



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Cllr Josh Burr, Cllr Tessa Munt, PC Rob Nell and PC Sheila Thompson,

Public Forum

1	Apologies for absence The meeting received apologies for absence from Richard Higgins.	
2	Chairs announcements The Chair made the following announcements: Somerset County Council - Members improving lives grant scheme Richard had received notification from Cllr Mike Pullin of a £2,000 grant to be made within his parishes. The Chair requested imaginative ideas be forwarded for consideration. Power to your Parish The Chair informed the meeting, and Cllr Tessa Munt spoke, about her Power to your Parish event on Wednesday 9 October. Cath confirmed that she would be attending. Police Report The meeting noted the September police report previously circulated by the clerk. PC Rob Nell spoke about concerns raised regarding the quarry and agreed to explore providing notification of future training dates. Clerks email address The Chair requested that all Parish correspondence be addressed to the Parish email address rather than her personal email.	CL
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 3 September 2019 meeting as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the Minutes 1. 2019/1488/HSE – Tralee, Binegar Lane BA3 4TR - Rear extension The meeting noted approval of the application. 2. Annual roadside weed control Philip informed the meeting that roadside weed control would take place in the Spring 2020. 3. Clearance of excess road gravel on Binegar Lane and Station Road David informed the meeting that County roads had been notified and a response was awaited. 4. Binegar Cemetery – remedial work grave 93 The Clerk informed the meeting that a site visit had taken place to access the work required and that the recommendation was to have the headstone anchored in accordance with ICCM recommended practice at an approximate cost of £350.00. The meeting RESOLVED to agree to the work. 5. MacMillan Cancer support event Cath gave a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the event at which £218.00 had been raised.	DA



	<p>6. Burnt Wood / Whitnell Corner crossroads Philip informed the meeting he had received no information on accident statistics. Cllr Tessa Munt and PC's Nell and Thompson asked he send his request to them for follow up.</p> <p>7. Parish Council election – invoice Cllr Josh Burr informed the meeting that he had met with Stephen Lake and spent time going through the invoice detail and concurred that there would be no change to the amount. The meeting asked Cllr Josh Burr to request that the invoice be split into two payments one to be paid in this financial year and one in 2020-21.</p> <p>8. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service - consultation response from the District Council The meeting agreed to defer this item to the November meeting</p> <p>9. Bristol Airport workshop – to receive a report from the Chair The meeting noted a report from the Chair and that there would be a public consultation in mid-2020.</p> <p>10. Binegar Bottom dog waste bin The Clerk informed the meeting that the waste bin had been ordered and arrangements would be made for installation and waste collection.</p>	PB
6	<p>Local government reports Josh informed the meeting he had no further items to report.</p>	
7	<p>Planning applications 2019/2281/VRC – Old Down Caravan Site Old Down Emborough Radstock BA3 4SA Application to vary condition 2 (No more than ten touring caravans and twenty static caravans shall be stationed on the site at any one time.) of planning approval 030534/003 (Use of land for holiday static and touring caravans) to increase the number of static units permitted to thirty.</p> <p>After discussion the meeting RESOLVED to recommend refusal.</p>	
8	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>1. To receive and note a statement of the financial position to date The meeting noted the financial position to-date.</p> <p>2. To note receipts since last the report £230.00 – Emery for the Newman family £400.00 – Emery for the Rabbitts family £74.71 – Western Power – Wayleave £2602.06 – HMRC – VAT return</p> <p>3. To note standing order payments since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – October salary payment £714.86 – Primrose Garden Maintenance - Grass cutting (payment 6/7)</p> <p>4. To approve cheque payments £40.80 – Wellington Signs – Macmillan Coffee banner £60.00 – D Abbott – Contracted expenses £287.39 – Glasdon – Dog waste bin £240.00 – PKF Littlejohn LLP – External audit fee</p>	
9	<p>Annual Governance and Accountability Statement 2018-19 The meeting received the external auditor's report and certificate. It stated that the Council's accounts complied with proper practices and relevant laws and regulations with the exception of the matter reported below: "The figure in Section 2, Box 9 of the prior year comparative column does not agree to the prior year final signed AGAR. The figure in Box 9 should read £378,235 in both columns on the 18/19</p>	



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10	<p>Agricultural land The meeting noted the issue of Michaelmas bills.</p>	
11	<p>Grass cutting contract 2020-21 The meeting considered a specification for grass cutting and agreed no adjustments were required. The Clerk undertook to obtain a quote.</p>	
12	<p>Playground The meeting received and noted the monthly report.</p> <p>Metal goal posts The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a response from RoSPA regarding the use of metal goal post. They had advised that new metal posts should be compliant with BSEN 8462.</p>	
13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and walking route maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim routes to include on footpath maps David informed the meeting that there were no further updates. • Maps and brochures Philip informed the meeting that there were no further updates. 2. Brewery railway footpath to Binegar Bottom David informed the meeting that he was awaiting a response from the owners. 3. Climate and Ecological Emergency pledge The meeting noted the circulated paper and agreed that further research and information was required. 4. A37 and village lanes safety (including parishioners’ proposed improvements to Binegar Lane and Salisbury Terrace footpaths) <p>Installation and maintenance of a SID device Phill undertook to arrange a site meeting with a provider to discuss potential locations and options.</p> <p>Phill proposed that a representative from Somerset County Council should be invited to address a residents meeting.</p> 5. Binegar Bottom conservation John gave an up-date on recent tree clearance. 6. Cemetery gate to churchyard lantern The meeting noted that the Parochial Church Council were happy for the project to proceed. 7. Flood lighting Holy Trinity church John informed the meeting he was re-arranging a meeting with a potential solar supplier to discuss options. 8. Daffodils Philip reported that the daffodils had been purchased and were awaiting planting. 9. Verge maintenance The Clerk reported that the Council insurers had advised that a risk assessment would be required for work to be undertaken by volunteers. 	<p>DS</p> <p>PR</p> <p>PR</p>



14	Village autumn clean up The Clerk informed the meeting that arrangements for pickers, hi-vis vests, bags and collection of rubbish had been made with Idverde. Phill requested posters which the Clerk undertook to create.	DA
15	Website The Clerk informed the meeting that work would be commencing in November to update the Parish Council website.	DA
16	Hedges Philip raised concerns about hedges encroaching onto the highway. It was agreed that a further notice would be put into the Parish magazine and, where applicable, residents should be approached by a councillor before a more formal letter is sent.	
17	Events attended Cath attended the Parish Forum on 12 September at Mendip District Council.	
18	Highways and rights of way Concerns were raised regarding the A37 viaduct. The Clerk undertook to report to highways.	DA
19	Dates of future meetings To note the next meetings were 5 November, 3 December, 2020: 4 February, 3 March	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm