Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2026 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 notified the meeting of the following: • Somerset Council have served vehicle removal notices on an abandoned truck and boat of Turners Court Lane. • Somerset Council will not be pursuing the Green Lane proposal between Neville's Batch and Binegar Bottom. They had received 85 comments about the proposal, 75 of which were negative.		
3	**Declarations of Interest** There were no Declarations of Interest.		
4	**Minutes** It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the 6 October 2026 meeting as a correct record.		
5	**Local Government Reports** The meeting noted that no government reports had been received.		
6	**Local Community Networks (LCN)** There is still no date for the next LCN meeting. **Highways Working Group** The meeting noted that John Bridges attended the meeting on Thursday 29 October.		
	Planning applications There were no planning applications for consideration.		
8	**Financial matters** **1. The meeting received and noted a statement of the financial position to date** **2. The meeting noted the following receipts since last the report** £300.00 – BH Mears – Flower family £18.05 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank **3. The meeting noted the following standing order payments since the last report** £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – October Salary £xxx.xx – HMRC - Salary **4. The meeting approved the following on-line/cheque payments** £54.00 – St Andrews Press – Macmillan Banner £62.70 - Binegar & Gurney Slade Memorial Hall – Room Hire £477.60 – Elan City – Year Two extended warranty		
9	**Budget and Precept – 2027 – 2028** The meeting received and considered a draft budget and precept for 2027-2028. It was agreed to bring the draft budget back for approval at the December meeting.		

10	**Savings Account** The Clerk informed the meeting that research on interest rates was work in progress.	DA	
11	**Playground** The meeting noted the monthly playground report.		
12	**Burntwood Crossroad Works** The meeting noted that Travel Somerset continued to give updates on Facebook.	All	
13	**Bennetts Lane Fingerpost** The meeting noted that the fingerpost at the end of Bennetts Lane had been damaged during hedge cutting. The Parish Council have received a call from the contractor regarding the damage. The Clerk has sourced a quote for replacement from Cerdic Foundries for £366.64. It was agreed to approach the contractor to discuss costs and repairs to replace.	JA	
14	**Nature Information Boards** The meeting noted that delivery of the board had been due today. The Clerk undertook to chase up in the morning.	DA	
15	**Be Ready** The meeting discussed the Government's "Be Ready" initiative and agreed that no collective action was required at this time. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the advice in case action was required at a later date.		
16	**Website** The Clerk informed the meeting that quotes had been reviewed and recommended the quotation from Parish Online. The meeting RESOLVED to accept the quote.		
17	**Correspondence** The meeting noted the clerk had circulated the following items of correspondence: • 7 Oct – Parish Update email • 13 Oct – Green Lanes Update • 16 Oct – Road Closure Notice (Tellis Lane) • 23 Oct – Wessex Mayoral Strategic Authority • 2 Nov – Prevent Month of Action		
18	**Events Attended** John Bridges attended the LCN Highways Working Group on 29 October.		
19	**Parish Maintenance** No new comments were raised.		
20	**Dates of future meetings** 2026: 1 December – 6.30pm 2027: 2 February, 2 March, 6 April – 6.30pm		

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.21pm.