



Minutes of meeting held 27th April 2023 at Morganians RFC.

Present Parish Councillors Browne, Davies, Ellicott, Kennedy, Lane and Mason, Unitary Councillors Dingwall and Rodrigues, members of the public and in attendance the Clerk.

Item	Minute	Action
1938	Chairman requested change to the agenda to move item 1947 to be discussed after 1939 – resolved.	
1939	There were no declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests.	
1947	Planning – 09/23/0003/DT Outline Planning Permission Edward Ware (Bridgwater) Limited Land East of, Bower Lane, East Bower, Bridgwater. Hybrid planning application (Outline and Full), Outline application with some matters reserved for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 750 dwellings, primary school, community facility, access, and access points (vehicular, pedestrian and cycle), public open space, play areas, landscaping, drainage, infrastructure and other associated works. Full planning application for the formation of noise bund, spine road, drainage, associated landscaping, and other engineering works. Resolved to object - Whilst there is acknowledgment that this land has been identified in the local plan as residential land Parish Councillors object for the following reasons: Diverse habitats have been identified therefore specialist impact assessments should have been conducted to protect these, there is no reference to this. See policy D20 and D23 2.5 storey houses as stated are not in keeping with the local area, heights should not exceed two storey - Policy D25 Greater consultation with residents on periphery of Bower Lane to achieve agreements. The numbers of 720 will increase overall numbers from the agreed local plan of 1200 to over 1500 with no acknowledgment to the increases in numbers throughout the town in ongoing developments. Absolute lack of planning about infrastructure, numbers of additional vehicles using the A372 and A39 will cause overload of current highway system as noted in the highway reports. The increased traffic will without greatly improved highway infrastructure create congestion causing standing traffic which is not included in air quality assessments. There are no plans to create safe and efficient movement to the M5 junctions 23/24. Policy D24 Figures used for traffic movements and GP surgeries of 1200 are outdated and do not consider the current already overloaded systems. Plans for community building should include GP and Dental surgery facility. NHS recommends settlements are within 1.2 kilometres of a GP this development is 2.4 kilometres. Air quality assessments do not consider standing traffic on the M5, there is a lack of data to support the assessments. The NHS have identified higher than normal respiratory illnesses in the locality, this should have been identified in assessments with strategies. Policy D24 Plans for safe cycling throughout the development require crossing the spine road at various points, cycle routes should be on both sides of carriageways. Policy D28	
1940	Minutes of meetings held 23 March 2023 and 20 April 2023 signed as correct.	
1941	Arising – 1924 Dunwear Orchard Liz Browne reported Natural England are involved, noted it is ancient orchard, rare invertebrates found via surveys. The landowner Mr Andrews has been informed that he must cease any works. Riverbank barrier status remains, it was removed by Network Rail.	RD to contact Mr Andrews for informal conversation. RD and PM to re-instate.
1942	There was no public speaking.	

1943	Unitary Councillor Rodrigues commented that he was uncomfortable to see the resident verbally abusing the PC and suggested a time limit on individuals during public speaking, he also reported the following – Kingsdown next meeting 10/05/23, a representative from SPARK is attending to assist in setting up a resident's group. Polden Bower School parking issues, zigzag lines and 20mph warning lights. Willowdown Academy warning lights should be in action imminently, they also have a tree planting for Coronation 05/05/2023. He has met with Mike Rigby to discuss 20mph zones as there are plans to introduce these into communities, PCs will fund these. Unitary Councillor Dingwall reported a £24.3 million overspend, plans to support this with funds from reserves. Covid vaccinations available dates given. Speed campaign as reports on deaths on roads are increasing. EDF/HPC have given opportunities for local people to gain skills via apprenticeships. Questions asked – what caused the £24 million deficit – Adult Social Care and Children Looked After. Why isn't the derelict Bridgwater hospital being used as care facility?	
1944	Reports from Parish Councillors – RK – fly tipping has increased – is reported and dealt with swiftly. Barriers on riverbank required to prevent the usual summer of motorbikes being raced from Dunwear to Squibbers Way. ME – Horsey caravans being put on land in lane as well as hedges being levelled, and dirt being dumped. Flooding from blocked gullies at Sycamore House. DL – Tarmac that was dumped at entrance to Summer Way Drove has not been removed. RD – Flooding under M5 bridge at Dunwear.	
1945	Bank account -£45904.58 as at 31/03/2023 - outstanding cheques £5481.97 Hall hire (20/04) - £35.00 - cheque no 000715 Hall hire - £35.00 – cheque no 000716 Storm Gas Ltd - £2880.00 – cheque no 000718 Cancelled cheques 000717 and 00071	
1946	Agree internal auditor – Mr R Young Clerks Salary – first payment completed, letter for bank for signature – tax will be paid quarterly by cheque. Knee rails/lights reported to highways, unable to get update for this – have included EDF in the chase as are landowners. Boiler needed replacing at Pavilion, Storm Gas have completed this and are going to service the Andrews	



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	Boiler (showers). Boiler has been fitted with 10yr guarantee providing serviced annually. Memorial bench will be here soon – will be delivered to Greens farm. Meeting arranged with Charlotte at Trust.25/05 @11am. ELAN SIDs – seek advice as to locations and if time limits for use in situ.	
1948	Date of the next meeting 25/05/2023 at 7.30 preceded by Annual meeting at 7pm.	