



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2020 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 and David Wilson.

1	<p>Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Richard Higgins.</p>	
2	<p>Chair's announcements The Chair made the following announcements:</p> <p>1. Notification of events / workshops The Chair informed the meeting of two events previously circulated by the Clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Council Workshop – Tuesday 10 March 6 – 8pm Mendip District Council Chamber One Somerset Council-Unitary discussion – Thursday 19 March – Frome Town Council Chamber. <p>The Chair stated he would attend the discussion on the 19th. Cath agreed to attend the workshop on the 10th.</p> <p>2. Notification of resignation The Chair informed the meeting that he had received notification of resignation from Richard. The meeting acknowledged the resignation and expressed their regret. The Chair explained the process of notification to the monitoring officer and outlined the procedures to be adopted.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 4 February 2020 meeting as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>1. Highcroft quarry advance notifications of events The Chair informed the meeting that Cllr Josh Burr had arranged a meeting for Binegar and Ashwick Councils with Precision Energetics. The meeting discussed how a more effective notification system could be established.</p> <p>It was agreed to establish a What's App group allowing information to be passed directly to interested parties. The meeting noted the group was already in place.</p> <p>It was noted that the quarry is private property and used by other groups for various activities. Precision Energetics would liaise with the owner to suggest other users join the group as a means to notify concerned residents from both parishes.</p> <p>2. Grass cutting contract 2020 The Chair informed the meeting that further clarification had been sort regarding the reduction in prices from the contractor. Furthermore the Clerk had approached a separate contractor and acquired an additionally quotation. After discussion the meeting agreed to continue with the existing contractor.</p>	
6	<p>Local government reports Cllr Josh Burr informed the meeting that the new Parish Forum format would enable greater interaction with Parish Councils. In addition a Clerks' Forum was to be established.</p>	DA



	<p>4. Binegar Bottom conservation John spoke of a document he had received from David which listed By-laws relating to Binegar Bottom. After discussion John circulated copies and members were asked to bring comments back to the April meeting.</p>	All
15	<p>Great British Spring Clean The meeting noted the arrangements for the Village Spring Clean on the 28 and 29 March. The Clerk undertook to circulate posters and make provision for appropriate equipment. Members were encouraged to support the weekend.</p>	DA PR
16	<p>Local councils and the VE Day 75 anniversary – 8 May 2020 The meeting further considered VE Day celebrations and noted the events arranged in the villages of Ashwick and Oakhill. After discussion it was agreed to hold a church service to be followed by light refreshments.</p> <p>David Wilson informed the meeting that he had gathered information on Sergeant Jack Wood (interred in the churchyard) and kindly undertook to put together a history board to be placed in the church.</p>	DS
17	<p>Chair's Award Ceremony for Service to the Community The meeting received a nomination and agreed to forward any relevant information for a citation to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Chair suggested a board be created to honour past and future recipients of the award which was agreed.</p>	All
18	<p>Events attended The Chair informed the meeting that he attended the Part II planning meeting and that he, David, John and Philip had attended the Ash Die Back briefing.</p>	
19	<p>Highways and rights of way Cath gave an overview of an incident involving a car and a protruding rock in Tellis Lane. After discussion it was agreed that the information should be forwarded to County Highways and Cllr Mike Pullin.</p> <p>Philip asked where Truespeed had obtained permission to undertake works on the Batch. The Chair informed him that he had been in touch with the company and was awaiting a response.</p> <p>Philip raised concerns regarding overgrown hedges adjacent to Dalleston. The Clerk undertook to speak with County Highways.</p>	DA DA
20	<p>Dates of future meetings To note the 2020 meetings: 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.02pm