



# BRIDGWATER WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Bridgwater Without Parish Council was held at Morgonians RFC on Thursday 18 January 2018

Present Parish Councillors Carver, Davies, Hooper, Kennedy, Young District Councillors Alder, Perry, County Councillor Hall and 4 parishioners.

1292. Councillor Davies welcomed members to the meeting.
1293. There were apologies received from Councillor Ellicott.
1294. There were no declarations of interest.
1295. Public speaking Mrs Hellier discussed the proposed crossing at Kings Down, she is concerned that there is no footpath direct to the school. Councillor Alder is going to look into this.  
Mr Senior added that he had asked Hallam for assistance re footpaths, the response was these were the responsibility of individual developers.
1296. Minutes of the meetings held December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 and January 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 were signed as correct records.
1297. Arising ~1280 planning application 09/17/00037/ACN, Councillor Perry shared her reasons for objecting to this application, concerns that it is within flooding zone 3 as well as the concern over the exact content of the waste as it is industrial and not slurry. Councillor Alder questions why it is being brought through the town when there are areas available closer to Cannington.  
1282 Councillor Young expressed his concern over the continued lack of safety whilst waiting for Highways to erect the chevrons. Councillor Hall replied to this by reminding that there are many other areas that are waiting for safety measures and that it will be completed as soon as is possible.  
1275 Councillor Davies asked Councillor Alder for assistance with the Bridgwater Angling Association car park issue, he agreed to look into this.
1298. Councillor Hall reported that Carillion had no exposure in Somerset. Formal consultation on the reshaping of the library service commences and will run for 4 weeks. The new Chief Executive of EDF Simona Rossi had reassured that Hinkley C will complete on time. MP David Warburton had presented a bill re converting the SRA to a precepting authority. SCC had proposed a 3% rise to council tax plus 3% that will be ring fenced for Adult Social Care, there will be a further 1% for this next year. SCC have a statute requirement to provide a further 23 schools for the county.  
Councillor Kennedy asked Councillor Hall for the strategy for car charging points.  
Councillor Alder reported the budget looking promising with 1 – 2% rises. House building in Bridgwater is increasing with the Cattle Market changing hands, developers are considering works in Monmouth Street and that the council were part funding the works on the old Hope Inn site. Councillor Kennedy asked how this was funded. SDC can claim 40% funding for 'council homes' from central government. Income from rented new homes is ring fenced for new houses. Alison Griffen is the new Chief Executive for SDC.  
Councillor Perry added that paper planning applications for parish councils is being phased out, allowances may be made. Councillor Kennedy suggested that the planning portal requires updating to support this change.  
Highways was moved to allow Councillor Hall to comment before leaving the meeting.
1299. Highways the question of a 40mph on A372 Westonzoyland Road as there had again been 3 vehicles in the rhyne. Councillor Perry supported by the parish council feel very strongly that this is an urgent issue. Councillor Hall responded that speed limits are only as good as the police who police it and suggested writing to the police.  
Councillors Hall, Alder and Perry left meeting at 8.45pm.
1300. Grants Strategy, after a discussion it was agreed by all that each application will be viewed on its merits and no precedent will be regarded to have been set by any grant approved. Grant received from St John and St Francis school after discussion agreed to award £300.00 cheque release once the total required had be raised.

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1301. Clerk reported £59,822.94 in bank as at 05/01/2018. Deposit accounts shared to allow some of the monies to be invested to gain some interest. Clerk advised that considering 3% inflation the money in the bank was actually losing value. Clerk to obtain more information.  
Bus stop will be installed by end of month providing Highways agree.  
CIL refresher training 6/2/2018 Clerk and Councillor Davies to attend.  
AEDs ordered and should be installed before next meeting.  
Dog bins had been installed in Dunwear and Chedzoy Lane.  
Scott Mason had applied to the PC for the RLT funds amounting to £5531 for refurbishment of Bower Ponds Play Area after discussion agreed to refuse this request.  
Hall hire £35.00 agreed cheque no

1302. Councillor Kennedy reported difficulties seeing people walking in unlit areas in dark clothing. Fly tipping of blue bags in Bower Lane which disappeared quickly. Willow Down School would like to accept the offer of funded first aid training as last year. He also asked for a decision regarding a Parish Day, agreed that this is a great occasion.

1303. Pavilion, nothing to report currently. Councillor Kennedy asked if PC agreed funding electric car charging points, who would give permission. Clerk to email Teresa Harvey regarding the fencing situation as RLT monies could fund this.

1304. Date of next meeting 28/02/2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

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