



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2018 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

Present: Jon Abbott, Philip Blatchford (19.35), Richard Higgins (Chair), Cath Law, Phil Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone.

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

1	Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.	
2	Chair's Announcements There were no announcements.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 4 September 2018 meeting as a correct record.	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>1. Planning application 2018/1837 – Glebe Acres, Station Road, BA3 4UG The meeting noted grant of a certificate of lawfulness for this barn conversion.</p> <p>2. Planning appeal 2017/1797/FUL – 5 Dalleston, BA3 4UA The meeting noted dismissal of the appeal against refusal of permission to build a dwelling.</p> <p>3. Cemetery water supply The meeting noted that John had installed a water butt to the shed at the rear of the church. Since this brought a supply of water for cemetery users considerably closer, Councillors agreed it fulfilled the public request for better access to water for memorial plants.</p> <p>4. Air quality in Gurney Slade The meeting discussed potential locations for a monitoring station. The Chair undertook to relay these to Mendip's Environmental Protection Officer.</p>	RH
6	Local government reports The meeting noted that Cllrs John and Rachel Carter sent apologies for being unable to attend.	
7	<p>Planning applications and issues</p> <p>1. 2018/2245/PAA – Highcroft Lane - prior approval for barn conversion. The meeting noted the application and that it hinged on technical issues.</p> <p>2. 2018/2277/HSE - Southview Farm BA3 4UG – single storey extensions. The meeting agreed to support the decision of the Planning Officer.</p> <p>3. Enforcement notice - to cut back beech tree in Holy Trinity churchyard. The meeting noted the Council's response to Highways that the trees had been cut back to allow passage of double decker buses. Councillors noted the Assistant Area Highways Manager's request to <i>First Bus</i> to close the matter for this year.</p>	RH



8	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>1. Financial position The meeting received and noted a report on the financial position to date.</p> <p>2. Receipts since the last report £200.00 – Emery – for the Selby family £74.71 – Western Power – wayleave £490.00 – Trotman – for the Mears family £50.00 – Pritchard Jones – for the Selby family</p> <p>3. Standing order payments since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – September salary £656.22 – Primrose Garden Maintenance – grass cutting payment 6/7</p> <p>4. Cheque payments authorised £175.00 – Primrose Garden Maintenance – bramble clearance £360.00 – PKF Littlejohn – external audit fee</p>	
9	<p>2017-18 Annual Governance and Accountability Return The meeting received the external auditor's report and certificate. It stated that the Council's accounts complied with <i>Proper Practices</i> and relevant laws and regulations. It drew no matters to the Council's attention.</p>	
10	<p>Playground The meeting received and noted the monthly report.</p>	
11	<p>Grass cutting The meeting considered a specification for grass cutting. Councillors asked the Clerk to add clearance of brambles along the playground Hall and rear boundaries. Members noted ingress of vegetation, including brambles, on the third side, adjacent to <i>The Galleons</i>. David undertook to seek permission to access the garden of <i>The Galleons</i> and the meeting asked the Clerk to obtain a price to cut back the vegetation.</p>	DS DA
12	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. Gurney Slade A37 Pedestrian safety and traffic speed and volume information Phil reported contact with the Leader of Somerset County Council regarding pedestrian safety and traffic speed. Having received no response, he undertook to pursue the matter further with County Councillor Pullin.</p> <p>Static and mobile speed cameras The Chair reported that District Councils had authority to erect static speed cameras like those in Temple Cloud and Pensford. He stated that the role of the police was only to issue penalty notices. The meeting asked the Chair to pursue the option of a static camera with ward councillors.</p> <p>The meeting noted that the police still deployed a motorbike speed camera at a location 100m north of <i>The George</i>. The police ceased use of a speed camera van when the (last) <i>George</i> landlord refused it permission to park. Phil undertook to discuss options with the Police.</p> <p>Vehicle activated speed indicator devices (SID) The meeting considered options for SIDs. After discussion, members agreed to defer the matter until completion of the exploration of static and mobile speed camera options and the cost of radar traffic monitoring.</p>	PR RH PR



	<p>2. Binegar Bottom John updated the meeting on flood prevention works. He noted various outstanding works and undertook to arrange for the lowering of the drainage pipe to allow surface water to escape from a low level. In addition, John undertook to arrange payment of the <i>Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group's</i> grant.</p> <p>3. Drainage ditch by Gurney Slade Stores and flood prevention The meeting noted a site visit with Ashwick Parish councillors: 5.00 pm on Thursday October 25. The Clerk invited members to attend the meeting.</p> <p>4. Daffodils on verges The Chair reported receipt of 250 daffodil bulbs. Phil undertook to arrange planting of the bulbs at the northern entrance to Gurney Slade.</p> <p>5. Holy Trinity Churchyard Yew tree pruning The meeting noted a site meeting with the contractor: 9:30 am on Wednesday October 3 and a provisional date to start work on October 22.</p> <p>Conifer felling The meeting noted preparation of a tender specification that retained, at the Parochial Church Council's request, 450-500 mm of tree stump as a seat. The meeting discussed the risk of future fungal growth but concluded no felling option removed the risk. The Chair reported that Rev. Priestley requested 1000 mm of stump be retained for use as a seat back rest. The Chair stated he had asked the PCC to reconsider this request and note the future risk of fungal growth. At that stage, the Council could issue invitations to tender.</p> <p>Churchyard gate pier cap replacement The meeting noted receipt of two tenders. There was discussion on price and affordability. Councillors questioned whether to abandon or defer the work. A vote produced a tied result. The Chair used his casting vote and the meeting RESOLVED to proceed with the lowest tender.</p> <p>6. Projects without parish funds Footpath at Binegar Bottom The meeting noted sending of a letter to the landowner with a response awaited.</p> <p>Playground fence to road The meeting noted that the Clerk had obtained a grant towards this project. Following discussion, the Clerk undertook to obtain a price for installation of a 'playtime' fence and consider funding options.</p>	<p>JS JS</p> <p>All</p> <p>PR</p> <p>DA</p>
13	<p>Village clean up Phil informed the meeting that arrangements were in hand.</p>	
14	<p>Remembrance Day lunch Phil informed the meeting that the event had been publicised in the Parish Magazine. He requested that the Council make a donation towards to the charities targeted by the event. Members undertook to consider local aspects of <i>Help the Heroes</i> and the <i>Royal British Legion</i>.</p>	All
15	<p>Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator use and health connectors Jon and Cath undertook to investigate training opportunities for each of these subjects. They undertook to consider how to arrange training.</p>	JA/ CL



16	Parish News The meeting considered a request for sponsorship of the Parish magazine and RESOLVED to make an annual payment of £350.00.	
17	Events attended There were no events attended.	
18	Highways and rights of way Phil informed the meeting that he had spoken to Ashwick Parish Council regarding the condition of the path up to Kingscombe.	
19	Dates for the next and future meetings To note the next meeting would take place on 6 November 2018 in the Memorial Hall. Future meetings 2018-19: 4 December, 5 February, 5 March.	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm