

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2016 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) and Cllr J Carter.

1	<p>Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3	<p>Election of officers and annual reviews 3.1 Election of Chair – John nominated and Jon seconded Richard for Chair. Philip nominated and Cath seconded Jon for Chair. Jon declined the position and the meeting elected Richard. 3.2 Election of Vice Chair – Philip nominated and Cath seconded Jon for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and the meeting elected Jon. 3.3 New Committees No new committees appointed. 3.4 Review of Standing Orders The meeting agreed that the Chair and Cath would review Standing Orders. 3.5 Complaints Procedure The meeting considered the current procedure. The Clerk advised that there were no changes recommended and the meeting RESOLVED to readopt the Complaints Procedure.</p>	RH CL
4	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 5 April 2016 be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Chair's Announcements There were no announcements.</p>	
6	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes 6.1 Highways and footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Binegar Lane/A37 junction: missing street name (Nov 15)</i> The Clerk reported this item was on order from Mendip District Council. ▪ <i>Turner's Court Lane: footpath sign (Nov 15)</i> The Clerk reported this was on order from Somerset County Council and needed chasing. ▪ <i>Bennett's Lane: loose phone wire hanging from telegraph pole (Feb 16)</i> The Clerk reported this was completed. ▪ <i>Marchant's Hill: footpath sign (Feb 16)</i> The Clerk reported this was on order from Somerset County Council and needed chasing. ▪ <i>Tellis Lane: Pot holes along length (Apr 16)</i> The Clerk reported this was on order. ▪ <i>Bennetts Lane: potholes at flood ditch to west of bend (Apr 16)</i> The Clerk reported this was on order. ▪ <i>Turner's Court/ Portway Lanes: sunken trench (Apr 16)</i> The Clerk reported this was on order. ▪ <i>A37 west side of Kingscombe to Gurney Slade: bramble patch on verge (Apr 16)</i> The Clerk reported this was on order. ▪ <i>First buses: request passing only at foot of Binegar Lane (Apr 16)</i> The Clerk stated that she awaited a response. 	DA DA

	<p>6.2 Planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2014/2684/FUL – Alfie’s Retreat, Turner’s Court Lane The meeting noted there was still no published decision. ▪ 2016/0274/FUL – Bennett’s Lane BA3 4UG – Barn The meeting noted this application was approved. ▪ 2014/2742/FUL – The Portway, Turner’s Court Lane – temporary dwelling Cllr Carter reported that this breach was to be enforced. Philip, advocating for the applicant, corrected Cllr Carter stating that the applicant had submitted a planning application and that the planning officer had requested further details. ▪ 2015/1968/AGB – Land south of Ann’s Cottage BA3 4UA – shed Cllr Carter reported this breach was under review. ▪ 2013/0775 – Marchant’s Hill Barn, Portway Lane BA3 4TZ – status of occupation The Chair stated he would seek further information on the status of this ‘live’ application. <p>6.3 Somerset & Dorset Railway – event management (Mar 16) The Clerk reported the arrangements for the event.</p> <p>6.4 The Council’s Annual Meeting with Parishioners on 12 May (Mar 16) Philip questioned why the meeting was to be at 6 00 pm and was advised he had been party to the decision. The Clerk stated that she would publish an agenda. It was noted that Councillors contributions would be covered under item 10.</p>	RH
7	<p>Local government report Councillor Carter reported that Mendip proposed to invest £400,000 towards better broadband, was reviewing its Section 106 community benefit from development policy and would publish plans to restructure the Council.</p>	
8	<p>Police reports The meeting considered removing this item and agreed to include reports in correspondence.</p>	
9	<p>Planning Applications The Clerk informed the meeting of receipt of a late application for which she had requested an extension for response.</p>	
10	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>10.1 Annual Account for the year to 31 March 2016 The meeting RESOLVED to approve the annual accounts and for the Chair and Clerk to sign.</p> <p>The meeting considered the Annual Return. The Clerk noted that last year the external auditor had criticised the Council for signing its sections before the internal auditor. This year, the internal auditor had approved his section but had declined to sign until after the Council. The meeting RESOLVED that the Chair, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer should sign the relevant sections.</p> <p>10.2 Council Insurance The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received two quotations for insurance and would consider these with the chair.</p> <p>10.3 Receipts since last report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mendip District Council - Parish Precept - £8,500.00 ▪ Mendip District Council - Council Tax Support Grant - £320.76 ▪ Peter Coombs – Land rent - £906.50 ▪ JJ Saunders – Land rent - £130.00 ▪ The George Inn – Wayleave - £60.00 ▪ Cash donation Quiz night - £94.50 – Playground account ▪ Cash – donation – Previous fundraising - £3.36 – Playground account ▪ Exclusive Memorials – Headstone Mr Hill - £90.00 	DA DA DA

	<p>10.4 Standing order payments since last report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs D Abbott April salary – confidential ▪ Community Council Somerset – subscription - £35.00 <p>10.5 Approval of Cheque Payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Binegar Memorial Hall – hall hire - £265.00 ▪ Hyperblast – finger posts - £864.00 ▪ Somerset Tree Surgery – cemetery trees - £650.00 ▪ Community Council Somerset – subscription balance - £5.00 	
11	<p>Project updates</p> <p>The meeting received updates from Councillors on projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village signposts (with DA) ▪ Cemetery lych gate and churchyard tree works (with JA) ▪ Binegar Bottom planting, clearing and woodland management plan (with PB) ▪ The Fair Field (with DS) ▪ Dementia-friendly villages (with DA) ▪ Village history plaques 	PR RH JS CL CL RH
12	<p>Playground</p> <p>The meeting received and considered a report from the Clerk on playground inspection and maintenance. The meeting agreed to accept an offer from Mr E Ross to assist with playground inspections and maintenance days.</p> <p>Large multiplay</p> <p>To avoid a delay in opening, Jon proposed that the Council delegate financial authority to the Clerk to make good any structural or safety surface defects identified in the RoSPA post-installation inspection. The meeting RESOLVED to permit Clerk to commit up to £1,500. Philip suggested that <i>Bigwood Play Systems</i> should rectify structural defects.</p> <p>Request to use playground for a private wedding party</p> <p>The meeting considered a request to use the playground as part of a wedding reception for which the Hall was booked. The request included using the playground for a barbeque. The Council noted that the playground was a public area open at all times. This would allow children at the wedding access via the gate at the rear of the Hall. The playground could not, however, be used for a private event. The meeting asked the Clerk to respond to the request.</p>	DA DA DA
13	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>The meeting considered and agreed a request to place ashes on a family grave.</p>	DA
14	<p>Events Attended</p> <p>No events attended.</p>	
15	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <p>Binegar Bottom – dangerous metal appendage hanging loose from railway bridge.</p>	DA
16	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p>No correspondence received.</p>	
17	<p>Next meeting and future dates</p> <p>The Council noted the next meeting would be on 7 June 2016 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2016: 5 July, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.36pm.