

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Cllr J Carter, Cllr R Carter, Harry Crowther, Darren Harris, Samantha Jonas, Bryan Rich (8.05pm), Celia Sturgeon and John Sturgeon.

1	<p>Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p>Chair's Announcements Phil (for the Chair) announced that a notice of intent was due soon for the A37 Puffin crossing with work expected to start in November.</p> <p>The Chair was delighted to report that Highbanks landscaping plan included the reinstatement of Neville's Batch grass.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest The meeting noted the 10 May letter on disclosable pecuniary interests from Donna Nolan, Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Philip declared a pecuniary interest in Item 7.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 3 and 16 May 2016 be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>5.1 Highways and footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Binegar Lane/A37 junction: missing street name (Nov 15)</i> ▪ <i>Turner's Court Lane: footpath sign (Nov 15)</i> ▪ <i>Marchant's Hill: footpath sign (Feb 16)</i> The Clerk reported these three items were on order and needed chasing. ▪ <i>A37 west side of Kingscombe to Gurney Slade: bramble patch on verge (Apr 16)</i> The Clerk reported this was on order. ▪ <i>First buses: request passing only at foot of Binegar Lane (Apr 16)</i> The Clerk stated that she awaited a response. ▪ <i>Binegar Bottom: appendage hanging from railway bridge (May 16)</i> The Clerk reported this was on order. ▪ <i>Holy Trinity Churchyard: moles (May 16)</i> The Clerk reported that Keith Robbins had caught a mole and had thanked him. <p>5.2 Planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>2014/2684/FUL – Alfie's Retreat, Turner's Court Lane</i> The meeting noted there was still no published decision. ▪ <i>2015/1968/AGB Land south of Ann's Cottage BA3 4UA – shed</i> John Scadding stated he did not wish to participate in this item and left the room. The Chair stated he had been told of errors on the website and that these had been corrected. He reported that planning enforcement had ceased monitoring having assessed the current situation as lawful. There was considerable discussion on a number of aspects of the situation which, it was agreed, needed to be monitored. ▪ <i>2013/0775 – Marchant's Hill Barn, Portway Lane BA3 4TZ – status of occupation</i> The meeting noted that a resolution was awaited. 	DA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2016/0951/HSE - 1 Slade Cottages, BA3 4TG – conversion for disabled facility The meeting noted this application was pending decision. ▪ 2016/0891/HSE - Stone Edge Cottage, BA3 4TT – construction of detached garage The meeting noted this application had been approved. <p>5.3 Somerset & Dorset Railway – event management (Mar 16) The Clerk reported arrangements were in hand and circulated stewarding details.</p>	
6	<p>Local government report Councillor Carter reported that Mendip was currently re-organising its senior management and advised that staff resources would also be limited during the Glastonbury Festival.</p>	
7	<p>Planning Applications 2016/0908/OTS – The Portway, BA3 4UA – Construction of a farm worker’s dwelling Philip left the meeting for this Item. The meeting considered the application and, after discussion, RESOLVED to recommend approval.</p>	
8	<p>Financial Matters 10.1 Financial Control The meeting received and noted a summary of the Council’s accounts. 8.2 Financial Standing Orders review The meeting noted the Financial Standing Orders required review in 2016-17. The Chair agreed to undertake a review with the Clerk. 8.3 Approval of signature for Statement of Internal Control The meeting received the Statement of Internal Control and RESOLVED that the Chair and Clerk should sign it. 8.4 Receipts since last report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ £1,000.00 Thornhill – land rent ▪ £90.00 Exclusive Memorials – Mr Hill <p>8.5 Standing order payments since last report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confidential Clerk’s May salary ▪ £528.00 Primrose Garden Services <p>8.6 Approval of Cheque Payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confidential HMRC ▪ £552.58 Zurich Municipal – 3 year insurance premium ▪ £210.00 Browning Chartered Accountants – internal audit ▪ £1,488.40 Vita Play – swing surfacing <p>8.7 Approval of Receipts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ £350.00 Dignity Funerals – P Matthews ▪ £450.00 Dignity Funerals – A Matthews - reservation 	
