



Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2025 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk).

1	Apologies for Absence The meeting received apologies for absence from David Stone.		
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair made the following announcements. Correspondence - MP Anna Sabine A letter had been received regarding a survey for women to share their experiences and suggestions about safety in rural and poorly lit areas. The Clerk undertook to scan and circulate the document. Village Walks The Chair thanked Paula Bromley for creating the first village walking route which will be linked to the interpretation board.		
3	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.		
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 7 October 2025 meeting as a correct record with an amendment to the attendance.		
5	Local Government Reports November report circulated by the Clerk.		
6	Local Community Networks The meeting received an update on the notes from the LCN meeting which had taken place on 30 September. The dates for subcommittee meetings were noted as follows: • Active Travel Working Group – Tuesday 2 December at 7pm – Portway Annex. • Highways Working Group – Tuesday 9 December – Portway Annex.		
7	Planning applications The meeting considered the following planning application: Proposal: Off road parking and drop kerb for disabled badge holder Location: 17 Colbourn Close Binegar Lane Gurney Slade Wells Somerset Applicant: Mr and Mrs Pike Application Type: Householder Application Number: 2025/1720/HSE The meeting agreed to SUPPORT the application.		
8	Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date. 2. Receipts noted since the last report: £17.10 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank £268.15 – HMRC – VAT Return 2024-2025		



	3. Standing order payments noted since the last report: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – October salary payment 4. Online banking payments noted since the last report: £61.20 – Binegar & Gurney Slade Memorial Hall – Meeting Room & Hall Hire £124.80 – Somerset Council – Qrt 1 & 2 play park bin emptying £405.60 – Somerset Council – Qrt 1 & 2 play park bin emptying – Balance invoice £61.56 – J Abbott – Expenses – Christmas Tree Stakes £510.00 – Overt Design – Interpretation Board design £1845.00 – Coomb Garden Maintenance – Grass cutting – Binegar Bottom £25.00 – SALC – Assertion 10 training – Clerk £xxx.xx – HMRC – Salary		
9	Budget and Precept -2026-2027 The meeting received and considered a draft budget and precept for 2026-2027. After discussion it was agreed to update and confirm the projected outturn and reconsider at the December meeting.		
10	Playground The meeting noted the playground report. David reiterated the need for additional playground inspector volunteers. The Clerk confirmed this would be included in village magazines.		
11	Assertion 10 Preparation The meeting noted that the Clerk had attended the Assertion 10 preparation briefing and that the slides would be circulated.		
12	Interpretation Board The meeting noted that the board was about print ready. One minor amend was requested and the clerk undertook to notify the designer.	All	
13	Footpath Wardens The meeting noted that two volunteers had expressed an interest in sharing the role.		
14	Village Clean-up The meeting noted the village clean up would be taking place this Saturday 8 November starting at 10am at the village hall. The Clerk undertook to borrow litter pickers.		
15	Christmas 1. Christmas Tree The meeting noted the tree would be delivered on Friday 28 November and it was agreed to meet at 9.30am. 2. Village Carols The meeting noted the Village Carols would take place on Thursday 17 December.		
16	Events Attended The meeting noted the Clerk had attended the Assertion 10 training.		
17	Highways and rights of way The meeting noted that the Binegar Bottom Road closure had been extended until 28 November.		
18	Dates of future meetings 2025: 2 December – 6.30pm. 2026: 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July – 6.30pm		



The Chair closed the meeting at 7.15pm