



BRIDGWATER WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bridgwater Without Parish Council was held at Morganians Rugby Club on Thursday 21st April 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present Messrs Davies, Ellicott, Senior, Young, Hooper, Kennedy, Mrs Carver, Councillor Alder, Hall and 2 members of the public.

988. There were no apologies to record.

989. Minutes of meeting held 21 April 2016 were signed as a correct record.

990. Arising from the minutes ~ 961 Clerk continues to chase Proludic re benches.

972 hedges in Bower Lane, clerk to chase.

962 Mike Senior has permission for use of the field behind the school for the Party for the Queen from Ben Meynell.

936 bus shelter, clerk waiting for planning check.

973 all rubbish had been cleared by Hallam

991. Councillor Hall advised no news on Hinkley, there is still confidence. Innovation Centre has been visited by Town Council. Financial challenges continue, central revenue support grants will be removed by 2020, budgets continue to be cut, and business rates will be held by SCC. SRA fully constituted, a 20 year plan in place, dredging has re-commenced. Monies raised for flood prevention will stay within this.

Mr Senior asked what SCC's view on a mayor for the SW region? Central government are in favour but SCC are not, John Osmond has said at the Annual meeting there would be a referendum should this be imposed.

Councillor Alder reported that SDC were in similar position to SCC and added word of caution on business rates that Hinkley rates would go to West Somerset. 989 houses built last year, 115 new businesses has started with the majority of these being in the Bridgwater area, and 250 people were being employed by these. SDC are looking at becoming private enterprise to deliver some services with all profits going back into council. £1.2 million had been allocated to look at new sites for new homes.

5,000 bed space is required for Hinkley workers when this commences, could be provided through some temporary housing.

Mrs Carver asked if there was going to infrastructure put into place to support these houses. Yes this is in the plan but problems arise when the housing estates are not fully completed for maybe 20 years.

Mr Davies asked if modular buildings would be used for Hinkley. Not necessarily but these could be used for single parent families, students and possibly the elderly. Where these would be sited? Part on the old cellophane and 2 pockets of land in same area that belong to Hinkley, this type of housing has a shelf life and will require replacing.

Mr Senior expressed concerns will the housing be affordable, or social housing, built on brownfield or greenfield sites? Why don't they use the empty flats? SDC are currently working with owners of these.

Mr Davies asked with yet more homes being built on the Kings Down why there wasn't the plans to increase the size of the parish council. Parish Councillors could be co-opted but would have no voting rights.

992. Mr Senior tabled a report.

Mr Davies reported that he had spoken with the gentleman who had bought the land next to Dunwear Ponds, he didn't have clear plans for the land but may use it to store cars.

Mr Ellicott reported the chevrons on tar barrel corner had not been replaced.

Mr Young reported that the edge of the carriageway in Bower Lane had been filled in with dirt, this could cause problems.

Councillor Alder and Hall left at 8.20pm

993. Party for the Queen Mrs Kennedy talked the meeting through the update sheet attached. A discussion around the marquee resulted in the YMCA offer to be accepted. Volunteers requested to erect this, risk assessments need completing, Mr Davies offered to do these. Mr

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Young agreed to pay for the scones and cream. Mr Senior thanked Sarah for her work in organising this to date.

994. Cheques authorised for Magic Minds, £210.00 cheque no 000326

Circus Workshop, £150.00 cheque no 000327

Celebration coins for children of parish £247.80 cheque no 00329

Generator hire (bouncy castle), £60.00 cheque no 000330

Hall hire £35.00 cheque no 000328

995. Planning ~ 09/16/0006/RM Plots S&T, Woodlands Business Park, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4AW Display one non-illuminated sign "Somerset Energy Innovation Centre" sign mounted at second floor level, no objections offered.

09/16/00002/RM, Application to vary condition 8 of planning application 09/14/00007/to allow 'The approved plant scheme shall be carried out within 12 months from the date of commencement of the development' and relate to updated soft landscape plan 13012 L9.13P3, Plots S&T Woodlands Business Park Bristol Road no objections offered.

Appeal ~ Without planning permission, erection of fence to increase curtilage at 20 Kings Walk, Bridgwater, Miss Samantha Grabham & Mr M Beaney Mr Senior reported he had looked at this and made enquiries to Hallam, permission had been sought to erect this, it is within the boundary no obstruction to views and is similar to existing fences, support the application.

996. Public Speaking time nothing to report.

997. Date of next meeting 16 June 2016

Meeting closed 9.20pm

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