



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

1	Apologies for absence The meeting RESOLVED to accept an apology for absence from Cath Law.	
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair welcomed Michael Hall, Paul Sharp and John Carter to the meeting.	
3	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 6 November 2018 meeting as a correct record.	
5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>1. 2018/2277/HSE - Southview Farm, Station Road – proposed extensions The meeting noted approval of the application</p> <p>2. 2018/2376/CLE – Application for continuous occupation at Old Down Caravan Site The meeting noted that a decision was awaited</p> <p>3. 2018/2417/FUL – Demolition of detached garage and erection of two-bed bungalow The meeting noted approval of the application</p> <p>4. Footpath at Binegar Bottom David informed the meeting he had received no further updates from the owners. The Chair undertook to write to make a further enquiry.</p> <p>5. Winter gritting and salting of roads The meeting noted that Jon had replenished the grit bin on Neville's Batch.</p> <p>6. Speed restriction signs on lanes The meeting noted that the Chair awaited responses from consulted residents prior to contacting Highways.</p> <p>7. Remembrance Day Centenary Lunch Phil reported that the lunch had been a huge success with much positive feedback.</p> <p>He anticipated a profit of some £500 for sharing between the <i>Royal British Legion</i> and <i>Help for Heroes</i>.</p>	RH
6	Local government reports The meeting welcomed Cllr John Carter who reported on the District Councils positive financial situation.	
7	Planning applications and issues 18/00034/ENF – The Portway, Turner's Court Lane, BA3 4UA The meeting noted an appeal lodged against an enforcement notice	



	<p>2018/2835/HSE - 4 Dalleston BA3 4UA - side and rear extensions Following discussion, the meeting agreed to recommend approval of the application. It agreed to comment on car parking and the planning authority's policy on rooflines.</p>	
8	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>1. Financial position The meeting received and noted a report on the financial position to date. The Clerk drew attention to the income and expenses of the charitable Remembrance Day lunch and the meeting delegated to the Clerk authority to arrange payments to the nominated charities.</p> <p>2. Somerset's budget cuts and a funding request from the <i>Citizen's Advice Bureau</i> The Chair stated that, having reviewed the position, the only assistance the Council might offer was to the <i>Citizen's Advice Bureau</i>, which asked for £1,000. After discussion, David proposed, Philip seconded and the meeting RESOLVED to donate £150.</p> <p>3. Budget for 2019-20 The meeting received and considered a budget proposal, which showed Council expenditure of some £20,000 to meet its obligations against an income of some £11,500, leaving a shortfall of some £9,000. Following discussion, Jon proposed, John seconded and the meeting RESOLVED to approve the budget and set the precept at £9,000.</p> <p>4. Receipts since last the report The meeting noted: £4,070.00 – Somerset Rivers Authority – grant for Binegar Bottom flood prevention works £710.00 – Income from Remembrance Day lunch</p> <p>5. Standing order payments since the last report The meeting noted: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – salary November</p> <p>6. Cheque payments The meeting approved: £147.53 – D Abbott - out of pocket expenses Remembrance Day lunch and stamps £2,683.20 – Wells Cathedral Stonemasons – churchyard gate pier caps</p>	DA
9	<p>Playground The meeting received and noted the monthly report.</p>	
10	<p>Projects Gurney Slade A37 The meeting heard concerns regarding road safety from Michael Hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A marked increase in vehicles overtaking since the installation of the pedestrian crossing• Speeding of empty, returning quarry lorries• Overgrown vegetation adjacent to Broadhurst and Lambras causing obstruction <p>On lorries, the meeting noted that Morris & Perry asked for registration numbers in order to discipline drivers. On vegetation, Phil undertook to ask if the quarry owned the land in question.</p> <p>The Chair stated that Somerset County Council had a new road safety strategy based on "safe system" techniques. The meeting agreed that its future approaches for A37 improvements be based on "safe systems". Jon, John and Phil undertook to examine Somerset's strategy, meet and plan safety and other improvements to present to the February 2019 meeting.</p>	PR JA



	<p>Drainage ditch by Gurney Slade Stores and flood prevention The meeting noted that the Chair had liaised with Ashwick's Chairman to establish the best option to improve and maintain to the ditch. The current proposal included dredging the watercourses and sculpting the banks to accept weed suppressing membrane. Philip suggested removing the banks might also remove most perennial weed roots and offer a better option. In light of the parish boundary (along the centre of the flow from Binegar Bottom), Councillors considered 25% represented a fair contribution from Binegar to any joint project.</p> <p>Holy Trinity Churchyard Conifer felling The meeting agreed to invite tenders in the New Year. Churchyard gate pier caps The meeting noted completion of the work.</p>	RH
11	<p>Great British Spring Clean The meeting noted the <i>Keep Britain Tidy</i> 2019 plan and agreed Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April for the <i>Village Spring Clean</i>.</p>	
12	<p>Traveller site on Highcroft Lane The meeting noted that the landowner had granted permission for the temporary occupation of the land.</p>	
13	<p>Parish Path Consultation The meeting considered the <i>County Rights of Way Team's</i> review of path categories and clearance schedule. The Chair thanked Gus Halfhide for preparing a response, which was agreed. Paul Sharp drew attention to paths SM3/1 and SM3/3 that terminate at the A37 close to the viaduct south of Old Down. He pointed out that these paths were inaccessible because of the dangers of the A37 and were clearly unused. The Chair undertook to seek the County's advice.</p>	RH
14	<p>Events attended There were no reports of events attended.</p>	
15	<p>Highways and rights of way Philip drew attention to the A37 viaduct and its blocked drains. He stated that he had made several reports, none of which resulted in action. The Chair undertook to pursue the matter.</p>	RH
16	<p>Dates for the next and future meetings To note the next meeting would take place on 5 February 2019 in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>2019 meetings 5 March, 2 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, 3 December.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm