



Minutes of meeting held 26th January 2023 at Morganians RFC.

Present Parish Councillors Bond, Davies, Ellicott, Lane and Mason District Councillor Betty and County Councillor Rodrigues, approximately 5 members of the public and in attendance the Clerk.

Item	Minute	Action
1896	Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.	
1897	Apologies were received and accepted from Liz Browne, Ryan Kennedy, Gary Bond and Liz Perry.	
1898	There were no declarations of interest in the agenda.	
1899	Public Speaking – A member of the public complained that both Bower Lane and Folletts Farm were missing from the agenda. He referred to the date for the next development committee and that Folletts was on the agenda. Bower Lane is disgusting mud being left on road caused by lorries moving to and from Strawberry Grange. Commenting further on the broken railing on Westonzoyland Road near the school, the proposed roundabout and the planned excessive house numbers for Folletts. Another resident sent in information regarding lorries driving too fast along Dunwear Lane.	RD to speak to contractor re mud on roads. Clerk to report broken railings and to ask the police to request speed checks on Dunwear Lane.
1900	Minutes of meetings 08/12/2022 and 12/01/2023 were signed as correct record.	
1901	1882 – River bank barrier – clerk has been unable to obtain funded replacement of the metal barrier, suggested the a wooden one be erected, as well as another along the riverbank in the interests of safety for pedestrians when motorbikes are using the footpath.	Clerk to contact J Callaghan.
1902	Councillor Rodrigues reported the proposed changes to planning with the new unitary council. Planning will continue at district level with a tier above this county level. When asked if the change was a proposal, he confirmed that it was not. He said that there will be Strategic Planning Boards that will look at rejected applications of 10 houses and above these will either uphold the refusal or approve. There will be Planning Boards which will include LCN members, voting rights will be with County Councillors only. Unitary appointments for tier 2 positions (director level) were almost complete and that tier 3 would be completed the week prior to vesting day. Unitary have a draft finance budget.	

	High friction road surface and signage has been completed this week; this replaces a crossing originally proposed approx. 4 year prior that was undeliverable due to IDB not granting access to part of their land. He is in process of arranging a meeting at Kingsdown for parishioners as there are a number of issues some around the management of the estate. The Government £2 bus fare initiative will continue until the end of March. He also said that he had incorrectly thought that the SID that Bridgwater Town had was not sharable. Councillor Betty shared information about a Civic Ceremony which will be held towards the end of February.	
1903	RD confirmed that he had reported the fence on Westonzoyland Road. He also reported to the meeting flooding on Dunwear Lane. DL reported that there are piles of tarmac that have been left through the parish, as well as rubbish/tree roots. PM reported rubble on Dunwear Lane. ME continued issues with potholes and excessive water lying in road at Sycamore House.	Clerk to report issues.
1904	LCNs Councillor Rodrigues reported that Bridgwater Without and Bridgwater Town are in one LCN. Immediate response was not favourable as parish links tend to be with neighbouring villages. They will meet, with a budget to identify priorities for their locality. Agreed that the representatives for this would be Ryan or Robbie.	
1905	Clerk reported Bank balance of £59736.05. Bower Development, contact made with Edward Ware Homes ref virtual meeting for PC to discuss plans. John Callaghan will replace the missing fencing/gate entrance/exit from Silver Springs opposite Folletts Farm, estimated date for this early April. Food Bank donation had been discussed at Christmas, agreed to discuss amount at this meeting – agreed to give £300. Clerk also reminded that Citizens Advice was usually given a donation, agreed to give £300. Bench for Malcolm was now coming from a company called Classic Memorial Benches, costs were greater but was sustainable. Difference was £623.00. Neighbourhood Plan – requires support, consider how to move this forward. Kings Down residents have been in contact with issues that are arising from maintenance agreement, works not being completed and grey	



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	area what this should cover. Councillor Rodrigues has already mentioned the meeting he is arranging. Plum Lane – pond area as requested by PC have spoken to new owner, he acknowledged speed of vehicles using the lane. He has plans to improve this area and will attend a PC meeting in the future, said that he would be welcome. RLT2 application purchases, goal posts, nets and benches ordered, £3267.60 and 2448.61. Cheques payable Hall hire - £35.00 - cheque no 000696 Agrovista - £3267.60 - cheque no 000697 Glasdon - £2448.61 – cheque no 000699 Classic Garden Furniture - £623.00	
1906	Date of next meeting 23/02/2033 Dates of proposed meetings – 23rd March 20th April 25th May 22nd June 20th July 24th August 21st September 19th October 23rd November 14th December All dates are subject to change and additional meeting may be required.	