

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2017 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), Paul Sharp, Celia Sturgeon and John Sturgeon.

1	<p>Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept an apology from Richard Higgins and Phil Roberts.</p>	
2	<p>Chair's Announcements The Chair read the police report.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest Cath declared an interest in Item 8.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 6 June 2017 be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>1. Highways and footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binegar Lane/A37 junction: missing street sign (Nov 15) • Roemead Lane: broken road sign (Jun 16) The Clerk reported this was still outstanding with Mendip District Council • Tape Lane/Chapel Lane junction: pot hole (Mar 17) The meeting noted this item was now complete. • Station Road/Binegar Lane: Road condition by Horse and Jockey (May 17) The clerk informed the meeting that although the road had been regularly inspected the surface has a number of trench reinstatements, no safety defects are evident. Highways will continue to monitor this road and should the condition materially change appropriate action will be taken. • Binegar Lane adjacent to playground: deep hole at roadside (June 17) The meeting noted an inspection had been made and would be actioned as necessary – Ref 520168 • A37 Marchants Hill, south of Tellis Lane junction: corroded post of road sign (June 17) The meeting noted an inspection of the corroded post has been arranged and any safety defects identified will be actioned as necessary – Ref 520169 • A37 Gurney Slade: puffin crossing warning light out of action (June 17) The meeting noted this has been reported to Traffic signals who would investigate – <i>post meeting note - work now complete.</i> • A37 viaduct south of Old Down: twig debris in gully (June 17) The meeting noted an inspection has been arranged and any safety defects identified will be actioned as necessary – Ref 520173 • Binegar Lane south of Colbourn Close: rotted litter bin post (June 17) The meeting noted Jon had re-fixed the post. • Binegar Lane/A37 junction: worn out directional signs to Binegar/Village Hall (June 17) The meeting noted an inspection has been arranged and if appropriate the results will be forwarded to the Traffic Engineer – Ref 520174 <p>2. Planning applications 2016/2573/FUL – Alfie's Retreat BA3 4UA – Compliance with planning conditions The meeting noted this was still not determined.</p>	
6	<p>Local government reports The meeting noted apologies from Cllrs John and Rachael Carter.</p>	

7	<p>Planning applications 2017/1507/HSE – Bothie House, Station Road, BA3 4UG – Proposed summerhouse The meeting agreed to support the decision of the planning officer.</p>	
8	<p>2016-17 Annual Return The meeting noted that the Clerk had addressed two queries from Grant Thornton and awaited receipt of the annual return.</p>	
9	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>1. Current financial position The meeting noted the current financial position to date.</p> <p>2. Receipts since the last report The meeting noted the following receipts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £375.00 – Bryan G. Bishop Ltd – Cemetery - M D Harkins / W Crockett • £90.00 – Adams Memorials – Memorial – Caley <p>3. Standing order payments since the last report The meeting noted the following standing orders since the last report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £649.37 - Primrose Garden Services - June grass cutting • £XXX.XX - Parish Clerk salary, June – confidential <p>4. Approval of cheque payments The meeting noted and approved the following cheque payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £163.80 – HMRC - Income tax April to June • £78.07 - D.E Abbott - Let’s Celebrate – Printing of leaflets, posters and banners • £39.19 – D E Abbott – Let’s Celebrate – DVD purchase x 3 • £5.88 – D E Abbott – 6 x 1st class large stamps • £420.00 – A Wrintmore – Memorial repairs • £2,000 – The Woodworker – interim payment for the lych gate • £523.20 – Andy J Hague – Let’s Celebrate – cinema and licences <p>The Chair requested that the Clerk be allowed to make the necessary payments for Let’s Celebrate transactions prior to the next meeting and the meeting RESOLVED to agree.</p>	
10	<p>Henry Martin and village celebration Jon reported that planning was essentially complete and activity now revolved around ensuring everything was in place for the weekend.</p>	JA
11	<p>Project updates</p> <p>1. Village signposts The Chair informed the meeting that consultation on village signs was currently taking place through the Parish News and that the emerging preference was for both village names to be used. An invitation to Ashwick to participate had been made and they would be considering at their July meeting. The Chair added that he had met with Brian Perry and he was keen to support the project. The Chair asked if Phil and the Clerk would distil the comments received and bring options to the next meeting.</p> <p>2. Cemetery Lych Gate The meeting noted that work was progressing well on the lych gate and that the roof would be added when the contractor returns from holiday. The Chair stated that the benches could not be put in place until it was agreed that flooring should be laid. The meeting RESOLVED to agree that flooring should be laid.</p> <p>3. Binegar Bottom The Chair informed the meeting that the tender for works had been distributed and that the return date was Monday 19 July. The meeting agreed that John and Richard would be present for the opening of the tenders and select the contractor.</p>	DA PR RH JS

	<p>4. Public Benches The Chair informed the meeting that a review had yet to be started.</p> <p>5. Neville's Batch The meeting noted that Mr Gregory had restored Neville's Batch as agreed and John agreed to send a letter of thanks. Concerns were raised regarding drifting gravel and a laid down water hydrant. John agreed to investigate.</p> <p>6. Cemetery Improvements The Chair sought views on hedging the fence line of the cemetery. Concerns were expressed that the open vista of the cemetery and church would be lost. The Chair proposed that a decision should be left until the lych gate was complete and suggested views of parishioners should be sought. The Clerk agreed to do this through the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>7. Churchyard Improvements The Chair informed the meeting that Richard had written to the secretary of the PCC with proposals for tree works, flood lighting and capstone repair and had had confirmation that the proposal would be considered at the July meeting of the PCC.</p>	<p>JA RH</p> <p>JS JS</p>
12	<p>Playground The meeting received the monthly playground report and noted that the RoSPA report had been received. The main point of note was that the A Frame Climber had been condemned due to the potential drop height and lack of appropriate safety surfacing. The structure is due to be removed. The Clerk agreed to circulate the report to members.</p>	DA
13	<p>The Great British clean up The meeting considered arrangements for the autumn and agreed that date would be confirmed with Phil and the Clerk and arrangements made at the September meeting.</p>	PR DA
14	<p>Historic records management The meeting noted there were no records for transfer to the Somerset Archive.</p>	
15	<p>Events attended There were no events attended.</p>	
16	<p>Highways and rights of way The following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree across footpath on Marchants Hill that requires landowner's permission to remove. • Dog Fouling – Notice to be included in Parish Magazine 	
17	<p>Dates for the next and future meetings To note the next meeting: 5 September 17.</p> <p>Future meetings 3 October 17, 7 November 17, 5 December 17, 6 February 2018</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.08pm.