



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2020

online via Zoom due to exceptional circumstances, commencing at 7 00 pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk) and David Wilson.

1	Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.	
2	Chair's announcements Highcroft Quarry The Chair spoke about recent complaints and comments regarding high volume explosions and gun fire in Highcroft Quarry. The Clerk had responded, and parishioners advised if the noise was detrimental to the health and wellbeing, they should contact the Environmental Health Officer at Mendip. One regular user has established a WhatsApp group to notification interested parties in advance of activity. This group can be added to. Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund The Chair referenced an email he had previously circulated regarding applying for a grant to install an electric car charging point in the Village Hall Car Park. It was agreed to proceed with the project.	JB/ JA
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 3 November 2020 Meeting as a correct record.	
5	Local Government Reports There were no reports.	
6	Planning Applications There were no applications for consideration.	
7	Financial matters 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 The meeting noted the following receipts: £1,000.00 – Selway – Land Rent £906.50 – Coombs – Land Rent 3. To note standing order payments since the last report The meeting noted the following standing order payment: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – November salary payment 4. To approve cheque payments The meeting approved the following payments: £184.20 - Expenses J Abbott – Christmas Lights £165.55 – B & S Chains Limited – Cradle seat swing replacement	



	<p>The meeting noted that there will be two payments due prior to the next Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree Felling – Ash Die Back on Neville’s Batch• Village Hall – Room hire <p>The meeting agreed that the Clerk should make these payments which would then be included on the February agenda.</p>	DA
8	<p>On-line banking</p> <p>The meeting noted this item would be deferred until additional information had been obtained from the TSB.</p>	DA
9	<p>Budget and precept 2021-22</p> <p>The meeting RESOLVED to adopt the budget and set a precept of £9,500.00.</p>	
10	<p>Playground</p> <p>The meeting noted the monthly report previously circulated.</p> <p>The meeting noted and agreed to the requirement for additional safety signage – “Slippery surfaces when wet”, the Clerk undertook to order appropriate signage.</p> <p>The meeting thanked David Wilson for completing the painting of the Red Train.</p>	DA
11	<p>A37 SID</p> <p>Phill informed the meeting that he was in contact with the Highways Engineer with a view to virtually moving forward a device.</p>	PR
12	<p>Binegar Bottom tree planting</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that tree planting was due to take place on Thursday 3 December. The meeting noted that a Press Release had been issued and circulated by the Clerk.</p>	
13	<p>Virtual Meetings</p> <p>The meeting discussed the need for separate Parish Zoom account. After discussion it was RESOLVED that an account should be set up on a month by month basis.</p>	DA
14	<p>Christmas</p> <p>The meeting received an update from the Clerk on Christmas arrangements.</p> <p>Cemetery Tree</p> <p>The tree was in place and thanks would be passed to the local benefactor.</p> <p>Village Hall</p> <p>Lights had been placed on a tree outside the Hall and the window dressed.</p> <p>Window and Garden displays</p> <p>Parishioners have been encouraged via the Parish Magazine to bring additional cheer to the village with window / garden displays.</p>	
15	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that the Clerk had been contacted by the County Council Highway Officer responsible for East Mendip and discussions had been had regarding numerous highways issues.</p> <p>The Clerk undertook to report missing road signs at Binegar Bottom and Roemead Lane and damaged speed limit sign on Bennett’s Lane.</p>	DA
16	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p>2021: 2 February, 2 March, 6 April</p>	