



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Richard Priestley and Paul Sharp

1	Apologies for absence The meeting received an apology of absence from Richard Higgins.	
2	Chairs announcements The Chair informed the meeting that both he and the Clerk would be attending the Somerset Chairman's award for services to the community with the Parish Council's nominee.	DA JA
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 11 June 2019 meeting as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the Minutes 1. 2018/2376 – Old Down Caravan site – Application for continuous occupation The meeting noted that the application was long outstanding and a decision was due imminently. 2. 2019/0035 – The Portway, BA3 4UA – Erection of house The meeting noted that determination depended on the outcome of item 5.3 3. App/Q3305/C/18/3216182/3 – The Portway, BA3 4UA – appeal against enforcement The meeting noted this appeal awaited a decision date. 4. Annual roadside weed control Philip informed the meeting that he and Gus Halfhide planned to undertake the annual weed spaying as soon as weather permitted. 5. Proposed dog waste bins The Clerk informed the meeting that the waste bin was on order and that arrangements had been made with Mendip District Council for waste collection. 6. Clearance of excess road gravel on Binegar Lane and Station Road David informed the meeting that the highways officer would be addressing this situation.	
6	Local government reports The meeting received and noted a written report from Councillors Josh Burr and Sam Phripp.	
7	Planning applications 2019/1488/HSE – Tralee, Binegar Lane BA3 4TR Replace rear extension with single and two-storey extension building and loft conversion. The meeting RESOLVED to recommend that the decision be left to the planning officer following consultation responses.	JA
8	Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date.	



	<p>2. Receipts noted since last the report £120.00 – A Wrintmore – Foxwell memorial</p> <p>3. Standing order payments noted since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – July salary payment £714.86 – Primrose Garden Maintenance - Grass cutting (payment 3/7)</p> <p>4. Cheque payments noted since the last report £208.20 – HMRC – Employment income tax April – June 2019 £145.20 – Play Safety Ltd – Annual playground safety inspection £280.00 – Browning Ltd – Internal audit fee £287.39 – Glasdon Ltd – Dog waste bin</p> <p>The meeting noted that two cheques had been raised for payment required prior to the September meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting the payments would be added to the September agenda. £58.80 – AED Locator (E.U) Ltd – Heartsafe monitoring service £162.00 – ICCM – Cemetery training – J Scadding</p> <p>5. To consider a donation to charity The meeting considered a further donation to the Alzheimer’s Society and agreed no further donation should be made. The Clerk confirmed that the £180.00 raised for Cupcake Day would be paid directly to the Alzheimer’s Society.</p>	DA
9	<p>Playground The meeting considered the monthly report. Jon informed the meeting that the RoSPA report had not raised any major areas of concern but did note that some remedial actions could be undertaken to reduce risk on items not rated “as low as possible”. The two items rated a medium risk; the large multiplay and the junior swings whilst holding comments against them have an inherent medium risk.</p> <p>John informed the meeting that he had located the original white goal post and would investigate its refurbishment and instalation.</p>	JA JS
10	<p>Air quality in Tape Lane Phill informed the meeting that evidence was in the process of being collected and would be brought to the September meeting.</p>	PR
11	<p>Projects</p> <p><i>Parishioners’ proposals</i></p> <p>1. Continue the footpath on Binegar Lane to reach the Hall Jon informed the meeting that this proposal would require approval from highways and was included as part of the road safety brief.</p> <p>2. Footpaths and walking route maps The meeting discussed the creations of walking routes and maps. Richard Priestley spoke about a parallel project to develop Pilgrim routes within the diocese. The meeting agreed to forward points of interest and should be forwarded to Philip and Richard Priestley.</p> <p>3. Improve pavements outside Salisbury Terrace (included in road safety) The meeting agreed this item should be part of the case for A37 safety improvements to be taken to highways.</p> <p>4. Extend Hall car park (a Memorial Hall Committee project) Jon informed the meeting that he had met with the Head of Planning at Mendip District Council and that the Hall Committee had held a public meeting to solicit the views of local home owners. A planning application is being prepared.</p> <p>The meeting noted concerns regarding “Ash die-back” affecting some of the larger trees in</p>	All JA



	<p>the quarry and that any work should be undertaken at the same time as the car park project to minimise disturbance.</p> <p>5. Brewery railway footpath to Binegar Bottom David informed the meeting that he had been in contact with the landowners and had been informed that the family would be meeting to consult in September.</p> <p>6. <i>Climate and Ecological Emergency</i> pledge Cath informed the meeting that she would be meeting with the parishioner who had made the proposal and would report back to the September meeting.</p> <p><i>Other works</i></p> <p>1. Gurney Slade A37 and village road safety The meeting noted that a case had been sent to relevant bodies and responses were awaited.</p> <p>2. Drainage ditch and verge opposite Gurney Slade Stores The meeting noted that Richard had written to Ashwick Parish Council and that the suggestion that they tend the verge would be included on their July agenda.</p> <p>3. Binegar Bottom conservation John updated the meeting.</p> <p>4. Further potential projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fingerpost direction sign restoration The meeting noted that refurbishment and re-siting of the Whitnell Lane fingerpost would commence on 4 July. • Cemetery gate to churchyard lantern Richard Priestley informed the meeting that due process still needed to be followed before any installation. A local company has been approached to cost the project. • Flood lighting Holy Trinity church The meeting discussed the project. A site meeting had been arranged with a local solar lighting company to discuss options available. • Neville's Batch The meeting noted that the Batch was now included as a "protected green space" within the Local Plan and after discussion it was agreed that there no current need to claim adverse possession. • Playground apparatus The Clerk informed the meeting that she was in the process of collating costs for new playground equipment.. 	<p>CL</p> <p>JS</p>
12	<p>Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Philip undertook to review the proposal for changes to Service Delivery within Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.</p>	PB
13	<p>Village autumn clean-up To meeting agreed to the weekend of 19 October for the autumn village clean-up. The Clerk undertook to advertise the event in the parish magazine.</p>	DA
14	<p>Events attended The meeting noted that Richard had attended the Parish Forum on 13 June which had covered Connecting Devon and Somerset, Code of Conduct for councillors and a brief from Ros Wyke, Leader on new arrangements.</p>	
15	<p>Highways and rights of way</p>	



	Philip informed the meeting he had reported pot holes on Bennetts Lane and needed to report the blocked viaduct on the A37.	PB
	Phill requested an update on the top dressing of Binegar Bottom. The Clerk undertook to contact highways.	DA
16	Dates for the next and 2019 meetings To note the next meetings were 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, and 3 December. No August meeting	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.28pm