



Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2025 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), John Bridges, Cath Law, John Scadding, David Stone and David Wilson.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk).

1	Apologies for Absence The meeting received apologies for absence from Nikki Hutchison.		
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair made the following announcements: Binegar Green Bus Stop The Chair thanked Paul Sharpe for clearing and refurbishing the bus stop making it a much more welcoming place for bus users. Authority-owned email address Notification has been received requiring all councils to use a generic email account hosted on an authority owned domain to be implemented by March 2026. The Clerk undertook to investigate action required. Binegar Bottom The Chair informed the meeting that clearance of the left-hand side of Binegar Bottom had been carried out.		
3	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.		
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 1 July 2025 meeting as a correct record.		
5	Local Government Reports The meeting noted that the Clerk had circulated the July report from Somerset Council.		
6	Local Community Networks The meeting noted that there were no further updates. The Chair informed the meeting that the next meeting of the highway's working group was scheduled to take place on 9 September although no details had been received.		
7	Planning applications There were no applications for consideration.		
8	Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date. 2. Receipts noted since the last report: £21.00 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank 3. Standing order payments noted since the last report: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – July and August salary payment 4. Online banking payments noted since the last report: £81.60 – Binegar Memorial Hall – Room Hire £9.99 – D Abbott Expenses Flag Rope £2220.00 – Coombe Garden Maintenance – Grass Cutting £420.00 – Coombe Garden Maintenance – Goal Post supply and installation £250.00 – Coombe Garden Maintenance – Laying and dressing of goal post matting £52.00 – D Abbott – GDPR Data Protection Act – Annual fee		



9	National Salary Award 2025-2026 The meeting noted and adopted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) pay award will see a 3.2% increase on all pay points, effective from 1 April 2025. Cath and the Clerk undertook to calculate the pay increase and back pay.	DA CL	
10	Playground 1. The meeting noted the playground report and that goal post work had been completed and matting laid. 2. Cath requested that the bleed kit be added to the inspection sheet. 3. The meeting noted the RoSPA annual report. David ran through issues raised in the report but there matters of immediate concern. 4. The meeting noted that Somerset Council would be producing a "Playing Pitch" register which would include the parish playground. An audit would be taking place in September.	JA	
11	Interpretation Board The meeting received an update on the design of the board. Members agreed to forward any comments to the Clerk.	All	
12	Grass cutting The meeting noted that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to pay 50% of the grass cutting of the new conservation area behind the village hall.		
13	Macmillan Coffee The meeting received an update on arrangements for the Macmillan Coffee morning. It was noted that the event had been publicised in both parish publications. The Clerk undertook to update the banner and create posters to publicise.	DA	
14	Annual Services to the Community Awards The meeting noted that a nomination had been submitted and a response was awaited from Somerset Council.		
15	Events Attended There had been no meeting attended over the summer.		
16	Highways and rights of way Road Closure The meeting noted that Binegar Bottom would be closed, in the area of the bridge, from 15 September to 7 November for repairs to the bridge. Grit Bins Somerset Council have requested grit levels in preparation for winter. John Bridges undertook to check the grit bin on the batch. The Chair undertook to notify Somerset Council by 12 September.	JB JA	
17	Dates of future meetings 2025: 7 October, 4 November, 2 December – 6.30pm.		

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.22pm