



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2020 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), Philip Blatchford (7.45pm), Cath Law, Phill Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Robert Barbet, Sylvia Hanlon, Cllr. Mike Pullen, Paul Sharp and David Wilson.

Public Forum

The Council heard parishioners' concerns regarding A37 road safety and considered these in Item 12.3.

1	Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Richard Higgins.	
2	Chair's announcements The Chair welcomed members and parishioners and undertook to take Item 12.3 after Item 4. He then made the following announcements: 1. Mendip District Council Local Plan Briefing The Chair informed the meeting that Mendip District Council would be running Part 2 of the Local Plan Briefing on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 6:00p.m. 2. Daffodils The Chair commented that it was a pleasure to see the daffodils planted throughout the village growing.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 3 December 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 had been approved with conditions. 2. Highcroft quarry advance notifications of events The Chair informed the meeting that Cllr Josh Burr was in the process of arranging a meeting with Events Horizon to discuss concerns regarding the notice of events. 3. A37: air quality in Gurney Slade The Chair reported that there had been no further updates received regarding A37 air quality. 4. Grass cutting contract 2020 The Chair informed the meeting that a further quote had been received from the contractor which had reduced the cost. After the discussion the meeting agreed that further clarification was need from the contractor which the Clerk agreed to undertake.	DA
6	Local government reports The meeting noted apologies from Cllr's Josh Burr and Sam Phripp. The Chair mentioned highlights from their submitted report which the Clerk undertook to circulate to members.	DA



	<p>Cllr Mike Pullen stated that he had noted the comments about A37 safety and would help where he could. He asked that people keep an open mind about the current Unitary Authority amalgamation talks.</p>	
7	<p>Planning applications 2019/2958/REM - The Portway Turners Court Lane Binegar Wells BA3 4UA – (previously circulated) The meeting noted this application had been approved with conditions.</p> <p>2020/0103/FDN - Meadwood Binegar Lane Gurney Slade Wells Radstock Somerset BA3 4TR Five day notice: Fell Tree The meeting noted this application.</p> <p>Mendip Local Plan Part II – Sites and Policies consultation on proposed main modifications The meeting considered a response to the modifications and after discussion it was agreed no comment was required unless something came to light at the Part 2 Forum to be held on 11 February 2020. The Chair undertook to attend the meeting.</p>	JA
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 confirmation of precept for 2020-21 The meeting noted the Clerk had received notification of the precept request from Mendip District Council.</p> <p>3. To note receipts since last the report £906.50 – P Coombs – Land Rent £35.00 – CSS – Membership refund £50.00 – Allstone Memorials – Additional engraving Cash family £61.71 – NS&I Interest capitalisation</p> <p>4. To note standing order payments since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – December salary payment £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – January salary payment</p> <p>5. To approve cheque payments £208.20 - HMRC £175.00 – Binegar Memorial Hall – Hall Hire £393.20 – Paul Lincoln emedia South West – Website conversion and hosting</p>	
9	<p>2019-20 Financial year-end arrangements</p> <p>1. Annual Internal Controls Risk Assessment Cath volunteered to undertake this duty.</p> <p>2. Audit arrangements The meeting RESOLVED to agree to continue with existing arrangements.</p>	
10	<p>Memberships Following consideration, the meeting RESOLVED to continue a subscription to Somerset Association of Local Councils.</p>	
11	<p>Playground The meeting received and noted the monthly report. Jon highlighted the issue with the reappearing hole and asked those carrying out inspections to monitor the situation.</p>	All
12	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. Footpaths, pilgrim routes and walking route maps David stated that he had received no further updates.</p>	



	<p>2. Climate and Ecological Emergency pledge Cath requested that the three suggestions made to at the previous meeting should be promoted to parishioners through the website and parish newsletter. Cath and the Clerk undertook to work together to produce relevant information.</p> <p>3. A37 and lanes safety The Chair informed the meeting that Cllr Woodman had responded to Richard's email of 14 November which stated: "I write to confirm that the points raised have been noted and passed to the appropriate officers so that these concerns can be taken into account in future reviews of road safety along the A37." The continued collection of evidence was encouraged.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Device The meeting further discussed the options to purchase and install a Speed Indicator Device and agreed a device capable of collecting data would be the best option. Phill undertook to bring a proposal to the March meeting.</p> <p>4. Binegar Bottom conservation John informed the meeting that he and David had started scraping back the verge encroaching onto the road. John requested funding to purchase six half round posts to continue railing the South side to which the meeting agreed.</p>	<p>DA CL</p> <p>PR</p>
13	<p>Website Cath requested that an additional page be added to the website to promote local services and information. The Clerk undertook to identify relevant information with Cath in order to create a new page.</p>	<p>DA CL</p>
14	<p>Turners Court Lane noticeboard refurbishment The Chair commented on the poor condition of the Turners Court Lane noticeboard and the meeting RESOLVED to agree that work should be carried out to make good the noticeboard. The Chair undertook to carry out the work.</p>	<p>JA</p>
15	<p>Great British Spring Clean Phil informed the meeting that the Village Spring Clean would take place on the 28 and 29 March with help from the local Scouts. The Chair asked that the weekend also included a general clean of the playpark equipment, cutting back of scrub on the outside of the playground fence and a tidy of the Clark's Pool area. The Clerk undertook to advertise the event in the Parish Magazine.</p>	<p>DA PR</p>
16	<p>Local councils and the VE Day 75 anniversary – 8 May 2020 The meeting considered participation in the VE Day celebrations and noted plans made by the villages of Ashwick and Oakhill. Suggestions included a history board on Sergeant Jack Wood (buried in the Churchyard) and a WWII exhibition of artefacts provided by local people. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting. The Clerk undertook to make a request for artefacts in the Parish magazine.</p>	<p>DA</p>
17	<p>Chair's Award Ceremony for Service to the Community The meeting agreed to bring nominations for consideration to the March meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>
18	<p>Events attended Cath informed the meeting that she had attended the Parish Forum with Jon and that it had been an informative event with interesting speakers. It was agreed that a representative from Somerset Waste Partnership should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>The meeting noted that the Chair and the Clerk had attended the Mendip District Council planning training forum which concerned the changes to Mendip's Local Plan Part 1.</p>	<p>JA</p>
19	<p>Highways and rights of way Philip raised concerns over hedges encroaching the highway at various locations around the village. The meeting requested that the Clerk seeks advice from Somerset Highways. Cath raised concerns regarding continued damage to verges and the meeting agreed that</p>	<p>DA</p>



	evidence needed to be collected to allow further investigation. Philip informed the meeting that he had received numerous requests for a dog waste bin at the junction of Bennet's Lane and Station Road. The meeting agreed this should be reviewed at the beginning of next financial year.	All
20	Dates of future meetings To note the 2020 meetings: 3 March, 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm