

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2016 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Paul Guatieri, Tony Griffin, Rev Captain Richard Priestley, Keith Robbins, Paul Sharp, Celia Sturgeon and John Sturgeon.

1	<p>Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept an apology from Richard Higgins.</p>	
2	<p>Chair's Announcements The Chair announced that he would like the meeting to discuss the Somerset County Council Chairman's Award outside of the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interests from Councillors.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of 7 June 2016 be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>5.1 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 had been re-reported to Mendip District Council. ▪ <i>Turner's Court Lane: footpath sign (Nov 15)</i> The Clerk reported this had again been forwarded to Rights of Way. ▪ <i>Marchant's Hill: footpath sign (Feb 16)</i> The Clerk reported this had again been forwarded to Rights of Way. ▪ <i>A37 west side of Kingscombe to Gurney Slade: bramble patch on verge (Apr 16)</i> An inspection of the area has been carried out in accordance with the Highway Safety Inspection Manual and under the conditions contained in the manual it does not constitute a safety defect. Although not aesthetically pleasing there is no resource to carry out work. ▪ <i>First buses: request passing only at foot of Binegar Lane (Apr 16)</i> The Clerk stated that no response had been received. ▪ <i>Binegar Bottom: appendage hanging from railway bridge (May 16)</i> The Clerk reported that the sign had been inspected and had been found to be securely fixed. ▪ <i>Bennett's Lane: rocks on verge (Jun 16)</i> The Clerk reported that work had been completed. ▪ <i>King's Lane: broken sign (Jun 16)</i> The Clerk reported this had been forwarded to Mendip District Council. ▪ <i>Roemead Lane: broken road sign (Jun 16)</i> The Clerk reported this had been forwarded to Mendip District Council. ▪ <i>A37 at Emborough: road markings faded (Jun 16)</i> The Clerk reported an inspection had been arranged and if appropriate would be forwarded to traffic team for inclusion in sign cleaning programme – Ref - 295097 <p>5.2 Planning applications</p> <p>2015/2684/FUL – Alfie's Retreat, BA3 4UA – traveller's pitch Philip informed the meeting he had spoken to David Woodridge and thought that a second application had been submitted.</p> <p>2013/0775/– Marchant's Hill Barn, Portway Lane BA3 4TZ – status of occupation The meeting noted this application was pending decision.</p> <p>2016/0951/HSE – 1 Slade Cottages, BA3 4TG – conversion of garage to disabled facility. The meeting noted this application had been approved with conditions.</p>	

	<p>2016/0908/OTS – The Portway, BA3 4UA – Construction of a farm worker’s dwelling The meeting noted this application had been refused.</p> <p>5.3 Fallopia japonica at Emborough (May 16) The Chair informed the meeting that Richard was reviewing the situation and would undertake spraying as appropriate.</p> <p>5.4 Cemetery yew tree works (Feb 16) The Chair stated that tenders had been sent to five potential contractors with a return date of 22 July 2016. He informed the meeting that opening of the tenders and awarding of a contract would be conducted in accordance with Financial Standing Orders.</p>	
6	<p>Local government report Councillor’s John and Rachel Carter had sent their apologies along with a report which included detail of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Mendip District Council is continuing with its shared services arrangement with four other councils. 2. The monitoring of on-going planning applications. 3. Notification of Mendip District Council’s launch of an online fully automated Shape Mendip Lottery. 	
7	<p>The Fair Field and Holy Trinity Church Rev Capt Richard Priestley presented some points for discussion which were debated by the members. The Council agreed to support the project in principle but on the proviso that known issues, particularly with the boundary wall, were made good beforehand. The Council would also need to fully understand the steady-state maintenance costs once the project had been completed. A joint site visit was requested to fully understand the suggestions and agree terminology.</p>	
8	<p>Planning applications</p> <p>2016/1092/FUL Mr I Saunders, Old Down Farm – Change of use of agricultural land for outdoor storage of caravans and construction of landscape bunds. The Chair stated the majority of this application fell in Ston Easton Parish who had responded with no objections. Philip stated that he had received concerns from a resident regarding the bund on the SE Corner. After discussion, the meeting RESOLVED to recommend approval but request concerns from the resident should be noted.</p> <p>2016/1446/CLP – 5 Dalleston, BA3 4UD – Lawful Development Certificate for a garage and workshop, store, plant, WC endless pool, timber fence, parking access. The Chair stated this application was for Lawful Development and the meeting noted the application.</p>	
9	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>9.1 Financial Control The meeting received and noted a summary of the Council’s accounts.</p> <p>9.2 Submission of Annual Return The meeting noted that the Annual Return had been submitted and notification of public viewing had been displayed.</p> <p>9.3 To note receipts since the last report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ £10.00 – Anonymous donations April & May – (Playground) ▪ £180.00 – Adams Memorials – K Matthew ▪ £50.00 - S & D tea and cake sale – (Playground) <p>9.4 To note standing order payments since the last report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confidential Clerk’s June salary ▪ £633.60 Primrose Garden Maintenance <p>9.5 To Approve cheque payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ £85.25 – SALC – Affiliation fees ▪ £40.00 – SALC – Good Councillor Training July 2015 ▪ £184.80 – Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA annual inspection 	

10	<p>Project updates The meeting received updates from Councillors on projects:</p> <p>Village signposts (with DA) Phil informed the meeting that he had been in touch with Morris and Perry and Flowers and Son for support. The Clerk stated that she had been in touch with Highways and was looking for further guidance to support the project.</p> <p>Cemetery lych gate and churchyard tree works (with JA) The Chair stated that tenders had been sent to five potential contractors. Once costs had been acquired the planning application could be completed.</p> <p>Binegar Bottom planting, clearing and woodland management plan (with PB) John informed the meeting that further work on clearing and planting would take place in the Autumn. Philip proposed that large stones should be placed across the gap adjacent to the culvert to prevent misuse by vehicles. John agreed to approach Morris and Perry.</p> <p>The Fair Field (with DS) This item was covered under Item 7.</p> <p>Dementia Friendly Villages Cath informed the meeting that the Clerk would be attending a Dementia Champions training Day later in the month.</p> <p>Village history plaques There were no additions to the list circulated by Richard. Philip requested a copy of the list.</p> <p>Village herbicide spraying pilot Philip informed the meeting he would be liaising with Gus to move the spraying forward. He stated that a parishioner was concerned that areas along Station Road would look bleak if spraying took place. The Council agreed that spraying should go ahead.</p>	PR RH JS CL CL RH PB
11	<p>Clean for the Queen The meeting discussed and agreed to an Autumn Clean Up the second weekend in October. Phil offered to manage the project.</p>	PR
12	<p>Playground</p> <p>1. Monthly Report The meeting received and considered a report from the Clerk on playground inspection and maintenance. The Clerk stated the importance of inspections taking place weekly and requested those on the rota should arrange a swop if they were unable to carry out inspections.</p> <p>2. Large Multiplay The Chair stated that work had been carried out to address the issues raised in the RoSPA report and that the following activities needed to be carried out prior to opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Herras fencing needed to be removed. David Stone agreed to storing and assisting Jon and John to remove it. ▪ The grass needed cutting. The Clerk agreed to find out when the next grass cut would take place. <p>3. Annual RoSPA report The meeting received the Annual RoSPA report, previously circulated, and the Chair asked for comments. Whilst only requiring to be monitored the main areas to be addressed in the coming year are the small multi-play and the Crawl Through.</p>	JA

	<p>4. Small Multiplay</p> <p>The Chair proposed that the Small Multiplay and Crawl Through should be replaced as a single project. He stated that grants and funding were available but applications would require a project plan. The Clerk tabled some suggestions and it was agreed that funding should be applied for using an appropriate piece of replacement apparatus as an exemplar.</p>	DA
13	<p>Standing Orders</p> <p>The meeting received and RESOLVED to adopt revised Standing Orders.</p>	All
14	<p>Events Attended</p> <p>No events attended.</p>	
15	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <p>The meeting reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A37 flooding and blocked drains adjacent to the viaduct ▪ Large pot hole on Tellis Lane ▪ Drainage issues on Whitnell Lane, drains higher than road and full of mud ▪ Elderflower bush at rear of George Inn causing obstruction ▪ Trench at junction of Turners Court Lane and Kings Lane still not made good ▪ Car parked regularly on A37 adjacent to "Underleigh" property causing obstruction to the pavement <p>David informed the meeting he had spoken to the Chair at Ashwick regarding sleepers on Highcroft Lane.</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 was on 6 September 2016 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2016: 4 October, 1 November, 6 December</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:50pm.