

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2015 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), Philip Blatchford, Cath Law, John Scadding and David Stone.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), John Carter (District Councillor).

1	<p>Apologies for absence The meeting RESOLVED to accept apologies for absence from Richard Higgins and Phil Roberts.</p>	
2	<p>Chair's announcements The Chair informed the meeting that Paul Sharp was now officially the Parish Paths Liaison Officer.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 2 June 2015 be signed as a correct record subject to substituting 'Turner's Court Lane' for 'Tellis Court Lane' in item 4.2.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>5.1 Binegar Cemetery The Chair reported the repair of headstones in the cemetery was now complete.</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that Richard had applied to Mendip for pre-planning application advice because the proposed gate is in the view of two Grade II listed buildings. Mendip District Council's service standards required the offer of a meeting by 14 July. The Chair asked if any members would like to attend with Richard. All members expressed an interest in attending.</p> <p>5.2 Finger sign posts The Chair informed the meeting that he and the Clerk had met with "Hyperblast" with a view to having the finger signposts professionally renovated.</p> <p>Members expressed concerns over the project costs. John Scadding suggested the work be carried out by member; David informed the meeting that he was aware that Pilton Parish Council are in the process of renovating their finger posts. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should seek a further quotation and that David would speak with Roger Nobel at Pilton.</p> <p>Philip requested that the Clerk produced a list of proposed projects and predicted costs.</p> <p>5.3 Highways Cleaning of surface water drains, Kings Lane (May 15) To be monitored following the next substantial fall of rain. Repair of potholes, Tellis Lane (May 15) -Complete.</p> <p>5.4 Planning applications 2015/0622/TPO – Meadwood House, BA3 4TS – Felling 1 oak tree The meeting noted this application was approved with conditions.</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>DS DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>All</p>

<p>2014/0045/FUL – Turner’s Court Lane Traveller’s Site – reported breach of conditions The Chair informed the meeting that Cllr John Carter had pressed the issue with the Senior Enforcement Officer (SEO), David Woodridge, who had paid a visit to the site on 3 July 2015 but was unable to see the owner. No response had been received with respect to an invitation to submit a new planning application. Cllr John Carter advised the meeting that the matter was to be discussed at an internal planning meeting on 9 July 2015 with a view to formal enforcement action being taken.</p> <p>The SEO has also commented that he believed the requisite waste water disposal system had been installed.</p>	
<p>2014/2742/FUL – The Portway, BA3 4UA – Maintain temporary agricultural dwelling The meeting noted this application was refused.</p>	
<p>5.5 Ownership of Neville’s Batch [Sept 14] The Chair informed the meeting that work on the application was now completed.</p>	JA
<p>5.6 Emborough Pond [Nov 14] The Chair stated that Cllr Killen had reported that Mendip was preparing to take enforcement action. The meeting asked Cllr John Carter to request an update from Cllr Killen. The meeting noted that a large mobile home had been positioned at the end of the causeway.</p>	DA
<p>5.7 Clarke’s Pool [Dec 14] The Chair informed the meeting that the ash tree had been removed and that access, a digger and means of disposing of the spoil had been arranged and proposed that work should commence on Monday 27 July 2015.</p>	
<p>5.8 Fallopia japonica treatment at Emborough Philip informed the meeting that the plant shoots were not very big and that he is waiting for an improvement in the weather to carry out the required treatment.</p>	PB
<p>5.9 Binegar playing field boundary fence The Chair informed the meeting that of the seven tenders sent out only one quote had been received which was not compliant to the tender requirements. Three other companies had declined to submit a bid. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should send out additional tenders.</p>	DA
<p>5.10 Boundary Hedge with Old Down Touring Site [Jun 15] The Chair informed the meeting that a letter confirming the Parish Council’s wishes to accept Mr Small’s offer to replace the hedge had been hand delivered to Mr Small.</p>	
<p>5.11 Parish Paths Liaison Officer – Induction of Paul Sharp [Apr 15] The Clerk informed the meeting that all appropriate paperwork had been completed with Somerset County Council and that tools from Gus had been handed over to Paul.</p>	
<p>5.12 Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust 50th anniversary exhibition [Jun 15] David informed the meeting that he and Philip had completed the form and that it had been handed to the Clerk.</p>	DA
<p>5.13 Kingscombe speed indicator device (SID) results [Jun 15] The Chair informed the meeting that he had spoken to David Grabham, Traffic Engineer, to clarify the questions raised at the June meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SID is not the fixed speed camera but an auxiliary device and the team that position and operate the SID are not directly related to the speed camera enforcement team. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On this occasion, the SID was positioned just south of the fixed camera and recorded only traffic approaching Binegar from Shepton Mallet and the results showed 15% of vehicles were above the intervention limit. Results are sent to a number of groups for information including the fixed camera and mobile camera teams; it is they who decide if further action is to be taken. <p>5.14 Pedestrian controlled crossing of A37 [Jun 13] The Chair informed the meeting that this matter is held up by a dispute over compensation. There was a report that the owner of the property had initiated contact with County. Richard had approached Cllr Harvey Siggs requesting an up-date on the current position but no response had been received. The meeting asked Cllr John Carter if he could approach Cllr Harvey Siggs for an up-date.</p> <p>5.15 Refurbishment of large multiplay [Aug 14] Philip informed the meeting that the wood had arrived and that timings for work would be confirmed shortly. After discussion, it was agreed that an Auger would be supplied from a contact of Phillip's.</p>	RH
6	Local government reports The meeting agreed that Cllr Carter had already covered points regarding item 5.4 – Turners Court Traveller's Site.	
7	Police reports There was no report.	
8	Dementia awareness and action Cath and the Clerk spoke to the meeting about becoming a Dementia Friendly Community. Cath encouraged members become a Dementia Friend by signing up on the website. It was agreed that further research would be made in preparation for the September meeting. Members RESOLVED to allocate a fund of £200 to support the activity – proposed Philip, seconded David.	DA CL
9	Get up to speed campaign The clerk up-dated the meeting on the campaign and the free events on offer. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should gauge interest within the Parish.	DA
10	Flood prevention – preparation and applications for the flood mitigation fund The Chair briefed the meeting on areas of flood risk, referring to a document prepared by Richard (previously circulated). After discussion the meeting agreed the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the deadline date of 27 July 2015 to apply for funding was very tight and it would be challenging to research accurate costs. That a site meeting at the junction of Roemead Lane and Binegar Bottom should be arranged with Highways as soon as possible . Make an approach to Cllrs Rachel and John Carter requesting they establish the ownership of the culvert under Woodside Terrace. That the ditch by the post office be cleared of vegetation. That a meeting be arranged with Ashwick councillors regarding flooding concerns on the two parish boundaries. That parish boundaries between Binegar and Ashwick are checked. A notice be placed in the Parish magazine asking parishioners to keep culverts clear. 	JA JA JS JA DA DA
11	Chairman's Award for services to the community The Chair stated that the closing date for nominations is 4 September 2015 and asked members for nominations. After discussion, it was agreed to make a nomination. The meeting requested that the Clerk check criteria with SCC to ensure the agreed choice was viable.	DA

