



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Cllr. Josh Burr, Paul Sharp, David Wilson.

1	Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.	
2	Chair's announcements The Chair welcomed members of the public and made the following announcements: 1. Mendip Parish Forum The Chair stated that the Forum was rescheduled to Thursday 23 January 2020. Jon and Cath undertook to attend and report back. 2. Bristol Airspace Change The Chair reported that <i>Bristol Airport</i> had published the change design principles submitted to the <i>Civil Aviation Authority</i> that would lead to a public consultation in mid-2020. 3. Great British Spring Clean The Chair reported a generous offer of help from the Scouts. The Council agreed to focus the Spring Clean on the weekend on 4/5 April 2020 but to discuss a suitable other date for the Scouts, if necessary. The Clerk undertook to liaise with Natalie Ashford, Scout Leader. 4. Personal issue The Chair announced that he would stand down as a parish councillor from December 2020.	CL JA
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 5 November 2019 meeting as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the Minutes 1. 2019/2281/VRC – Old Down caravan site – alterations to conditions of use The meeting noted the application was awaiting decision. 2. 2019/2532/FDN – The Rockies, Binegar Lane – emergency tree felling application The meeting noted this work had been approved and carried out. 3. Dog waste bin at Binegar Bottom The Clerk informed the meeting that Paul Sharp had undertaken to install the bin. 4. Daffodil bulb planting The Clerk reported that she, Phil, Sue and Jon had planted the remaining daffodil bulbs and thanked those who had helped. 5. Highcroft quarry advance notifications of events The Clerk reported parishioners' dissatisfaction about the arrangements for giving notice of events. In addition, neither warning notice or flag had been put up. Cllr Burr stated that this was a matter of concern to a number of parishes and that he would continue to press for action. The Clerk, meanwhile, undertook to pursue the event organisers so that early publication of events would be possible.	DA



	<p>6. A37: air quality in Gurney Slade The Chair reported receipt of results for January to September 2019. The raw data average for those months was 20.78µg/m³ (micrograms per cubic litre). If this was significantly below the average level of 40.00µg/m³ where action was required, it still represented a degree of pollution. Jon undertook to follow up the remaining 2019 readings and publish the results.</p>	JA
6	<p>Local government reports Cllr Burr informed the meeting that the impending General Election meant little business could be transacted at Mendip.</p>	
7	<p>Planning applications There were no applications for consideration.</p>	
8	<p>Financial matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To receive and note a statement of the financial position to date The meeting noted the financial position to date. 2. To note receipts since last the report There were no receipts to note 3. To note standing order payments since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – November salary payment 4. To approve cheque payments £13.98 – Expenses – J Abbott – Defibrillator replacement bulbs £81.25 - Paul Sharp – Reimbursement for petrol, 2019 Binegar Bottom mowing £89.92 – Somerset Association of Local Councils – Affiliation fees 	
9	<p>Budget and precept 2020-21</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grass cutting contract The meeting received a report from Jon on potential economies to the grass cutting contract. The Clerk undertook to discuss the matter further with the contractor. 2. New playground apparatus budget The Clerk informed the meeting that she was pursuing a government funding stream for play equipment that would alter the nature and timing of the budgeted sum. 3. Budget and precept 2020-21 The meeting received and considered a budget and the meeting RESOLVED to adopt the budget and set a precept of £9,500.00. 	DA DA
10	<p>Playground The meeting received and noted the monthly report. Jon noted the need to clear back brambles from the boundary fence and undertook to arrange a convenient date for volunteers.</p>	JA
11	<p>Projects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths, pilgrim routes and walking route maps David stated that he had heard of no further progress from Rev. Priestley. 2. Climate and Ecological Emergency pledge The meeting received Mendip District Council's declaration and, following consideration, undertook, wherever it could, to support the District Council's actions. Towards this, the Council agreed Cath's suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To use the Parish website to promote energy and emission reduction • To offer encouragement to parishioners to plant trees • To promote the enjoyment of leisure locally 	DA

