



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2019 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Councillor Mike Pullen and Paul Sharp.

1	Apologies for absence The meeting accepted an apology for absence from Philip Blatchford.	
2	Chair's Announcements 1. Final meeting of the Council elected in 2015 On this occasion, the Chair thanked councillors for the support received and the work done during the Council's four-year term. 2. Completion of electrical work to the village name plates The Chair informed the meeting <i>Highways</i> had programmed outstanding electrical work for May. 3. Cemetery shrub The Chair reported the donation of a shrub - <i>Cotoneaster frigidus</i> 'Cornubia' – now planted in the cemetery. 4. Agenda order The Chair stated that he would take Item 13.1 after Item 4 of the agenda.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 5 March 2019 meeting as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none">2018/2376 – Old Down Caravan site – Application for continuous occupation Determination pending2019/0035 – The Portway, BA3 4UA – Erection of house Determination pending2019/0111 – Marchants Hill House, BA3 4TZ – Listed building changes Determination pending2019/0161 – The Batch, BA3 4PT – Barn conversion application – The meeting noted refusal of the application	
6	Local government reports The meeting received a warm note from Mendip District Councillors John and Rachel Carter complimenting the parish council on its approach and proactive outlook. The note outlined their liaison work and Mendip's main achievements since 2015. The meeting asked the Chair to thanks John and Rachel for their interest, help and support.	
7	Planning applications and issues There were no applications to consider.	



8	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>1. Receipts since the last report £130.00 – J Saunders – land rent £105.84 – Openreach – wayleave £1,000.00 – A Selway – land rent</p> <p>2. Standing order payments since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – March salary payment</p> <p>3. Approval of cheque payments The meeting approved the following cheque payments: £193.00 – HMRC – income tax £77.71 – R Higgins – to TSO Host for website domain rental £720.00 – Somerset Tree Surgery – felling of churchyard conifer</p>	
9	<p>2018-19 financial year-end arrangements The meeting received and considered the 2018-19 statement of accounts.</p> <p>David proposed and Cath seconded a motion to approve the accounts. The meeting then RESOLVED unanimously to approve the accounts and authorised the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer to sign them.</p>	
10	<p>Policy reviews The meeting noted that its standing orders were due for review in 2019-20. It agreed that councillors would examine the document, raising any issues in readiness for reaffirming the standing orders at the May meeting.</p>	All
11	<p>Annual meeting with parishioners – May 2019 The Clerk confirmed that the Memorial Hall had been booked for the 16 May annual meeting. There were no issues for consideration.</p>	
12	<p>Playground</p> <p>1. Monthly report The meeting received and noted the monthly report. Jon suggested and the meeting agreed that the back of the boundary fence to <i>The Galleons</i> needed clearing of brambles and other hazardous plants twice a year. David confirmed that the house owner had consented to this proposal. The Clerk undertook to arrange for the Council's contractor to carry out the work.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to Jon's proposal to hold a spring clean evening. Jon undertook to circulate dates for consideration.</p> <p>2. Boundary fence to Binegar Lane The Clerk stated that she had ordered the fence from <i>Jackson's Fencing</i> and awaited an installation date.</p>	DA
13	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. Gurney Slade A37 The meeting considered historic and ongoing concerns about traffic speeds and volumes. Councillors agreed to invite the County Council's highways officer to discuss concerns and consider solutions. The objectives were to slow average speeds, slow vehicles entering past Kingscombe, prevent overtaking at the pedestrian crossing, improve footway safety, and prevent collisions with the post office boundary walls.</p> <p>Cath proposed raising the issue's profile through the Parish News and Annual Parish meeting.</p>	



	<p>2. Drainage ditch by Gurney Slade Stores The Chair informed the meeting that he was to meeting the Council's contractor to arrange the planting of the verge and periodic clearing of the ditch. He noted this work was in partnership with Ashwick Parish Council.</p> <p>3. Holy Trinity Churchyard The meeting noted, with the felling of the Lawson cypress, the completion of the works for the year.</p> <p>4. Binegar Bottom conservation John informed the meeting that soil for reseeding the dam was on order. He advised that with David's help, he planned to remove accumulated silt from the lane, thereby widening it.</p>	
14	<p>Annual roadside weed control To Chair reported that Philip had kindly offered to arrange the annual roadside weed control with Gus Halfhide. The meeting expressed its appreciation.</p>	
15	<p>Events attended There were no events attended.</p>	
16	<p>Highways and rights of way David raised the nuisance of dog waste bags frequently left on roadsides or thrown into hedges. He noted that the situation was particularly bad on Tellis Lane. Councillors agreed it could be appropriate to install a dog waste bin at the Tellis Lane/Station Road junction. The Clerk undertook to seek costs and arrangements for clearing the waste.</p>	
17	<p>Dates for the next and 2019 meetings To note the next meetings were 14 May, 16 May (annual meeting with parishioners), 11 June, 2 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, and 3 December.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.00pm