

### **Bridgwater Without Parish Council**

A meeting of Bridgwater Without Parish Council was held in St Francis of Assisi Church Hall on Wednesday 26 September 2012

Present Messer's Hooper, Hudson, Tucker, Warner and Young and Councillors Turner and Hall.

- 663. Apologies received and accepted from Mr Gillard.
- 664. Minutes of the meeting held July 18 2012 were signed as correct record.
- 665. Arising – 661 there has been no further information regarding the nature reserve, Councillor Turner will look into this and contact the clerk. AH reported that Helen Mitchell (Morrisons) seemed edgy about involvement with the Parish Council but has agreed to a meeting with AH (to represent the PC), Phil Adams and David Hall who is happy to attend the meeting. Further meetings will be planned allowing other members of the Parish Council to attend.
- 666. DH reported SCC are ready to sign the 106 agreement, this has been complicated, more planning to come re- roads. SDC are pulling together local businesses so that they will be in a position to apply for contracts as they become available. Scheduled completion of the railway bridge is February 2013. Crandon Bridge is now complete and working well. There is an application going in for the access road for ROF. There are 2 new funds that the community can apply for, Community Enablement Fund, for renovating projects (property such as village halls) and NHS Health and Wellbeing in the Community – shadow Health and Wellbeing board funds available for promoting health and wellbeing in the community. Example use of this could be to fund training for a de-fib. PC to think about how they could use this funding. There is now a good availability of salt for the winter. MY asked about bus service to Kings Down, DH, not yet known as there are difficulties from a SCC perspective as they are trying to slim down these services. AH said that Phil Adams was looking at the 106 agreement regarding this. NT explained that it takes a long time to get bus services to new developments, he will chase this. MY said he was concerned for the young families, NT explained that Morrisons bus workers in and Mulberry intends to do the same. DH left meeting at 8.50pm. NT reported that MPs are lobbying parliament to ensure that local communities will have money from these developments (EDF). MY asked if as this company is French will they bring French workers in for the jobs? NT replied that there should be 850 construction jobs for the locality, most technicians will come from other power stations. Bridgwater College nuclear course is 10 years duration-course is full- 10 more power stations are planned to be built and 10 are to be decommissioned. People in this locality do not have the required skills but will have in 10 years so will be best placed for those jobs. There will be clerical and manual positions, a lot of work should be available. TW said that original documents stated that management will be French. New planning framework policy, SDC are going to make comments on how they plan to use this framework, NT will forward information as it becomes available. NT asked what the parish council knew about Community Infrastructure Levee as consultation ends 9 Oct. Very serious implications for the parish as for every dwelling built it will cost £50 per sq mtr as a tax, £200 for hotels and £100 for industry, the rest £150. NT also asked if planning could be after his input on the agenda, which was agreed.
- 667. Audit had been completed, cheque for £102 signed, clerk advised that Moore Stephens will not be the auditors next year. Clerk salary cheque

from July meeting should have been £480 and not £450. Clerk had had discussions with R Young about average hourly rate which should be £9.25, she has watched her hours as requested and they are approx 3 hours per week plus meeting prep and post it is closer to 240 hours per year. 20 hrs per month @ £9.25 = £185 per month plus £75 owed from April to July.