9	<p>Project updates The meeting received updates from Councillors on projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village signposts (with DA) Phil informed the meeting that options and costings were being sought and the Clerk was pursuing advice from Highways. ▪ Cemetery lych gate and churchyard tree works (with JA) The Chair gave an up-date on the planning application. The meeting discussed designs previously circulated and agreed that more detailed plans and costings should be sought. ▪ Binegar Bottom planting, clearing and woodland management plan (with PB) John informed the meeting that he had received trees from Kimberley and planned further work in the Autumn. ▪ The Fair Field (with DS) Cath gave an overview of the discussions held with the Parochial Church Council about development of the Fair Field and Holy Trinity Church and stated that a formal proposal would come to the Council’s July meeting. 	PR RH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village history plaques Richard circulated suggestions for placement of village plaques and the meeting agreed to bring ideas to the July meeting. ▪ Village herbicide spraying pilot Philip informed the meeting he had been unable to acquire relevant equipment from the County. The Chair advised that equipment could be borrowed from Highway's Glastonbury depot. He informed the meeting that Gus Halfhide had offered his services. Philip undertook to contact Gus and get spraying done. 	PB
10	<p>Binegar Cemetery and Holy Trinity Churchyard Cemetery Policy The meeting received and agreed a revised <i>Cemetery Policy</i> previously circulated.</p> <p>Church's Quinquennial Inspection Survey The meeting noted the <i>Church's Quinquennial</i> Inspection Survey and actions required.</p> <p>Plan for Churchyard tree works The meeting received a plan for Churchyard tree works and agreed that, when approved by the Parochial Church Council, tender documents should be sent out.</p> <p>Cemetery Boundary Fence Philip raised concerns about the state of the boundary fence where it meets the wall adjacent to the old spoil pile. After discussion, the meeting agreed that the area should be levelled and re-seeded. Jon and John agreed to look into options.</p>	RH JA
11	<p>Playground The meeting received and considered a report on playground inspection and maintenance.</p> <p>Bird's nest Swing The Clerk advised that timber frame for the swing was rotten and did not meet the required standard of EN1176. The meeting RESOLVED that the Clerk source and order a suitable replacement frame.</p> <p>Large Multiplay The Clerk advised that John, Jon and Richard had levelled the safety surface. John requested the Clerk to write a note of thanks to Chris Penny for supplying the soil.</p> <p>Inspections The meeting received revised inspection guidance and form. The Clerk undertook to arrange an evening session to review the routine for those involved in inspections. It was agreed to extend an invitation to Ed Ross and John and Celia Sturgeon.</p>	DA DA DA
12	<p>Nominations for awards The Chair advised there were two possible nominations for any 2016 awards.</p>	
13	<p>Fallopia japonica treatment at Emborough Philip raised the treatment of <i>Fallopia japonica</i> at Emborough. Richard stated that he had visited the site to check growth and recommended review at the end of June.</p>	RH
14	<p>Events Attended No events attended.</p>	
15	<p>Highways and rights of way Bryan Rich raised concerns regarding large stones close to the highway in the parish. Richard agreed to take action on his frontage on Bennett's Lane.</p> <p>Philip raised a concern about heavy goods vehicles using Bennett's Lane. In discussion, the point was made that any signs needed to be at the main entrance lanes to the village. The meeting then agreed that, as the lane was mainly in adjacent parishes, Philip should consult with Emborough and St Cuthbert's Out Parish Councils to investigate how to address the matter.</p>	RH PB

	<p>The meeting reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kings Lane sign damaged ▪ Roemead Lane sign damaged ▪ Binegar Bottom low bridge warning sign damaged ▪ A37 Old Down Warning chevrons need cleaning 	DA
16	<p>Correspondence received No correspondence received.</p>	
17	<p>Next meeting and future dates The Council noted the next meeting would be on 5 July 2016 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2016: 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.16pm.