



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2018 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Philip Blatchford (19.45), Richard Higgins (Chair), Phil Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), John Carter and Paul Sharp.

1	Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Jon Abbott and Cath Law	
2	Chair's Announcements There were no announcements.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 17 July 2018 meeting be signed as a correct record.	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>1. Planning applications - 2016/2573/FUL – Alfie's Retreat BA3 4UA The meeting noted receipt of notice of enforcement and John Carter gave an update on the position.</p> <p>2. Proposed permissive footpath between Binegar Bottom and footpath SM3/16 The meeting discussed two options and noted possible legal expenses. It was agreed to write to the owners with the Parish Council's proposals.</p> <p>3. Five-year inspection of cemetery and graveyard The meeting noted a repair to the memorial of grave 93 had been ordered.</p> <p>4. Cemetery water supply The meeting considered that <i>Bristol Water's</i> cost to install a mains supply to the boundary - £1,800+VAT – was too high to justify proceeding. After discussion, it was agreed to write to the Parochial Church Council proposing a plan to take water from the church roof.</p> <p>5. Somerset consultation – Improving lives strategy In the absence of Cath, the meeting agreed to defer this item.</p> <p>6. Truespeed broadband to villages The meeting noted connection was to proceed and that the church and village hall would receive free WIFI.</p>	
6	Local government reports John Carter commented on recently announced cuts at Somerset County Council. He was pleased to report that Mendip District Council did not face financial difficulties.	
7	Planning applications and issues The meeting noted: 2018/1837/PAA – Glebe Acres, Station Road, BA3 4UG – Prior approval for barn conversion 2017/1797/FUL – 5 Dalleston –Appeal against refusal of consent for new dwelling	



8	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>1. Financial position The meeting noted the financial position to date.</p> <p>2. Receipts since the last report £50.00 – B Bishop – for the Crockett family £120.00 – Exclusive Memorials – for the Coombs family £200.00 – N Maggs – for the Bishop family £200.00 – N Maggs – for the Bishop family</p> <p>3. Standing order payments noted since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – July and August salary £1,312.44 – Primrose Garden Maintenance –grass cutting payments 4 and 5 of 7</p> <p>4. Cheque payments authorised £193.20 – HMRC – income tax £193.20 – Play Safety – Annual safety inspection £60.00 – D Abbott – Contractual expenses– April-September £13.95 – D Abbott – Out of pocket expenses £58.80 – HeartSafe – Smart tag monitoring service</p>	
9	<p>Agricultural Land The meeting noted the issue of Michaelmas bills. The meeting considered the rent of the 0.86 acres at Old Down and agreed not to seek a review.</p>	
10	<p>2017-18 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) The meeting noted that the Clerk awaited receipt of the external audit report.</p>	
11	<p>Playground The meeting received and noted the monthly report. Philip raised concerns over mower damage to the safe surfacing around the small multi-play and strimmer damage to timber posts. The clerk undertook to speak to the contractors.</p>	
12	<p>Air quality The meeting considered a response to Somerset’s draft <i>Air Quality Strategy</i> and agreed to recommend greater attention be given to main roads through the county.</p> <p>The meeting noted that Mendip District Council had offered to monitor air quality through Gurney Slade. A residential facade close to the road would be required for the monitor and the chair requested members forward suggestions.</p>	
13	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. Gurney Slade A37 <i>Pedestrian safety</i> The meeting noted that the owner of field with the broken wall had undertaken to examine the wall and consider what action to take.</p> <p>The meeting additionally considered options for further physical protection for pedestrians and the chair undertook to speak to the highways officer. Concerns were raised about the new road markings and, after discussion, it was agreed to seek the results of safety advisory committee.</p> <p><i>Traffic speed and volume information</i> The meeting considered options for traffic speed. It was agreed to pursue a police safety camera and the chair undertook to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p>	



	<p>The meeting considered the purchase and installation of a speed indicator device and agreed to seek advice from Highways and consider costs and details at the October meeting.</p> <p>2. Binegar Bottom John informed the meeting that work on the North side would commence when the growing season ends.</p> <p>3. Drainage ditch by Gurney Slade Stores The meeting acknowledged the work carried out to clear the ditch and discussed how to keep the area free of brambles. Philip stated that a permit could be obtained to use a herbicide despite being close to watercourses. It was agreed to pursue this.</p> <p>The meeting noted and discussed a number of sources of surface water and after discussion agreed to seek advice from the highways officer.</p> <p>The chair reported Ashwick Parish Council's offer to help and undertook to follow this up.</p> <p>4. Daffodils on verges The meeting discussed and agreed to purchase 500 daffodil bulbs for planting on the verge of the southbound village entrance. The chair undertook to purchase the bulbs and arrange for planting. The meeting agreed this could be the start of wider activity in the villages.</p> <p>5. Holy Trinity Churchyard The meeting noted receipt of one tender for £1,100+VAT to prune the yew and RESOLVED accept the tender. It also note issue of invitations to tender for the churchyard pier capstones.</p>	
14	<p>Village clean up The meeting noted that the Autumn weekend clean-up on 13 and 14 October and agreed the Spring clean-up should coincide with the National Day date or the first weekend in March.</p>	
15	<p>Remembrance Day lunch The meeting considered and agreed to host a Remembrance Day lunch on Sunday 11 November.</p>	
16	<p>AED HeartSafe training The meeting considered and agreed a training session should be arranged and include business owners and residents.</p>	
17	<p>Events attended There were no events attended.</p>	
18	<p>Highways and rights of way Philip complained of overgrown hedges in the village. The clerk suggested a reminder to cut back hedges be included in the Parish Councils news.</p>	
19	<p>Dates for the next and future meetings To note the next meeting would take place on 2 October 2018 in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Future meetings 2018-19: 6 November, 4 December, 5 February, 5 March.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm