



Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2026 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Sam Phripp (County Councillor).

1	Apologies for Absence There were no apologies for absence.		
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair made the following announcements: Defibrillator Pads The clerk has ordered new pads which are currently out of stock. We will continue to monitor the cabinet on a weekly basis. Macmillan Coffee Morning The Chair reminded the meeting that the Parish Council would host its annual Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 18 September, 10am to 12pm Binegar Memorial Hall. Cath informed the meeting she had registered the event and outlined actions.		
3	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest.		
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 7 July 2026 meeting as a correct record.		
5	Local Government Reports The meeting noted that no government reports had been received. Cllr Phripp reported that he was expecting a fortnightly update on progress at Burntwood Crossroads. Completion was expected in mid-December. He was also seeking answers to the unsatisfactory resurfacing of the A37.		
6	Local Community Networks The Chair informed the meeting that he and the Clerk had attended the LCN AGM on 13 July. The meeting had elected Cllr Edric Hobbs as Chair and Cllr Ros Wyke as Vice Chair. There was discussion around the Somerset Local Plan and how to raise public awareness and interest. The next meeting would be held on Monday 21 September. Highways Working Group The meeting noted that the next Highway Working Group would be meeting in September (date to be confirmed).		
7	Planning applications There were no planning applications for consideration.		
8	Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial variances for September. 2. Receipts since last the report: £22.80 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank £928.39 – HMRC VAT payment £120.00 – Hutchinson – Binegar Fayre £1472.49 – D Sheppard – Binegar Fayre £300.00 – Emery – Cemetery – Wareham family £100.00 – Donation – Flags 3. Standing order payments noted since the last report: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – July/August Salary		



	£xxx.xx – HMRC Salary 4. Online banking payments noted since the last report: £220.00 – D Abbott – Expenses – Flags £303.60 – Defib Store Ltd – Replacement Pads £405.60 – Somerset Council – Playground bin emptying £1995.00 – Combe Garden Maintenance – Grass Cutting £181.20 – Play Safety Limited – Annual RoSPA play inspection £900.00 – Combe Garden Maintenance – Playground rear fence repairs £555.00 – Combe Garden Maintenance – Grass Cutting 5. Quarterly Bank Reconciliation The meeting noted that John Bridges would carry out the reconciliation on Wednesday 2 September.		
9	Playground 1. Monthly report The meeting noted that the monthly report had been circulated. 2. Annual Playground Inspection The meeting noted that the Annual RoSPA had been circulated and that no issues of concern had been raised.		
10	Burntwood Crossroad Works The meeting received an update from the Chair.		
11	Highcroft Quarry The meeting noted that the Parish Council has been made aware of an intention to re-commence quarrying in Highcroft Quarry. An application, on behalf of Pennys, is expected this Autumn. Members, along with two councillors from Ashwick, met on 26 August with Nick Dunn (Consultant from Land & Mineral Management) and Tom Brimble from Pennys who outlined their plans. They are hoping to hold a drop-in session in the Village Hall in early October – more details to follow.		
12	Nature Information Board The Clerk shared artwork for the Nature Information board and the meeting agreed to proceed with production.		
13	Website and .gov emails The clerk informed the meeting that quotes had been received and would be discussed at the October meeting.		
14	Events Attended • The Chair and Clerk attended the LCN AGM meeting on 13 July. • The Chair, John Bridges, John Scadding, David Stone and David Wilson attended the meeting in Highcroft Quarry on 26 August.		
15	Parish Maintenance The following areas were raised: • Churchyard cherry tree • Clarkes Pool • Binegar Bottom • Concerns regarding pathway behind The George being overgrown – (Ashwick Parish Council)		
16	Dates of future meetings 2026: 6 October, 3 November, 1 December – 6.30pm		

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.32pm.