



BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2019 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm

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

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

1	<p>Elections, membership arrangements, adoption of policies</p> <p>Election of Chair Jon nominated and Philip seconded Richard for Chair. There were no other nominations and the meeting elected Richard unanimously.</p> <p>Election of Vice Chair Richard nominated and John seconded Jon for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and the meeting elected Jon unanimously.</p> <p>Declarations of Acceptance of Office In light of absent councillors, the meeting RESOLVED to extend the time for delivery until after the June meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Registration of Interest forms Councillors present received <i>General Notice of Registerable Interests</i> forms. They completed the forms and returned them to the Clerk.</p> <p>Policy on Councillors' conduct and conflicts of interest Councillors received and RESOLVED to adopt the policy</p> <p>Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Councillors received and RESOLVED to adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations</p> <p>New committees The meeting appointed no new committees.</p> <p>Councillor responsibilities The meeting agreed to allocate the following responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playground management – Jon Abbott• Defibrillator monitoring – Cath Law• Village clean-ups – Phill Roberts• Payroll and HMRC reporting – Richard Higgins• Cemetery safety management – John Scadding (hand over by Richard Higgins)• Roadside weed control – Philip Blatchford <p>The Council thanked Paul Sharp who agreed to continue as Footpath Warden.</p> <p>Training needs The meeting noted that John should attend cemetery safety training.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for absence The meeting RESOLVED to accepted apologies for absence from Cath Law and David Stone.</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 April 2019 meeting as a correct record.</p>	



5	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2018/2376 – Old Down Caravan site – Application for continuous occupation The meeting noted this application was pending determination.2019/0035 – The Portway, BA3 4UA – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling The meeting noted this application was pending determination.2019/0111 – Marchants Hill House, BA3 4TZ – Listed building changes The meeting noted approval of this application.Annual roadside weed control Philip informed the meeting that he and Gus Halfhide planned to undertake the annual weed in the near future.Proposed dog waste bin at Tellis Lane / Station Road junction The Clerk advised that a dog waste bin would cost £260.00. The meeting agreed to consult neighbours on the location of the bin. Philip suggested that a bin should be located at the Turner’s Court Lane junction with Station Road. The Council agreed this proposal, again with the proviso of consulting on the location.	
6	<p>Local government reports</p> <p>The meeting welcomed District Councillor Josh Burr to the meeting. Josh gave apologies for his colleague, Sam Phripp, and informed the meeting that their initial intentions were to familiarise themselves with the parishes within their remit and to listen and take questions on any issues or concerns.</p>	
7	<p>Planning applications and issues</p> <p>2019/0449 – Bothie House, Station Road, BA3 4UG The Chair noted that the Parish Council had responded to this application.</p> <p>App/Q3305/C/18/3216182/3 – The Portway, Turners Court Lane, BA3 4UA The meeting noted this appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.</p>	
8	<p>Insurance</p> <p>The Clerk informed the meeting that she had sought three and received two quotations for insurance. The meeting RESOLVED to accept a three-year agreement from Came & Company at £580.87 per annum.</p>	
9	<p>Standing orders</p> <p>The meeting received and RESOLVED to reaffirm the Standing orders</p>	
10	<p>Financial matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date.Receipts noted since last the report £130.00 – Forsey & Sons – T Mears memorial £9,000.00 – Mendip District Council - PreceptStanding order payments noted since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – May salary payment £714.86 – Primrose Garden Maintenance – April grass cutting (1/7)Cheque payments noted since the last report £193.40 – HMRC – income tax £22.00 – Richard Higgins – <i>Round-up</i> spray for playground and cemetery £149.95 – B & S Chains – Swing seat pod	



	<p>Cheque payments continued £14.88 – B & S Chains – Drilled pin for swing seat pod £4,446.00 – Jackson Fencing – Playground fence materials £270.00 – Primrose Garden Maintenance – Euonymus hedge plants for A37 ditch £210.00 – Primrose Garden Maintenance – Ditch clearance £32.50 - J Abbott – Playground timber £3,834.00 – Jackson Fencing – Playground fence erection</p>	
11	<p>Annual meeting with parishioners – 16 May 2019 The clerk confirmed that arrangements were in hand for the meeting.</p>	
12	<p>Playground The meeting received and considered the monthly report from Jon. The Clerk undertook to arrange the annual RoSPA safety inspection, due in June.</p>	
13	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. Gurney Slade A37 The Chair undertook to meet with Somerset Highways to discuss continuing road safety concerns and other highways related issues.</p> <p>2. Drainage ditch by Gurney Slade Stores The meeting noted the hedge planted around the ditch perimeter. It noted discussion with Ashwick Parish Council regarding ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>3. Binegar Bottom conservation John informed the meeting of further work planned.</p> <p>4. Further projects for the year or council four year term The meeting considered further projects, some longer term, and agreed to consult with parishioners.</p>	
14	<p>Somerset's award for services to the community Jon reported that Somerset County Council had accepted Binegar's nomination.</p>	
15	<p>Events attended There were no events attended.</p>	
16	<p>Highways and rights of way No issues were raised.</p>	
17	<p>Dates for the next and 2019 meetings To note the next meetings were 11 June, 2 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, and 3 December.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm