

## ***BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL***

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2015 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

**Present:** Jon Abbott, Richard Higgins (Chair), Philip Blatchford, Cath Law, Phil Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

**In attendance:** Diane Abbott (Clerk), John Carter, Rachel Carter, Tony Griffin and Paul Sharp.

1	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p><b>Chair's announcements</b> An invitation was extended from the Chair and Clerk for drinks after the meeting.</p>	
3	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the 3 November 2015 be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Binegar Cemetery - Proposal to build a lych gate</b> Jon reported that he had no news on the planning submission. The Chair stated that the Parochial Church Council has indicated its support. In discussion of the design, members suggested an all wood construction and space for seating. It was agreed that the design should be considered in light of this and that prices and possible funding should be explored.</p> <p><b>5.2 Finger sign-posts</b> The Clerk informed the meeting that work would commence on refurbishment when weather permitted and that she had sought costs for finger posts from three companies.</p> <p><b>5.3 Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sight line obstruction fence at Binegar Lane /A37 junction</b> [Sep 15] The Clerk reported that there was no further up-date.</li> <li>• <b>Tape Lane: broken footpath sign</b> (below the old chapel) (Oct 15) As this work was not complete, the Clerk undertook to monitor progress.</li> <li>• <b>Turners Court Lane: pot hole by finger post near old railway bridge</b> (Oct 15) The Clerk reported this work was completed.</li> <li>• <b>A37: land owners' overgrowing hedges (south of Clarke's Pool)</b> (Oct 15) Jon stated that clearance had taken place.</li> <li>• <b>A37: blocked gully on viaduct south of Old Down</b> (Nov 15) The Clerk reported this work was completed.</li> <li>• <b>Binegar Lane/A37 Junction: missing street name</b> (Nov 15) The Clerk stated this she had reported the matter and would monitor progress.</li> <li>• <b>Turner's Court Lane: broken footpath sign</b> (Nov 15) The Clerk stated that she had reported this matter and would monitor progress.</li> <li>• <b>Woodside Terrace: broken street lamp</b> (Nov 15) The Clerk stated that she had reported this matter and would monitor progress.</li> </ul> <p><b>5.4 Planning applications</b></p> <p><b>2014/0045/FUL – Turner's Court traveller's site – reported breach of conditions</b> Cllr John Carter admitted that there had been delays with enforcement. Councillors and members of the public expressed anger at this. In discussion Cllr Carter reported that</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p>

	<p>Mendip had doubled its planning enforcement team in strength to four officers. Cllr Carter undertook to monitor progress closely, ensuring no further delays.</p> <p><b>2015/1830/OTS – Proposed house – 5 Dalleston, Turners Court Lane, Binegar</b> The meeting noted this application had been refused and then withdrawn.</p> <p><b>2015/2204/FUL – Bennett’s Lane – proposed barn</b> The meeting noted that the closing date for comments was 26 November 2015.</p> <p><b>5.5 Pedestrian controlled crossing A37</b> [Jun 13] The meeting noted that there had been progress and the Chair drew attention to a report from the Programme Implementation Officer. He undertook to monitor the matter.</p> <p><b>5.6 Refurbishment of large multiplay</b> [Aug 14] Philip stated that refurbishment was complete, except for a slide. After discussion, the meeting <b>RESOLVED</b> to spend £160.00 on a slide. Philip undertook arrange purchase and installation.</p> <p>The Clerk and several members pressed Philip about written assurance of standards from the maker. Philip stated that there was no such written assurance and that the maker should not be asked to pay for a safety assessment. After discussion, the meeting agreed that the Clerk should arrange a safety assessment by the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents.</p> <p><b>5.7 ‘Get up to Speed’ internet and computer skills programme</b> [Jul 15] The Clerk informed the meeting that training was planned for 16 February 2016. She undertook to arrange a venue and notify interested parties.</p> <p><b>5.8 Flood prevention</b> Jon reported no further progress on works at Roemead Lane/Binegar Bottom. He stated that he and John had cleared the ditch by the Post Office for which the Chair thanked them. The Chair stated that Cllr Siggs had pursued the general matter at the County with a report expected soon.</p> <p><b>5.9 Somerset Health and Well Being Fund:</b> walking/jogging track at Binegar Quarry Jon advised there was too little time to bid to the 2015-16 fund and suggested working up a project in 2016. He proposed that this year’s bid was for playground apparatus.</p>		
6	<p><b>Local government reports</b> Cllr Carter gave a report on the debriefing from the 2015 Glastonbury Festival.</p>		
7	<p><b>Police reports</b> No reports received.</p>		
8	<p><b>Planning</b> There were no planning applications to consider.</p> <p>Phil raised concerns from parishioners about The Portway on Turner’s Court Lane where there had been no enforcement of the refused planning application. Cllr Carter advised that the applicant proposed to submit a new application to remedy this planning breach.</p>		
9	<p><b>Creating a dementia friendly community</b> Cath informed the meeting that the public sessions went well and were well attended.</p> <p>She gave a summary of suggestions on how to move the project forward, which included the creation of a steering group and linking with other local groups. She undertook to develop and progress the project.</p>		CL



	<p>David drew attention to some defects in the Churchyard and it was agreed to ask Primrose Garden Maintenance to attend to these.</p> <p><b>Beautification ideas</b>  The meeting discussed beautification ideas for the villages and agreed to pursue the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Churchyard and cemetery work</li> <li>• New village signs</li> <li>• Binegar Bottom woodland management</li> <li>• Village heritage signs</li> </ul> <p>John undertook to look at the south side of Binegar Bottom with a view to tidying it up.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>JS</p>
13	<p><b>Playground</b>  The Chair proposed and the meeting agreed to record a vote of thanks to all who had helped Binegar Playing Fields Group (BPFGB) to upkeep the playground.</p> <p>The Council received a report on interim management arrangements and immediate maintenance. After discussion, the Council agreed the interim management arrangements.</p> <p>The Council also agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retain junior multiplay and do remedial work to it and climber-A frame.</li> <li>• Write off and dispose of the swing seat.</li> <li>• Prepare and submit a bid for a swing to the Health and Well Being Fund</li> </ul> <p>Philip stated that there were still fund raising events for the Playground.</p>	<p>DA DA DA</p>
14	<p><b>Planning applications that fall outside the boundary of the Parish</b>  Philip gave his thoughts on dealing with planning applications outside the Parish boundaries. He expressed concern about consistency. After considerable discussion, it was agreed to include such applications on the agenda on a case-by-case basis.</p>	
15	<p><b>Events attended</b>  There were no reports of events attended.</p>	
16	<p><b>Highways and rights of way</b>  No reports were received.</p>	
17	<p><b>Correspondence received</b>  No correspondence received.</p>	
18	<p><b>Items for the next or a future agenda</b>  There were no future agenda items.</p>	
19	<p><b>Next meeting and future dates</b>  The Council noted the next meeting was on 2 February 2016 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2016: 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 8.51pm.