



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2022 in the Memorial Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), John Bridges, Phill Roberts, John Scadding and David Wilson.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk) and Philip Blatchford.

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| 1 | Chair's Announcements The Chair thanked those who had helped with the Annual Parish Meeting and commented on the fact that only 2 people had attended. | |
| 2 | Elections, Membership arrangements, adoption of policies Election of Chair Phill nominated and John Scadding seconded Jon for Chair. There were no other nominations and the meeting elected Jon unanimously. Election of Vice Chair David nominated and John Bridges seconded Cath for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and the meeting elected Cath unanimously. Declarations of Acceptance of Office Members received and completed Declarations of Acceptance of Office which the Clerk witnessed. Registration of Interest Forms Councillors present received <i>General Notice of Registerable Interests forms</i> . The Clerk requested the forms be completed and returned. Policy on Councillors' Conduct and Conflicts of Interest The Clerk undertook to circulate the policy. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations It was agreed to defer adopting the policies until the June meeting to allow consideration of the Internal Auditors report. New Committees The meeting appointed no new committees. Councillor responsibilities The meeting agreed to allocate the following responsibilities: Playground management – David Wilson Village clean-ups – Phill Roberts Payroll and HMRC reporting – Cath Law Cemetery safety management – John Scadding Binegar Bottom – John Scadding A37 safety – Phill Roberts Health and wellbeing – Cath Law Quarterly reconciliation checks – John Bridges Project - Interpretation boards – Jon Abbott with the Clerk Project - Narrow gauge railway footpath – John Bridges Project - Commemorations – TBC Training needs The meeting noted that David Wilson should attend 'Being a Good Councillor' training. | |



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| 3 | Apologies for absence The meeting RESOLVED to accept apologies for absence from Cath Law and David Stone | |
| 4 | Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest. | |
| 5 | Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 5 April 2022 meeting as a correct record. | |
| 6 | Local Government Reports There were no local government reports. | |
| 7 | Planning applications There were no planning applications for consideration. | |
| 8 | Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date. 2. Receipts noted since last the report The meeting noted the following receipts. £906.50 – Coombs – Land rent £130.00 – Saunders – Land rent £10,000.00 – Mendip District Council - Precept 3. Standing order payments noted since the last report The meeting noted the following standing order payment. £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk April payment £xx.xx – Parish Clerk back pay from April 2021 4. Cheque/Online banking payments noted since the last report The meeting noted the following online banking payments. £18.94 – C Law expenses – Printing Annual Parish Meeting £14.39 – D Abbott expenses – Refreshments Annual Parish Meeting £25.78 – D Abbott expenses – Crowns and decorations – Jubilee celebrations (grant) £720.00 – Combe Garden Maintenance – Grass cutting £191.42 – J Abbott expenses – Playground Jubilee Payments The Clerk informed the meeting that Jubilee payments would need to be made over the coming weeks and these would be included on the June agenda. | |
| 9 | Insurance The meeting received and considered quotations and RESOLVED to accept a three-year agreement from BHIB at £516.24 per annum. | |
| 10 | Bank Signatories The meeting considered the amendment of bank signatories and RESOLVED to remove Philip Blatchford and add Phill Roberts and David Wilson. | |
| 11 | 2021-2022 Financial year end The meeting received and RESOLVED to approve the annual accounts. | |
| 12 | Playground The meeting received and noted the playground report. The Chair thanked those who had helped at the two working sessions and further thanked Phill for renovating the notice board at the park entrance. | |
| 13 | Albany House Build – Clarkes Pool | |



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| | The meeting noted this item no longer needed consideration. | |
| 14 | Clerks Annual Appraisal The meeting noted that the Clerks appraisal would be taking place with Cath on Monday 16 May. | |
| 15 | Events attended The meeting noted that the Chair and Clerk had attended the Wells Community Network supporting Ukraine meeting on 13 April. | |
| 16 | Highways and rights of way The meeting received the following reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A37 viaduct• Sunken Drains on A37 through Gurney Slade Phill requested thanks should be passed to whoever had carried out recent pavement cleaning. | |
| 17 | Dates of future meetings 2022: 7 June, 5 July. The date of the September meeting date to be considered at the June meeting. | |

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.40pm.