



A meeting of **Bridgwater Without Parish Council** was held virtually, on Thursday 18th February 2021 at **6.00pm**.

Present Parish Councillors Kennedy, Lane, Mason, Young, Davies, District Councillors Perry and Betty and Councilor Hall.

Item number	Minute
1685	The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.
1686	Apologies – received from Mike Ellicott, Gary Bond
1687	Declarations of interest in the agenda items - none
1688	Public Speaking - none
1689	Reports from Councillor Hall, COVID remains an issue very much, vaccine performance has been brilliant. SCC have set their budget. Still awaiting response from the Secretary of State as to which option will proceed to the next stage of consultation. SRA continues with its works; all projects are on course. Combined councils will be putting in a bid linked to the Gravity Centre at Puriton to be part of the Governments Fusion plans. Kingsdown crossing was discussed, the PC agreed that they would discuss this at the next meeting. Decision needs to be between footpath at Jade Close or the proposed crossing, more houses are due to be built. Discussions around health and safety issues with the deep rhyne that runs through the estate adjacent to the link road, the IDB supported the footpath request. Councillor Perry asked if SCC officers were being used for covid vaccines and not having adequate cover for their day-to-day work, as she had been trying to contact Kerry Jones regarding the footpath issues. Councillor Perry shared that grants applications were closing soon. Councillor Betty reported that SDC had a new chief executive Bob Brown.
1690	Reports from Parish Councillors Robbie Davies said that there were issues at the pavilion with people going over the fence – agreed to ask Callaghan fencing to quote to secure this. He also reported that he and the clerk had met with Teresa and Liam from SDC regarding legally handing over KDP to the parish. There are issues remaining with the building that are being chased. Hallam have sold the maintenance agreement to Trust MGT.
1691	Clerk shared funds in bank £42,509.52 that £19075.00 was outstanding from SDC for
1692	Dunwear Ponds - Ryan Kennedy reported water levels had risen causing issues for residents on Stafford Road and Plum Lane. Clapper in the river had been cleared and water was moving. There is a discrepancy over who should have responsibility for

	this. Mr Young said that historically clearing the clapper had been the responsibility of the NRA/EA. The IDB are investigating the pipe from the Railway Pond to the inspection chamber before the clapper.
1693	Planning 09/20/00019 Reserved matters Bower Farm, Bower Lane, Bridgwater, TA6 4TY Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of 260 dwellings with associated roads, footways, parking, drainage, open space and landscaping; pursuant to outline planning permission 09/17/00031. Keep Moat Homes Ltd - agree to support this application with conditions applied. Assurance that Bower Lane will not be accessible by vehicles moving from the development. The following relate to Policies D2 Promoting High Quality and Inclusive Design, D14 Managing the Transport Impacts of Development, D24 Pollution Impacts of Development, D30 Green Infrastructure Requirements in New Developments and D34 Outdoor Public Recreational Space and New Residential Areas. A planting schedule is presented and agreed prior to commencement of the development that will provide a greener street scene - considering the need for a greener environment to support local ecology and the health and wellbeing of residents. Hedgerows are retained in their present form to maintain species that have developed over time which increases the natural ecology especially hedgerows on the perimeter of the Bower Lane. Development is screened from the motorway with the bund in place prior to any homes being placed on sale/rent. Greater planting schedule to offset the proven risk to health including an increase of lung disease due to air pollution from the motorway. Low light polluting street lighting to prevent the loss of nocturnal flying creatures and general light pollution. That significant assessments have been undertaken regarding traffic movement entering and leaving the development to include the capacity of the proposed roundabout to ensure there isn't a detrimental effect for current residents. The percentage of affordable homes retained as outlined in planning documents. That housing is in keeping with the local area and is of quality design to be desirable to live in. Sufficient Play facilities are available within the development to support opportunities for children of all ages to access and enjoy recreation to support health and wellbeing and to promote social inclusion. An agreed schedule of working hours be a start time no earlier than 8am Monday to Friday finishing no later than 5.30pm with no weekend working to protect health and wellbeing of residents near the site. 09/20/00022 Full Planning Permission Arrochar, Plum Lane, Dunwear, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 5HL Retrospective application for the erection of a store building and summer room. Mr Cowd Arrochar Plum Lane Dunwear Bridgwater TA6 5HL Agreed to object to this application as this structure contravenes policy D25 Protecting Residential Amenity - The structure is overbearing and imposing and not in keeping with the area due to the visual dominance. This structure will be seen from the public footpath and is not in keeping with the current visual street scene. No consideration has been given to the loss of privacy for neighbours considering the raised patio that directly faces a neighbour.

	Should this application be granted the following condition is requested - this building should not be converted to any type of residence for family, friends or hire to achieve financial gain, not temporary or permanent. They also object to the concrete block store due to the height and proximity to the boundary and street scene. Both structures are within 2.5 metres of the boundary line and are above 2.5metres in height.
1694	Date of next meeting March 11th 2021