

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes

Of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 March 2013 in the Memorial Hall

Present: G Halfhide (GH) (Chairman), R Anderson (RA), P Blatchford (PB), R Higgins (RH), D Stone (DS), Cath Law (CL). Part of time: Cllr Steven Priscott, Cllr Harvey Siggs.

		Action
1	Apologies for absence: Cllr Wayne Closier, WPC Nikki Housley, Jude Robbins (JR) Declarations of interest: Philip Blatchford item 4/4	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2012: agreed and signed as true record – all.	-
3	Matters arising from the Minutes (1) Weed sprayer: HS organising training and spray through SCC.	HS
4	Local government reports, including responses on: (1) School playing field - proposal to gift to Binegar Parish: SCC awaiting marketing of school before making decision on whether to hand to BPC. (2) Highcroft Quarry – control of explosions – police inspector has indicated that BPC will be informed of further operations taking place. Item closed. (3) Somerset County Council and MDC reports. SP reported: (a) Community Environment fund (see item 4/6) – will amount to £4,000 for the ward. Applications to be made asap. (b) MDC and SCC budgets have been passed. HS reported: (a) Gurney Slade crossing is at design stage. (b) Road improvements have been carried out at Ashwick and Burntwood crossroads. (c) 83,000 potholes have been filled. (d) HS attending SCC flood summit – willing to raise items on behalf of BPC if necessary.. (4) SCC Minerals preferred options consultation: RH had attended SCC drop in session and had met with Brian Perry. RH’s proposed responses were discussed. A modification to Q7 regarding dormant quarries was agreed. RH to forward responses.	HS HS SP/HS RH
5	Police report: Circulated by email and noted as below:- 15/01/13 Mud on Bennett's lane 19/01/13 Car slid on some ice in the vicinity of Embrough 19/01/13 2 calls relating to sheep on the road approaching Gurney slade	NH

<p>6</p>	<p>Planning issues</p> <p>(1) Francis Flower: Issue of dust ongoing.</p> <p>(2) Emborough Pond development: ongoing, noted that retrospective planning application remained outstanding..</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>RH</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Ongoing Parish Council matters</p> <p>(1) Records policy: to be archived on CD with file types Word, Excel, PDF Jpeg with annual copy to Somerset Records</p> <p>(2) Burial records: RT to decide between using paper or electronic records.</p> <p>(3) Notice boards: (a) Memorial Hall board erected, DS will look after. Invoice expected. (b) Notice board by Binegar Green telephone box needs erecting – DS to ask Paul Milverton. (c) Notice Board at bottom of Binegar Lane needs repair – PB to discuss with Alban Bunting.</p> <p>(4) Events attended: none</p> <p>(5) Insurance: GH will research alternative providers.</p> <p>(6) Co-options - Ms C Law and Ms J Robbins. Cath Law was welcomed to the council. GH to send appropriate documents.</p> <p>(7) Register of interests: received from CL, JR and RA – forward to MDC</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>RT</p> <p>PB/DS</p> <p>GH</p> <p>RT/GH</p> <p>RT</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Binegar Playing Fields Group</p> <p>(1) Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising. Amendment required to BPCG minutes re BPC position on slippery surfaces – PB to action. Slippery surfaces – BPC suggested that warning signs be posted and that more advice be sought from MDC and SPFA.</p> <p>(2) Inspection reports – CL agreed to hold rota and inspection records.</p> <p>(3) Fund raising events – planned wine tasting and quiz events were noted.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>CL</p> <p>PB</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Binegar Cemetery</p> <p>(1) Tree surgery assessment : no progress.</p> <p>(2) Works plan: no progress.</p>	<p>DS/PB</p> <p>DS</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Parish land</p> <p>(1) Details of land owned by the Council – deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>(2) Mr Selway rent review – following advice from Tom Ireland and RH agreed to accept Mr Selway’s offer of £2,000 per annum.</p> <p>(3) Set agenda timetable for reviews of rents for let land.</p> <p>(4) Bus Stop at Binegar Green: agreed to maintain the shelter but not to claim it as an asset, RH undertook to organise tree pruning.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH/DS</p> <p>RH</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <p>(1) Public rights of way – pursue proposal for new footpath from Binegar Bottom to Bennetts Lane.</p> <p>(2) Damage to verge by church - noted single tender quote accepted by First Bus and Primrose agreed to do work.</p> <p>(3) A37 speed check: noted that police stated that this would not be possible from</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>

	available locations. Item closed.	
12	Binegar Memorial Hall Proposed extension to car park : no progress.	DS/GH
13	Financial matters (1) Asset list – up to date Playground equipment list to be requested from Heather Wareham.. (2) George Inn wayleave: noted GH had delivered invoice to landlord. (3) MDC Legacy and community fund – noted. (4) SALC affiliation fee £79.33 – agreed to pay, cheque raised. (5) Somerset Playing Fields affiliation fee £10 – agreed to pay, cheque raised. (6) EDF £36.92 (paid by RMT) – agreed to payment, cheque raised.	GH GH All All All All
14	Sundry items: (1) Community gardening project (including legacy fund) – (a) Agreed to seek SCC permission for planters on the A37 at each end of the village. GH undertook to advise RT of appropriate SCC addressee. If SCC agree BPC would contact Ashwick PC. (b) Tree planting on Binegar Bottom agreed in principle. Information was sought on planting locations, detail of species and whether ' <i>black poplar</i> ' was native. (2) Parish Council website proposal – RH to report in April. (3) Local flooding: (a) Response received from SCC, GH awaiting drainage map before discussing further. (b) RA reported that the residents are raising a petition. (4) 1930 OS Parish Map: offer to village hall committee. (5) Filing cabinet: Agreed that DS to keep. Item closed. (6) 'Community Environment Fund' (£2,000 per district councillor): noted. (7) Mendip War Memorial response: DS to respond to MDC on behalf of BPC.. (8) Street lamp by bus stop Binegar Lane: temporary repair not working report to SCC. PB to forward street light number (Flowerstone) to RT to report. (9) Sale of Glebe land: possible application for two houses awaited – watching brief.	GH / RT RH GH RA GH All All DS RT PB GH
15	Correspondence Clerks & Councils Direct, SW Ambulance service news, Community SW campaign, Zurich Mutual insurance renewal offer: noted.	All
16	Matters of report and items for next meeting (1) Consider preparations for May annual parish meeting. (2) Report potholes along Binegar Bottom and Binegar Lane.	All RT
17	Next meeting agreed to be 2 April 2013 at 7 30 pm in the Memorial Hall.	-