



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2018 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Cllr John Carter, Harry Crowley, Mike Morgan and Paul Sharp.

1	<p>Apologies for absence There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p>Chair's Announcements The Chair welcomed residents. He undertook to take item 11 after item 4 and proposed to exclude members of the public for item 17.</p> <p>He informed the meeting that the nameplates were nearly complete and thanked Somerset Highways. Phil thanked the Chair for all the work he had put into the project.</p> <p>On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chair thanked Paul Sharp for his help to John on the Binegar Bottom flood prevention work and Colin Maidment for his help to Phil planting daffodil bulbs.</p> <p>The Chair reported that he had joined District Councillor John Carter to meet PCSO Rob Nell, who was keen to work with the Parish Council and locally.</p> <p>The Chair stated that Debbie and Steve Rawlings proposed to invite people to decorate the tree on Neville's Batch for Christmas. The meeting considered this a good idea.</p> <p>The Chair referred to correspondence from the Citizen's Advice Bureau requesting funding in light of Somerset County financial cuts. He undertook to assess the overall likely financial impact of County cutbacks for discussion at the December meeting. The Clerk undertook to circulate the correspondence.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 2 October 2018 meeting as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2018/2245/PAA – Highcroft Lane - prior approval for barn conversion The meeting noted that a certificate of lawful development had been refused. 2. 2018/2277/HSE - Southview Farm BA3 4UG – single storey extensions The meeting noted that a decision was awaited. 3. Enforcement notice - to cut back beech tree in Holy Trinity churchyard The meeting noted no further correspondence and agreed to remove this from the agenda. 4. Footpath at Binegar Bottom The meeting noted no response from the owner and that David undertook to pursue this. 5. Air quality in Gurney Slade The Chair reported that air quality monitoring would commence in December. 6. Grass cutting contract The meeting considered and RESOLVED to approve the quotation received from J & K Primrose Garden Maintenance for £3,955+VAT. 	DS



	<p>7. Village clean up Phil reported that the Autumn clean-up had been successful. It was agreed that to undertake a Spring 2019 clean-up.</p> <p>8. CPR/AED and Community Connector training Cath undertook to obtain a price for CPR/AED training and it was agreed to hold training events for this, Community Connections and Dementia Awareness in Spring 2019.</p>	CL
6	<p>Local government reports John Carter reported plans to improve the Mendip <i>Parish Forum</i> to encourage attendance.</p>	
7	<p>Planning applications and issues</p> <p>1. 2018/2376/CLE – Application to allow continuous occupation at Old Down Caravan Site Following consideration, the meeting RESOLVED to recommend refusal.</p> <p>2. 2018/2417/FUL – Demolition of detached garage and erection of 2 bed bungalow Following consideration, the meeting RESOLVED to recommend approval with a proviso that Mendip District Council assesses the potential flood risk created by this development.</p>	
8	<p>1. Financial position The meeting received and noted a report on the financial position to date.</p> <p>2. To consider a budget for 2019-20 The meeting considered a draft budget for 2019-20. After discussion, it was agreed to adjust it to include a number of projects.</p> <p>3. Receipts since last the report The meeting noted the following receipts: £906.50 – P Coombs land rent £230.00 – Maggs for the Foxwell family £230.00 – Maggs for the Foxwell family</p> <p>4. Standing order payments since the last report The meeting noted the following standing order payments: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – October salary £656.22 – Primrose Garden Maintenance – grass cutting payment 7/7</p> <p>5. Approval of cheque payments The meeting approved the following cheque payments £175.00 – J Scadding – expenses - cemetery £4,764.00 – RM Penny – Flood works Binegar Bottom £350.00 – Annual sponsorship Parish Magazine £1,320.00 – Cemetery yew tree pruning £100.00 – Donation to Royal British Legion</p>	
9	<p>Parish Council elections The Clerk informed the meeting of planned arrangements for the May 2019 elections. The meeting noted key dates.</p>	
10	<p>Gritting and salting roads The meeting noted Somerset's reduction in precautionary gritting did not have local impact. It considered the supply of rock salt for which payment was now required. It was agreed there was a sufficient local supply and Jon undertook to fill the bin at Neville's Batch.</p>	JA



11	<p>Lorry and speed restriction signs</p> <p>The meeting heard residents' complaints about the installation of lorry restriction signs on Bennett's Lane. The meeting also discussed requests to relocate the 30mph signs on Bennett's and Turners Court Lane so they included Portway House and Lea Farm. It was agreed to enquire why the lorry signs had been erected and raise the speed sign issues with Highways.</p>	RH
12	<p>Playground</p> <p>The meeting received and noted the monthly report. Jon stated he had been unable to make a single toddler swing unit from spares and the meeting agreed to purchase a new unit.</p> <p>In light of his commitments, it was agreed to relieve Philip of inspection duties in winter.</p> <p>The Clerk reported a meeting with Jackson's Fencing where she requested a quotation for a Jackson's playground fence.</p>	JA DA DA
13	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. Gurney Slade A37</p> <p>Pedestrian safety and traffic speed and volume information</p> <p>The meeting noted that radar traffic monitoring was available at a cost of £145 per week.</p> <p>It was noted that neither the police nor the highway authority now installed speed cameras. The Chair reported that Somerset had produced a road safety strategy, which included possible new installations for speed cameras at dangerous points or ones where there was local pressure.</p> <p>The Chair undertook to review the overall position for consideration at the December meeting.</p> <p>2. Binegar Bottom</p> <p>John suggested placing boulders along the south verge to prevent vehicle access. The meeting accepted this advice and John undertook to pursue the matter.</p> <p>3. Drainage ditch by Gurney Slade Stores and flood prevention</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that he and David had met with Ashwick's Chair and councillors to discuss options for the ditch. It had been agreed to consider dredging the watercourses, removing stones and shaping the banks to take weed suppressing membrane. The Chair stated that he had drafted a specification for this work and that David Barlow was to discuss the proposal with J&K Primrose. The meeting agreed to review the matter following feedback from Ashwick Parish Council.</p> <p>4. Daffodils on verges</p> <p>Phil informed the meeting that 250 bulbs was about the right number for the area planted. He recommended planting more areas in future seasons.</p> <p>5. Holy Trinity Churchyard</p> <p>Yew tree pruning</p> <p>The meeting noted that the latest phase of pruning was complete.</p> <p>Conifer felling</p> <p>David stated that the PCC had agreed the Parish Council's conditions and would confirm this in writing.</p> <p>Churchyard gate pier cap replacement</p> <p>The meeting noted that this work had been ordered.</p>	RH JS RH



14	Remembrance Day lunch The Clerk and Phil gave an update stating that food donations had been received and tickets were selling well.	
15	Remembrance Poppies The meeting RESOLVED to donate £100 to the Royal British Legion.	
16	Somerset libraries: recommendation for change The meeting noted that a decision on the location of Shepton Mallet library had been deferred but it had been agreed to retain a library in the town.	
17	Correspondence The meeting RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100a (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Reason for exclusion – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.	
18	Events attended Jon stated that he, the Clerk and Richard had attended the Mendip Parish Forum on 18 October. The Clerk undertook to circulate notes from the evening.	DA
19	Highways and rights of way Phil requested Clarke's Pool locate a litterbin. The clerk undertook to include the cost for consideration on the 2019-20 budget.	DA
20	Dates for the next and future meetings To note the next meeting would take place on 4 December 2018 in the Memorial Hall. Future meetings 2018-19: 5 February, 5 March.	

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm