

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 April 2013 in the Memorial Hall

Present: G Halfhide (GH) (Chairman), R Anderson (RA), P Blatchford (PB), R Higgins (RH), D Stone (DS), Cath Law (CL). Jude Robbins (JR). Part of time: Cllr Harvey Siggs, A number of local people attended in connection with item 14 (3).

		Action
1	Apologies for absence: WPC Nikki Housley, Cllr Wayne Closier Declarations of interest: none	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2013: agreed as true record.	-
3	Matters arising from the Minutes (1) Weed sprayer: HS to pursue further . Clerk to request works quote from BPC contractor, Primrose.	HS / RT
4	Local government reports, including responses on: (1) School playing field - proposal to gift to Binegar Parish: item closed. (2) Somerset County Council and MDC reports: no report from MDC. HS not allowed to report from SCC due to election rules.	HS HS / SP
5	Police report: received 04/03 report of sheep on the road before Gurney Slade 16/03 Report of suspicious vehicles around Emborough lake area, Police attended and found nothing untoward 22/03 Report of a goat in the road nr Marchants hill.	NH
6	Planning issues (1) Francis Flower: PB reported dust on road and will forward a map and letter to the clerk. (2) Emborough Pond development: RH & PB had attended the Emborough parish meeting, following discussion it was agreed to recommend refusal, RH to draft response for GH to finalise and submit.	PB RH/GH
7	Ongoing Parish Council matters (1) Records policy: agreed to defer to the July meeting. (2) Burial records: the clerk undertook to maintain paper and computer records. (3) Notice boards: PB to ask Paul Milverton (The Smithy, Binegar) to quote for erection of board by phone box on Turners Court Lane.	GH RT PB

	<p>(4) Events attended: none</p> <p>(5) Insurance: GH stated he was assessing alternative quote and will make a recommendation at the May meeting.</p> <p>(6) Co-options: the clerk confirmed that all paperwork for CL and JR was complete.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>GH</p>
8	<p>Binegar Playing Fields Group</p> <p>(1) Minutes of the last meeting were formally noted. The asset list is being updated – noted that current values should not include VAT, GH to confirm they don't with Heather Wareham.</p> <p>(2) Inspection reports: it was noted that Cath Law would prepare future schedules.</p> <p>(3) Fund raising events – the wine tasting and quiz events were noted</p> <p>(4) PB reminded PC that the electricity meter backing board needs replacement. The clerk to report to EDF to ascertain their involvement. .</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>GH</p> <p>CL</p> <p>PB</p> <p>RT/PB/DS</p>
9	<p>Binegar Cemetery</p> <p>(1) Tree surgery assessment: DS reported no progress.</p> <p>(2) Works plan: was noted that dependent on (1).</p>	<p>DS/PB</p> <p>DS</p>
10	<p>Parish land</p> <p>(1) Details of land owned by the Council, tenancies, rents and reviews were received and noted. Document to be held in electronic records.</p> <p>(2) Rent reviews for let land: was agreed to consider annually at October or November meetings.</p> <p>(3) Binegar Bottom: was agreed to consider how to rehabilitate this <i>Local Wildlife Site</i>. RH undertook to seek advice from Somerset Wildlife Trust and involve the Community Gardening Group.</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH</p>
11	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <p>(1) Public rights of way PPLO report: PB reported that the annual ROW survey is in hand. The new permissive path is being well used.</p>	<p>PB</p>
12	<p>Binegar Memorial Hall</p> <p>Proposed extension to car park : DS stated there was no progress to report.</p>	<p>DS/GH</p>
13	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>(1) Asset list: GH stated that updating for insurance purposes was in hand</p> <p>(2) George Inn wayleave: RT reported that the payment for 2012 has not been received, the 2013 payment is now due.</p> <p>(3) Annual accounts: RT stated that the preparation of these was in hand</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>RT</p> <p>RT</p>
14	<p>Sundry items:</p> <p>(1) Community gardening project (including legacy fund): RT has sent a letter to SCC requesting permission for planters, awaiting a reply.</p> <p>(2) Parish Council website proposal: a report was received and considered. It was agreed that RH work with David Jordan on the preparation of a website.</p> <p>(3) Local flooding: local residents joined the meeting to consider what might be done</p>	<p>GH/RT</p> <p>RH</p> <p>GH</p>

	<p>to prevent future flooding. GH reported that the County had still to undertake the promised survey of drains and asked those present to check the drainage plan provided for accuracy. GH also asked to be advised of all properties affected by floods to ensure that the Parish Council had a complete record.</p> <p>RH reported from the Somerset Flood Summit. It was noted that communities in receipt of help had first produced a flood plan. Following discussion, GH undertook to work on a draft plan on condition that those at risk of flooding participated.</p> <p>(4) 1930 OS Parish Map:GH reported that he had offered the map to the Memorial Hall and awaited a reply from the Chair. It was agreed that, should the Hall not wish to accept the map, it should be offered to the Somerset Heritage Centre.</p> <p>(5) Street lamp repairs: one lamp remains to be repaired at Station Road – clerk to report.</p> <p>(6) Sale of Glebe land: as no further update it was agreed to close item. It would be reopened if the planning application was raised.</p> <p>(7) Annual parish meeting: GH undertook to invite presentations from community groups. It was agreed to make the annual donation to Somerset Air Ambulance.</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>RT</p> <p>GH</p>
15	Correspondence: the 'clerks and councils direct' communicated was received noted.	
16	<p>Matters of report and items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Defibrillator: CL undertook to report on this at the May meeting. ● Overhanging trees from the old quarry may cause a wet patch in the playing field: DS to lead the discussion. ● Forward Agenda. GH suggested that such an agenda would be useful. 	
17	Next meeting Annual Parish meeting at 7 00 pm May 7th followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall were noted.	-