



BRIDGWATER WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bridgwater Without Parish Council was held at Morganians RFC on Monday 30th September 2019

Present Parish Councillors Davies, Ellicott, Kennedy, Lane, Mason, Young, Councillors Betty, Hall and 1 parishioner.

1578. Councillor Davies welcomed members to the meeting.
1579. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Bond and District Councillor Perry.
1580. Declarations of interest in the agenda ~ none.
1581. Public speaking ~ concerns raised over lack of signage on Kings Drive warning drivers about the school, as well as the extra dangers with the commencement of new building projects each side of Kings Drive (school and houses). The lack of the extra crossing and footpath was noted. Councillor Davies reported that he was waiting for SCC Highways, he had obtained agreement from Persimmon, Hallam and the IDB. Councillor Hall stated that there is a crossing in the plan for next year.
Councillor Davies stated that the footpath is urgent now.
Willowdown SENCO arrived.
Willowdown School/PTFA Grant application, SENCO explained the request, their family dog Buddy was being trained to be a 'Dog Helping Kids' (charity name), dog. The charity was working with the family to train the dog to enable it to support children.
(See grant form for costs). Councillor Mason asked how long the dog would be active in the school, it will be in the school each day will hopefully continue for approx. 9 years.
Councillor Ellicott asked the SENCO what would happen if she left the school, she stated that she had no intention currently of leaving.
Both the SENCO and Mrs Hellier left the room.
Parish Councillors discussed the donation, raising concerns that the SENCO could leave the school and the dog was as she had said their family dog, training costs appeared to be very high. Councillor Hall was interested in supporting the project with the Parish Council 50/50 should they decide to support the application.
Parish Councillors voted to fund 50% of year 1 costs of £705, 4 supporting 2 abstaining.
Agreed to fund £705.00 with the agreement that the SENCO will pay this money to the Parish Council should she resign her post in the next 2 years. Councillor Hall will support the remaining £705.
Councillor Davies requested that Councillor Hall item be moved up the agenda.
1582. Councillor Hall reported that whilst EDF are behind schedule, works continue at Hinkley Point. Winter gritting schedule has been agreed with more roads being gritted this year. MP Rebecca Pow (Taunton) has been appointed Environment Secretary.
1583. Minutes of the meeting held 25/07/2019 were signed as a correct record.
1584. 1501 Fencing at Dunwear ponds will be installed next week, further clearing works around the ponds has resulted in a larger area requiring fencing, agreed that the Angling Association will need to fund this.
1561 Fly tipping continues, cameras are in use.
1537 Hedging in Bower Lane has been cut.
1573 Pot holes, Chedzoy Lane have continually been reported but not addressed, Clerk to continue to report.
1573 Bath Road bus stop had been cleared by a parishioner, Clerk to chase Clean Surrounds to ask them to put bus stops on a clear/clean programme 4 times per year.
1585. Councillor Betty reported that fracking will not be an agreed strategy.

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1586. Councillor Kennedy reported land had been purchased for the Tidal Barrier, drilling for depth is underway, images are available, and depot for spares etc. will be located in the building adjacent to the barrier.

Councillor Ellicott asked for progress re Defibrillator at Mole Valley, Clerk to source another electrician to try to speed up the process.

Councillor Davies reported parking issues in Plum Lane area due to the pond car park not being available for use.

1587. Clerk reported £45051.90 in the bank.

She has communicated with Dave Aggett with regard to cutting verges and the planned community orchard.

Cheques were agreed and signed.

Hall hire	000417	£35.00
Essential Cleaning (KDP)	000409	£518.40
Courtney Jones Plumbing	000418	£733.60
Callaghan Fencing	000419	2700.00

1588. Clerk reported that the CHSW visit was a huge success and that it was apparent how important fundraising was to the young people who access the incredible service.

The meeting with the footballers raised mutually agreeable actions.

Window blind estimates were being sought.

Senior Citizens Christmas lunch date will be 01/12/2019.

The oven requires replacing, Councillor Davies will look into this.

The Church group are no longer hiring, Puppy School have increased their hire hours.

Councillor Davies will be meeting with Reece Lippolis from SCC regarding the site office and parking for the new school to ensure the impact on the pavilion is as low as possible.

1589. Planning – none

1590. Date of next meeting 23/10/2019, this will be a Neighbourhood Plan meeting followed by a Parish meeting and will be held at KDP.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm