

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 February 2013 in the Memorial Hall

Present: G Halfhide (GH) (Chairman), R Anderson (RA), P Blatchford (PB), R Higgins (RH), D Stone (DS),
 (residents who attended for item 14.3 (Flooding) shown on that separate report)

		Action
1	Apologies for absence: Rachel Thompson, Harvey Siggs, Wayne Closier, Nicola Housley Declarations of interest: None	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2012 were agreed and signed	-
3	Matters arising from the Minutes (1) Weed sprayer – deferred in the absence of Harvey Siggs. (2) Binegar Bottom – tree works undertaken and completed. Item closed.	HS -
4	Local government reports, including responses on: (1) School playing field - proposal to gift to Binegar Parish – deferred (as above). (2) Highcroft Quarry – control of explosions – deferred (as above). (3) Mendip Local Plan – Council’s response by Gus noted. Item closed. (4) Somerset County Council report – deferred (as above).	HS HS - HS
5	Police report Report of three incidents received and noted.	-
6	Planning issues (1) Francis Flower – carry forward as weather prevented report for meeting. (2) 2012/2067: two houses adjacent to High Banks – noted permission was granted. (3) 2012/2981: Maesbury wind turbine – Council’s recommendation to refuse noted.	PB - -
7	Ongoing Parish Council matters (1) Records policy - agreed in principle – reconsider electronic storage medium and file types. (2) Burial records – electronic record noted and approved – discuss use with Clerk. (3) Notice boards – first erected at Hall, organise location and erect second board. (4) Events attended – none reported. (5) Insurance – decision needed about including bus shelters. Examine and report. (6) Co-options - Ms C Law and Ms J Robbins agreed by all. GH to advise them of decision; RT to invite to attend next meeting and other necessary admin.	GH GH/RT PB/RT - RH RT/GH

	(7) Register of interests – deferred in the absence of Rachel Thompson.	DS/RA
8	Binegar Playing Fields Group (1) Minutes of the last meeting were received and noted. (2) Inspection reports –asked to be returned quickly to comply with insurance. (3) Fund raising event – a wine tasting on 26 April 2013 in the Memorial Hall.	- All -
9	Binegar Cemetery (1) Tree surgery assessment – outstanding – to be hastened. (2) Works plan – dependent on tree surgery assessment – outstanding	DS/PB DS
10	Parish land (1) Details of land owned by the Council were received for consideration and comment at next PC meeting.. (2) Set agenda timetable for reviews of rents for let land.	All RH
11	Highways and rights of way (1) Public footpaths – no report this month – weather prevented access. (2) Damage to verge by church – <i>First Bus</i> accepted responsibility – agreed to claim if single quote acceptable else reassess action. (3) A37 speed checks – noted police will not action. Find cost of flashing speed sign.	PB GH RA
12	Binegar Memorial Hall Proposed extension to car park – no progress to report.	DS/GH
13	Financial matters (1) Asset list – see 7(4) – no further assets proposed. (2) <i>George Inn</i> wayleaf for advertisement at Clarke’s Pool – agreed to seek payment.	- GH
14	Sundry items: (1) Community gardening project – no update received. (2) Parish Council website proposal – RH undertook to report at the April meeting. (3) Local flooding – residents’ points noted separately and undertaking given to act. (4) 1930 OS Parish Map – received and marvelled at. For decision on how to retain.	- RH GH GH
15	Correspondence Newsletters from the Mendip Society and SW Air Ambulance were received and noted.	-
16	Matters of report and items for next meeting (1) Filing cabinet/ papers with DS – DS to dispose of cabinet or keep for personal use; papers to be reviewed. (2) Emborough Pond development – agreed to review monthly on agenda. (3) 'Legacy Fund' – advise Dawn Marshall as possible fund for gardening project. (4) 'Community Environment Fund' (£2,000 per district councillor) – pursue with WC. (5) Mendip War Memorial project – supply detail of Holy Trinity memorial as requested.	DS/PB RH GH RH RA/DS
17	Next meeting agreed to be 5 March 2013 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.	-

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