

Minutes of meeting Thursday **23rd March 2023.**

Present Parish Councillors – Bond, Browne, Davies, Ellicott, Lane, Mason, County Councillor Dingwall, members of the public and in attendance the Clerk.

Item number	Minute	
1920	Apologies for absence received from R. Kennedy, L. Perry, A.Betty, and D. Rodrigues.	
1921	Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests received from R. Davies and G. Bond item 1930 planning – 09/23/0004.	
1922	Minutes of the meeting held 02/03/2023 were approved as correct record.	
1923	Items arising from minutes -	
1924	Public Speaking – RD reported in response to residents comment regarding pot holes in Plum Lane that he thought the lane was okay. Ground Force have applied extra signage requesting drivers drive with care, tachographs have been checked which shows that drivers are being mindful of the limits applied. GB stated that he felt that the parish council had exhausted all avenues and that the PC could do no more. Suggestion was made that residents organise have lane repaired. Same resident asked what was happening with Dunwear Orchard, many agencies involved due to sensitivity no further discussion other than to say that it dates to 1800s on ONS plus the rare historic varieties of apple, diverse wildlife, rare invertebrates that are supported by the natural unspoilt habitat. This land was not included in the East Bridgwater allocation.	
1925	Reports from County Councillor Dingwall – First LCN meeting will be 29 th June @ 6pm – location to be confirmed, thoughts that there will be 6 to 8 meetings a year.	
1926	Reports from Parish Councillors – RD started that he had received an anonymous letter, there are no responses to letters of this type. DL – railings on Westonzoyle Road have been replaced.	
1927	Bower Lane update – agree date for virtual meeting of 27/03/2023 and Parish Meeting to discuss the planning application 20/04/2023 @7pm – Clerk had agreed an extension to the submission date for comments.	
1928	Finance - approval of payments resolved – Hall hire - £35.00 - cheque no 000711 Community Heartbeat Trust - £324.00 – cheque no 000712 Bridgwater Flooring - £804 – cheque no 000714 Cancelled cheque 000713 Amount in bank £47,154 less outstanding cheques £9627.18.	



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1929	Report from Clerk - Clerks Salary – payment now the responsibility of PC, agree payment by standing order, Ryan and Mike to sign the letter to bank – Additional cheque signatory requested – PM to do this. Knee rails/lights reported to highways, await response from highways, have discussed with EDF, not their responsibility but are open to requesting support should this be necessary. Dunwear orchard have been in contact with various agencies due to sensitive nature information limited – already discussed item 1924. Email – correspondence shared.		
1930	Planning – Full Planning Permission. Countryside Partnerships Bower Farm, Bower Lane, Bridgwater, TA6 4TY Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage to serve plots 59,60 and 61 of wider residential development approved 09/21/00036.	Agreed that this was obviously missed at previous application and if not agreed would cause issues for homeowners on those plots, agreed to support.	
1931	Date of next meeting 20/04/2023 Bower Planning with Edward Ware representatives and 27/04/2023 monthly meeting.		