12	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>12.1 Financial Control The meeting noted a summary of budget, spending and variances for the Council's accounts.</p> <p>12.2 To note the position of the year-end audit The Clerk advised that the year-end audit had been completed and notices posted.</p> <p>12.3 To note list of expenditure over £100 required for transparency code The Clerk informed the meeting that a list had been published on the website to meet with the requirements of the new transparency code.</p> <p>12.4 To note insurance cover for 2015-16 The Clerk informed the meeting that the annual insurance cover was in place.</p> <p>12.5 Receipts since last report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Abbott – Refund on Land Registry Search fee - £5.00 • J E Emery – Interment Mr and Mrs Brittain - £100.00 • Exclusive Memorials – Memorial Godney - £90.00 • Donation – Cemetery bench £377.71 <p>12.6 Standing order payments since last report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs D Abbott - June salary – confidential • Primrose Garden Maintenance – July payment - £633.60 • Community Council Somerset – Annual subscription - £35.00 <p>12.7 Cheque payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset Tree Surgery – Felling of ash tree Clarke's Pool - £300.00 • P & G Browning – Internal audit fee - £175.00 • Broker Network Limited – Annual insurance - £625.35 • Community Council Somerset – Balance of annual subscription - £5.00 • HMRC – Salary income tax April to June – Confidential • R Higgins – Supply and installation of cemetery bench - £447.24 	
13	<p>Binegar Playing Fields Group</p> <p>Philip informed the meeting that no meeting had been held in June and that a meeting would take place in July. He confirmed that the annual Village Day would take place on Sunday 6 September and requested support from members.</p> <p>Philip stated that the large multi-play would be re-jigged and it was planned to re-use the decking board.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the ROSPA inspection had taken place and the report received and circulated. The Clerk to re-send the report to Philip.</p> <p>David asked Philip if "Bigwood" had a contact who may be interested in looking at the playground fencing.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DA</p> <p>PB</p>
14	<p>Events Attended</p> <p>There were no reports.</p>	
15	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <p>Councillors reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes at the south west end of Binegar Lane (in St Cuthbert Out Parish) • Hedge obscuring highway at Highcroft Lane junction with A37 (Ashwick Parish) • Garden shrubs obscuring highway on Highcroft Lane opposite quarry (Ashwick Parish) • Blocked gully and drains on A37 viaduct north of Portway Lane • Verge obscuring sight line at Portway Lane junction with A37 • Verge obscuring sight line at Whitnell Lane junction with B3139 (Emborough Parish) • Failed street light on Neville's Batch 	<p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p>

16	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p>16.1 Notification of road closure The Clerk informed the meeting that notification of road closure on Binegar Lane had been received and that notification had been posted on notice boards.</p> <p>16.2 Somerset County Council's – Adopt a path The Clerk informed the meeting that details on adopting a path had been received and interested parties should go to the County Council website to request further information.</p> <p>16.3 Police newsletter Philip informed the meeting he had received a newsletter and information from the police.</p>	
17	<p>Next meeting and future dates The Council noted the next meeting would be on 1 September 2015 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2015: 6 October, 3 November, 1 December; 2016: 2 February, 1 March, 5 April, 3 May, 7 June, 5 July, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9 16 pm.