



Minutes of meeting held 2nd March 2023 at Morganians RFC.

Present Parish Councillors Bond, Browne, Davies, Kennedy, Mason, District Councillor Betty, County Councillors Dingwall, 8 members of the public and in attendance the Clerk.

Item	Minute	Action
1907	To receive apologies for absence from Parish Councillors Ellicott, Lane, District Councillor Perry and County Councillor Rodrigues.	
1908	To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests - None	
1909	To approve minutes of the meeting held 26/01/2023 – signed as approved.	
1910	Items arising from minutes – 1904 re-confirmed that parish is in LCN with Bridgwater Town. 1899 – RD has spoken to construction developer, and he has said that he plans to correct damage to Bower Lane but must have permission from highways. Railing on Westonzoyland Road is being replaced. Riverbank railing remains an issue.	Clerk to contact Davies engineering ref barrier.
1911	Parishioners expressed continued concern re traffic on Plum Lane, times of working and potholes. They also reported that an oversized HGV passed along the lane with overhang, Stated that the size was most likely too large to be legal. Concern that lorries that were waiting to enter the industrial site are sitting with engines running. Resident was concerned about the size of the lorries leaving Dunwear, travelling along Westonzoyland Road towards the town. Kings Down resident expressed unease for pedestrians using the new Tesco as no crossing and no railings which would add a layer of safety from the lorries entering the Morrisons depot. Kings Drive – 20mph lights not in use.	RD to meet with Groundforce to discuss. Clerk to contact highways ref barriers and lights.
1912	Councillor Betty reported that he had voted against the Folletts Farm development but that by one vote the application was approved. He said that the Bower application was now online. He finished by saying that it had been a privilege to work alongside the parish council and that he was serving on the IDB. Councillor Dingwall reported that the County Council had set a budget for 23/24 £24m overspend supported with reserves, primarily adult social care has driven this. Highway improvements continue in St John St and Broadway jct. The Kings Down residents meeting proved that there are various issues – value for money and no point of contact, there is a common driver to find a positive way forward.	
1913	RK – Issues with Dunwear Ponds, EA to manage clapper in river to assist drainage to lower water levels. Motorbikes on riverbank again, this needs logging with the Police each time. Elver fisherman around, barrier at bottom of slope	

	Plum Lane is broken suggest to either replace or obtain rock armour. GB – hedges in Parish have been cut, operative is working within safe working practices/risk assessments/method statements. LB – Folletts Farm planning was well attended with heated debate, passed on casting vote. Residents are dismayed at the injustice and have formed a group to consider a judicial review but this will have a financial cost. There may be a representation to the PC for funding support. The NHS statement and air pollution data was flawed.	
1914	Bower Lane – Applicant would like to arrange a virtual meeting with Parish Councillors and District/County Councillors. Full application is online. Agreed that this application will be a special meeting where residents will be invited to attend prior to the application being commented on.	
1915	Balance in bank 03/02/2023 £55486.16 less cheques £6673 Approval of payments Hall hire - £35.00 - cheque no 000702 CAB – £500 – cheque no 000705 Bridgwater Food Bank - £300 – cheque no 000706 SALC - £276.97- cheque no 000707 ALCC - £120.00 – cheque 000703 PKF Littlejohn - £360.00 – cheque no 000708 Willowdown Primary PTFA - £533.00 – cheque no 000710 Cancelled cheques – 000704, 000709. Resolved to pay by cheques as stated.	
1916	Report from Clerk Meeting dates for year 23/03, 20/04, 25/05, 22/06, 20/07, 24/08, 21/09, 19/10, 23/10, 14/12. Social date with outgoing District Councillors agreed that Clerk would check with venue and send out dates. KD meeting – railings at Tesco's, wooden knee rails from Bath Road to the light-controlled crossing just after the school need repairs which Trust say isn't their responsibility needs attention am now in contact with EDF - Road markings for speed reduction suggestion – dog bins required. Notice boards/website updates – information on laminates on notice boards until refurbishment complete. Standing Orders require updating, newer version of this is available via SALC but require membership, they offer other legal support. Resolved to join. Benches 2 for factory pitch, 1 for Dunwear ready for installing. Goal posts ordered. Coronation ideas requested. Email – correspondence Civility and Respect project, National Association of local councils are responding to the impact of bullying and harassment in the community which impacts on effectiveness of councils. This project is to support culture change in the sector. Over 1030 councils have signed up, need to attend some web-based training, will send further info out to PCs. Resolved that due to current behaviours regularly exhibited at Parish meetings to sign up for this.	Clerk to book venue for meal. Clerk to contact EDF. Clerk to contact Highways ref railings/school lights.

	Audit completed – only issue picked up was that the forms were signed during the public inspection time therefore must ensure that this does not happen this year.	
1917	Grant application from Willowdown PTFA, tree, plaques and bookmarks for all pupils, £533 - approved. GB and LB to attend the tree planting, request that the PC recognised on the plaque. Resolved to award £533.00	Clerk to advise.
1918	Planning Full Planning Permission 09/23/0001 East Side Farm, Crow Lane, Bridgwater, TA7 8QP Change of Use of agricultural building to create 5no. business units (Classes B2, B8 & E(g)) as revised. Reed East Side Farm Crow Lane Bridgwater Somerset TA7 8QP 09/22/00038 Prior Approval Agri. to Flexible Use Mr F Vanderplank Butcombe Beer Store, The Polden Business Centre, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AW Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed installation of solar photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the roof of a non-domestic building. Decision: Prior Approval - Deemed Consent Decision Level: Delegated	Broad discussion that this supports farming diversification, concerns about hours of work as rural area. Agreed to support with a request for conditions for working hours of 7am to 5pm with no further expansion. Concerns that this could set a precedent. Resolved to support.
1919	Date of next meeting 23/03/2023 Virtual meeting prior to this if possible.	