

## ***BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL***

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2013 in the Memorial Hall at 7 30 pm

**Present:** Gus Halfhide (Chair), Philip Blatchford (after item 5.3), Cath Law (after item 5.3), Jude Robbins, David Stone, Kim Connor (for item 5.6 only)

1	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept apologies from Roger Anderson and Richard Higgins.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of interests</b> There were no disclosures of interest from Councillors about matters on the agenda except David for item 9.3.</p>	
3	<p><b>Chair's announcements</b> No announcements.</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the 1 October 2013 meeting be signed as a correct record with the addition of Rachel Carter and Harvey Siggs attending for part of the meeting.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters arising from previous Minutes</b></p> <p><b>1 Cover for the Clerk's duties</b> The meeting agreed to continue the temporary arrangements for Clerk (Philip) and Responsible Financial Officer (Richard). Gus agreed to take Minutes.</p> <p><b>2 Somerset County Council weed spraying proposal</b> Gus reported that SCC had approved the trial project. Philip will be the BPC contact.</p> <p><b>3 Tree condition assessments: cemetery and playing field</b> David had obtained the written quote and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry out the work at a cost of £500. David was also asked to find out what it would cost to cut down the 6 fir trees in the cemetery.</p> <p><b>4 Council land at Emborough: <i>Fallopia japonica</i> treatment</b> Philip said there was no update. Gus asked the PC to note that Western Power will be cutting back trees on that land to avoid potential damage to power lines.</p> <p><b>5 Proposal for a community defibrillator</b> Cath advised that requests for funding had been sent to local businesses, Plymouth Brethren and Tessa Munt. Collection boxes had also been placed in The Horse &amp; Jockey, The George and The PO. Morris and Perry had made a £500 donation and it was agreed that Cath send a 'thank you' letter.</p> <p><b>6 Electrical supply to defibrillator and playing field</b> David advised that the Memorial Hall Committee had approved the work at its last meeting. He was asked to obtain confirmation from Brian Rich.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>CL</p> <p>DS</p> <p>PB</p>

	<p>Philip advised that the total cost would be £883. He was asked to obtain a formal quote but it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the work be carried out as quoted.</p> <p><b>6 Community gardening/Binegar Bottom planting</b> Kim advised that the proposal was as presented to the PC in May and provided an update on the acquisition of (420) trees and other materials. Work is scheduled to be done in stages with the help of the scouts starting on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that she proceed as proposed.</p> <p><b>7 Binegar Bottom: botanical survey</b> (Min 4.8) Philip said that in addition to the survey carried out he had surveyed the site with a lecturer from Radstock Technical College. They had identified honeysuckle and clematis not shown in the previous report. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to allow Radstock College to conduct further surveys providing BPC were informed in advance and be provided with copies of the survey. Philip to inform Radstock College. Philip was asked to submit a proposal to BPC on any further work such as coppicing that he would like to carry out in Binegar Bottom.</p>	PB
6	<p><b>Local government reports</b> No reports received.</p>	
7	<p><b>Police report</b> <i>The following report had been received from Nicola Housley but was not available at the meeting.</i> 22/10 An attempt break in at Gurney Slade shop in the early hours, no entry gained 28/10 A fallen tree on the A37 towards Gurney Slade</p>	
8	<p><b>Planning issues</b> <b>1 2012/3033 Emborough Grove</b> It was noted that this appeal had yet to be decided.</p> <p><b>2 Emborough Grove: proposal to seek statutory recognition of footpaths</b> No update.</p>	RH PB
9	<p><b>Financial matters</b> <b>1 Budget 2014-15</b> The meeting received and noted a draft budget for 2014-15.</p> <p><b>2 Contract for grass cutting 2014-15</b> A specification of the work required was received and considered and It was agreed to seek a price for this from J &amp; K Primrose. <i>A proposal had been submitted by Primrose's but was not available at the meeting.</i></p> <p><b>3 Rents and wayleaves</b> (1) It was noted that Western Power pay £70 per year for agreements relating to poles and overhead lines. (2) It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Class Motor Vehicles wayleave charge for the sign at Clarke's Pool be £60 for 2014-2015. (3) It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that The George wayleave charge for the sign at Clarke's Pool be waived for 2013-2014 as a gesture of goodwill for the new tenants but that they are also informed that the full charge will apply for 2014-2015</p>	RH RH

	<p><b>4 Payments</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to authorise the following payments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Binegar Playing Fields Group for Bronze Award: £25.00</li> <li>2 South West Councils subscription: £ 289.82</li> <li>3 Grant Thornton for audit: £120.00</li> <li>4 EDF Energy for electricity supply: £14.79</li> </ol>	
10	<p><b>Standing orders</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the revised Standing Orders as proposed by Gus and Cath with Philip's amendments be adopted. Gus will tidy up the document and circulate.</p>	GH
11	<p><b>Holy Trinity graveyard and Binegar Cemetery</b></p> <p>Gus informed the PC that the 5 yearly safety audit of the graveyard and cemetery was due in 2014. It was agreed to add it to the forward agenda. It was also agreed that Gus and Richard review and submit a proposal as to what Burial information should be published on the website.</p>	GH RH
12	<p><b>Events attended</b></p> <p>Gus provided an update on the Local Choices event he had attended at Kilver Court.</p>	
13	<p><b>Binegar Playing Fields Group</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October were received and noted.</p>	
14	<p><b>Highways and rights of way</b></p> <p><b>1 Binegar Bottom/Roemead Lane junction: drainage and ditch</b> Philip and David had met with Highways and shown them the problem. Highways have added it to their schedule of work.</p> <p><b>2 Drainage channel below A37 by Gurney Slade Post Office</b> Gus has reported it to the SCC Flood Risk team who have passed to Highways.</p> <p><b>3 Other items to report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Binegar Bottom street sign at end of Roemead Lane needs re-erecting, reported to Highways.</li> <li>• BPC bye law sign on Binegar Bottom needs reerecting. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Philip acquire materials and re-erect with Gus' help.</li> <li>• It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the stiles on the Binegar Bottom land be replaced with 'squeeze stiles'. Philip and Gus to assess requirements and proceed as necessary.</li> <li>• It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to replace the broken gate post on the Binegar Bottom land to acquire a new padlock and chain. Philip and Gus to assess requirements and proceed as necessary.</li> <li>• It was agreed that Philip report the leaves, causing a slipping hazard, on the pavement along the A37 between Salisbury Terrace and Kings Lane to Highways.</li> <li>• It was agreed that Philip report a safety concern with lorries mounting the pavement, in the same location, to Highways</li> </ul>	PB  GH  PB GH  PB PB
15	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Gus reported a letter from Tessa Munt (already passed to Cath) re potential defibrillator funding.</p>	

	<p>Philip reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parish Highways Service information Pack now available on the SCC website at <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk/localchoices">www.somerset.gov.uk/localchoices</a></li> <li>• Temporary road closure at Thickthorn Lane, Ston Easton for 3 days from 9<sup>th</sup> December.</li> </ul>	
16	<p><b>Items for the next or future agenda</b> Cemetery and graveyards audit in 2014.</p>	
17	<p><b>Confidential matters</b> There was no resolution to exclude the press and public as only councillors were present.</p>	
18	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b> It was agreed to meet at Binegar Memorial Hall on 3 December 2013 at 7 30 pm. Jude gave her apologies in advance; she will not be able to attend.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9 40 pm.