</p> <p>Asset Register The Clerk advised members about the changes to the Asset Register, reporting she had added the Cemetery lych gate and fencing, Agen and zingo play apparatus and slide for the multiplay.</p> <p>The meeting noted and approved the 2018 Asset Register.</p>	
11	<p>Leased land and wayleaves The Clerk reported that she had raised bills for agricultural land rents and wayleaves.</p>	
12	<p>Annual meeting with parishioners May 2018 Members agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 10 May from 6.30 to 7.30pm. The meeting accepted the Clerk’s recommendation to follow the format of 2017, which had proved popular. On Jon’s suggestion, it was agreed to offer space to Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee.</p>	DA
13	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. A37 road improvements for Gurney Slade</p> <p>Village name signs The Clerk reported she was in contact with Highways to progress village signs. Cath recommended diocesan colours for the village crest on metal with reflective materials.</p> <p>Speeding and Road Safety Phil undertook to gather evidence of speeding and lorries mounting footpaths.</p>	DA PR

	<p>Pavement along A37 Phil reported that he was pursuing the identity of the owner of the field with the damaged wall and overgrown vegetation and hoped to report soon.</p> <p>The Clerk stated she had made a request to Somerset Highways for pavement cleansing and had received an acknowledgement. Meanwhile, Phil reported that the quarry had washed the A37 through the village at the weekend. He undertook to monitor this.</p> <p>2. Binegar Bottom John reported that a grant had been received for the flood mitigation work. He undertook to liaise with the contractor regarding the work. He gave a further up-date on progress and future work. Members thanked John and his team for the work done.</p>	PR DA PR JS
14	<p>Playground The meeting received and noted the playground report.</p>	
15	<p>Damage to village verges The Clerk stated that she reported the damage to Somerset Highways and requested verge protector posts. Highways had undertaken to make a technical assessment of the request.</p>	DA
16	<p>Training The Chair reminded members of the planning seminars that Mendip organised and noted that the final one would take place on 15 March in Glastonbury Town Hall.</p> <p>The Clerk reported a Speed Indicator Device (SID) briefing on 14 March. At this, the potential costs and benefits to the parish would be outlined. Jon undertook to attend.</p>	JA
17	<p>Correspondence The meeting received a request for funding towards Mendip Community Transport and RESOLVED to donate £50.00.</p>	
18	<p>Events attended The meeting noted no events had been attended.</p>	
19	<p>Highways and rights of way The following were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pot holes along Binegar Bottom ▪ Fly tipping of bottles on Roemead Lane <p>The Clerk undertook to report.</p>	DA
20	<p>Staff appraisal The meeting noted that the Clerk's appraisal would be undertaken by the Chair and Cath.</p>	
21	<p>Dates for the next and future meetings To note the next meeting 3 April 2018 in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Future meetings 1 May, 10 May Annual Parish Meeting, 5 June, 3 July, 4 September, 2 October 2018</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.55pm