- 668. Bower Lane closure 8 October for 4 weeks, continued problems with Kings Down traffic lights.
- 669. AH explained that a website would aid communications and proposed that there is a PC website, clerk and AH to look at this and bring to next meeting.
- 670. Bridgwater Cluster Group feedback AH attended this 8 November new proposals will be put forward re sub-stations and preferred route for the electricity to national grid. SDC presented a budget forecast.
- 671. Planning – 1/09/12/026, construction of lagoon for the storage of digestate for agricultural purposes, operation of hardstanding and retention of pond at OS field ref 8469, Horsey Lane, Horsey Bridgwater. Objections are the sizes of the vehicles are too big for this lane where passing is almost impossible. Residents would not be able to park outside their own houses on the road should they wish, as the road would be narrowed significantly.  
 Drainage will be a problem.  
 Research states that due to the odour from these lagoons they shouldn't be within 1/4 mile of residential dwellings, some are only 300 mtrs away. Digestate containing food will not be fully digested and should be. The previous pond which is to be retained as wildlife pond is lined, what will happen when it reaches capacity? Where will the runoff go?  
 09/12/00020/SJH, erection of a detached garage/store and installation of dormer windows on dwelling, Elm Beech, River Lane, Dunwear, Mr and Mrs R Marsh, no objections,  
 09/12/00021/SJH, erection of a single story extension to west elevation, Elm Beech, River Lane, Dunwear, Mr and Mrs R Marsh, no objections,  
 09/12/00022/RM, Installation of roller shutter door and relocation of glazed door leaf from south elevation into existing door frame in north elevation, relocation of existing solid door leaf from north elevation to existing door frame to south elevation and internal alterations, unit 2, Express Park, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, no objections,  
 09/12/00024/LE, Conversion of redundant agricultural barns to form two self-contained dwellings, land to north of, Manor Farm, Horsey Lane, Bridgwater, Mr and Mrs Hudson, no objections,  
 09/12/00023/SF, Variation of condition 14 of planning permission 09/10/00006 to allow commencement of development prior to completion of highway works, land at Bower Lane, Bridgwater, Somerset Primary Care Trust, no objections,  
 09/12/00027/RM, formation of senior football pitch with associated temporary changing facilities and parking (includes discharge of conditions, from outline permission 09/08/0007, for reserved matters application site), land at north east Bridgwater, EDF, no objections.  
 09/12/00025/STH, erection of eight dwellings, land to the south and west of Folletts Farm Dunwear Lane, Dunwear Walmor Developments, the following observations were raised, this area is not self sustainable as there are no shops and there is no bus route in Dunwear.  
 Water runoff into ponds which are next to this proposed development. Extra traffic on this unclassified road which already has excessive heavy goods traffic. Footpath on this application will narrow the road further as

there are properties on the edge of the road. Car parking is already problem on this section of the road. When the heavy goods vehicles travel along this road cars have to give way by pulling in, this is a potential hazard to the many people who cycle/ride horses along this lane to access the no3 cycle path for recreation, which a footpath would narrow further. This is a very busy cycle route for workers who travel to Huntworth Business Park and employment within these areas.

Street lighting is not appropriate in this rural environment, it will have a negative impact on the character of the area, residents will have the negative impact of this and it is not conducive to the recreational fishing activities adjacent. It will also add to the light pollution that councils are trying to reduce; there are also the costs of running these especially as Sedgemoor recommends not to over lighting as this effects the natural balance of night and day in the natural habitats present. It will encourage road users to drive faster on this dangerous stretch that has claimed lives during daylight hours.

There is also the question of affordable housing that is not addressed in this application.

The effect on the landscape by changing it from a hamlet with sparse housing to an extension of the housing estates of the town.

There will be a change to the street scene as this has been a c/l caravan site for many years; this change reduces a leisure facility.

This is a very busy area with walkers, cyclists, horse riders and young families their safety is a given and would be compromised should this application be granted.

There is also the application that was granted for small industrial units in the farm building almost opposite to this application, which would generate more traffic in the same very small area.

NT left meeting at 9.50pm

- 672. Correspondence was shared including, Ken Maddock info, Somerset Rural Youth Project, Audit Commission advising Grant Thornton as next external auditors, St John Ambulance courses,
- 673. AOB, TW, had attended the Annual Training Development evening, parishes will be expected to be more involved in this process, no comments will mean planers will just approve. Plans will be electronic, expectation is that plans will be viewed at meetings on whiteboards.
- 674. Date of next meeting to be advised 28 November 2012.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.