



Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2026 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk).

1	Apologies for Absence The meeting received apologies for absence from John Bridges, Nikki Hutchison and Cath Law.		
2	Chair's Announcements The meeting noted the forthcoming County elections for Mendip Hills.		
3	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.		
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 3 March 2026 meeting as a correct record.		
5	Local Government Reports No local government reports received.		
6	Local Community Networks The meeting noted the next LCN meeting would take place on Wednesday 29 April, 6.30pm at Henton Village Hall. The Chair informed the meeting he had attended the Highways Working Group meeting on 31 March. There were no highways updates relevant to the Parish but the Active Travel consultation had been extended until 17 March.		
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 the last report: £10.45 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank Standing order payments noted since the last report: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – March salary payment 3. Online banking payments noted since the last report: £8.64 – SW Broadband – Cloudabove Domain Renewal £405.60 – Somerset Council – Playground bin emptying £36.00 – SW Broadband – Cloudabove Domain Registration to binegar-pc.gov.uk £41.80 – Binegar & Gurney Slade Memorial Hall – Room Hire £195.84 – Somerset Association of Local Councils Ltd – Affiliation fees for 2026-27		
9	Internal Audit The meeting note noted that Auditing Solutions Limited would carry out the Internal Audit on Friday 7 May.		
10	Financial Year End Arrangements 2025-2026 The meeting received the Statement of Accounts for 2025-2026 and agreed to bring them to the May meeting for approval.		



11	Playground The meeting noted the playground report and plans for Binegar Fayre on Saturday 11 July. The Clerk circulated suggestions prepared by Nikki Hutchison for fundraising for a new shelter in the playground.		
12	Assertion 10 The meeting received a quotation of £100.00 for setting up .gov emails in line with the requirements for Assertion 10 on the AGAR. The meeting RESOLVED to approve the set up of .gov emails for councillors.		
13	Annual Parish Meeting The meeting noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Thursday 23 April, 6.00 to 7.00pm. The meeting discussed items for display, and the Clerk informed the meeting that the meeting had been published in the latest edition of the village magazine.		
14	Spring Village Clean Up The meeting considered arrangements for the Village Spring Clean-up. Saturday 25 April starting at 10 o'clock from the Village Hall carpark. The event had been publicised in the latest edition of the village magazine.		
15	Nature Information Boards The Clerk circulated suggested images for nature boards for the conservation area behind the hall. It was agreed to look at the design of a single board encapsulate images relevant to the site and village.		
16	Events Attended The meeting noted the Chair had attended the March Highways Working Group.		
17	Highways and rights of way It was agreed that the Parish Council should advise residents to report highway and rights of way issues directly via the Somerset Council website.		
18	Dates of future meetings 2026: 5 May, 2 June, 7 July – 6.30pm		

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.04pm