



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2018 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Cllr Rachel Carter, Cllr Mike Pullen, Bryan Rich and Paul Sharp.

The Council heard concerns from Bryan Rich regarding a letter received from Somerset County Council concerning pruning of trees along Whitnell Lane in preparation for the *First's* route 173 double-deck bus coming through the village.

1	Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept an apology for absence from Cath Law.	
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair announced that the Annual Parish meeting would take place on Thursday 10 May and that the July meeting would take place on Tuesday 17 July. He undertook to take Item 6.5 after Item 5.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Elections of officers and annual reviews 1. Election of Chair Jon nominated and John seconded Richard for Chair; the meeting elected Richard. 2. Election of Vice Chair John nominated and Phil seconded Jon for Vice Chair; the meeting elected Jon. 3. New Committees The Council appointed no new committees. 4. Policy review Jon volunteered to review the <i>Freedom of Information Act: Information available to the public</i> .	
	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 3 April 2018 be signed as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the Minutes 1. Planning applications 2016/2573/FUL – Alfie's Retreat BA3 4UA The meeting noted that the status remained 'awaiting decision' and considered correspondence with the Chief Executive of Mendip District Council. Richard undertook to reply expressing the views raised by the Parish Council and to prepare a referral to the Local Government <i>Ombudsman</i> . The meeting agreed to accept the decision made by the District Councillors regarding taking the matter to the Mendip District Council Planning Board. 2018/0255/OTS – Development of 15 dwellings west of Flowerstone The meeting noted that Mendip refused the application.	RH



	<p>2018/0225/FUL – Detached dwelling, The Batch, Highcroft Lane, Binegar, BA3 4PT The meeting noted that the application had been withdrawn.</p> <p>2. Proposed permissive footpath between Binegar Bottom and footpath SM3/16 The meeting agreed to carry this item forward to the June meeting.</p> <p>3. Protection of verges The meeting agreed to carry this item forward to the June meeting.</p> <p>4. A37 street cleaning Phil reported it was the road sweeper (not the washer) that no longer worked. Richard undertook to raise the question with the quarry.</p> <p>5. Bus route 173 Philip informed the meeting that he had communicated with Mr Hanson at <i>First</i> and would meet with him on Wednesday 9 May with Neal Corp from County Highways to decide which trees along the 173 route through the village required lopping to permit passage of a double deck bus. The meeting thanked Philip for his efforts to resolve the ongoing situation.</p> <p>6. Five-year inspection of cemetery and graveyard – 2 June 2018 The meeting noted that Richard, Jon and Phil had undertaken to carry out the safety inspection of memorials. Public had been invited to attend at 11.00am. Richard stated that, in case of inclement weather, the inspection would be on Saturday 9 June.</p>	PB RH RH PB
6	<p>Local government reports Cllr Rachel Carter commented on the improved format of Mendip's Parish Forum and encouraged attendance.</p>	
7	<p>Planning applications and issues There were no planning applications for consideration.</p>	
8	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>1. Financial position The meeting noted the financial position to date and received an update on the presentation of the variances and the budget for the financial year.</p> <p>2. Receipts noted since the last report: £9,000.00 – Mendip District Council – Precept 2018-19 £60.00 – G Fuzzey – <i>The George</i> sign wayleave 2018-19 £100.00 – A Matthews – interment fee - Matthews</p> <p>The meeting noted the these receipts listed on the agenda had been duplicated from last month £260.00 – J J Saunders – Land rent 2018-20 £906.50 – P Coombs – Land rent first half 2018-19 £100.00 – E Emery & Sons – interment fees (Burr and Young families)</p> <p>3. Standing order payments noted since the last report: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – April salary</p> <p>4. Cheque payments authorised: £648.94 – Zurich Municipal – Parish Council insurance 2018-19 £146.88 – AED Locator Ltd – Defibrillator replacement battery</p>	



	<p>The meeting noted the these payment listed on the agenda had been duplicated from last month £163.80 – HMRC – Income tax (January – March 2018) £24.72 – D Abbott – Out of pocket expenses £50.00 – Mendip Community Transport – Parish Council donation</p>	
9	<p>2017-18 Financial year-end arrangements The meeting noted that the internal audit of compliance with relevant procedures and controls was underway and that public right to inspect the accounts would be from 4 June to 13 July.</p>	DA
10	<p>Insurance The meeting noted that the Council was in the final year of a three-year policy with Zurich Municipal and an additional £76.37 had been added to the premium to cover the cemetery fence.</p>	
11	<p>Annual weed control programme Philip informed the meeting that he would be undertaking two sessions of weed control with Gus Halfhide.</p>	PB
12	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. A37 road improvements for Gurney Slade</p> <p>Village name plates The meeting discussed the style, location and cost of village signs and it was agreed to accept the County's prescribed village nameplates. The Chair undertook to make further arrangements and believed that Highways had agreed to incorporate the new village crest.</p> <p>Pedestrian safety Phil informed the meeting of the identity of the owner of the field with the collapsed wall. It was agreed to contact him to organise repairs.</p> <p>Further action on pedestrian safety would be assessed once traffic speed data were received.</p> <p>Traffic speed and volume information The meeting noted arrangements were in hand to erect a radar to collect the data.</p> <p>2. Binegar Bottom John informed the meeting that contractors would commence work once the weather improved. He discussed further plans for the north side. The meeting discussed and agreed that an information board would be a good addition to Binegar Bottom. Richard and Jon undertook to liaise with the company that manufactured boards.</p> <p>3. Projects to plan or consider subject with funds The meeting discussed potential projects for the financial year and agreed to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playground fence – (Clerk and Chair to seek funding)• Daffodils on verges and village entrances• Churchyard – tree felling, yew tree pruning and pier cap replacement• Ditch by Gurney Slade stores – (Jon and John to clear)• Historic sites in the villages• New website• A37 road improvements• Events to promote a dementia friendly community• Works to Binegar Bottom north side and south side interpretative board <p>The meeting agreed to set aside work on a lit Christmas tree, church floodlighting and rainwater goods for the lych gate.</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH</p>



13	Playground The meeting received and noted the playground report. Jon requested a work party get together to undertake maintenance tasks. It was agreed that this would take place on 15 May at 10.30am.	
14	General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018 The Chair gave an update on GDPR regulations and informed the meeting that he and the Clerk would be attending a training session later in the month. The Clerk informed the meeting that there was no longer a government requirement for Parish and Town Councils to nominate a Data Protection Officer.	
15	Powers for dealing with unauthorised development and encampments The meeting did not consider it could contribute to this consultation.	
16	Honorary awards The meeting discussed and noted potential nominees. The Clerk stated that a box would be available at the Annual Parish Meeting for parishioners to post suggestions.	
17	Events attended There were no events attended.	
18	Highways and rights of way The following were reported: Tellis Lane – trees on the disused railway bridge	DA
19	Dates for the next and future meetings To note the next meeting would take place on 5 June 2018 in the Memorial Hall Future meetings 2018-19: 17 July, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 5 February, 5 March	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm