



Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm at Morganians RFC on Thursday 20th July 2023.

Present Parish Councillors Davies, Ellicott, Bond, Unitary Councillors Rodrigues, Dingwall and 2 members of the public, in attendance the Clerk.

Item	Minute	Action
1977	The Chairman welcomed members and parishioners to the meeting.	
1978	Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Kennedy, Browne, Mason, Lane, and Unitary Councillor Rodrigues. The Chairman stated that there needs to be a greater presence at meetings by parish councillors.	Clerk to email PCs
1979	Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests – none recorded.	
1980	Public Speaking – Dunwear residents requested support with water cascading from the M5 onto Dunwear Lane, a resident will send footage to the Clerk. Plum Lane – continuing concerns regarding fishing ponds overnight fishing, Clerk still waiting for planning response. Fast food vehicles that service the industrial estate and the fishing ponds are using loud music to alert customers of arrival. Concerns regarding users of the fishing ponds leaving the site without due care. Additional pond towards the boundary of Sunnyside, concern that this will affect the drainage of septic tanks and cause flooding. Request for update on stile at Dunwear Lane and Silver Springs estate. Agreed that the signage be requested.	Clerk to investigate external lighting issue to re-instate. Clerk to chase planning for permissions. RD to contact the food van owners. Clerk to contact the pond owner. Clerk to request signage from highways.
1981	Minutes of the meeting held 29 th June 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.	
1982	Arising from the minutes 1968 – school lights still not working. Fly tipping continues to be an issue in the parish. 1969 – Increase in car park charge decision will be decided at the next Somerset full council.	
1983	Unitary Councillor reports: Councillor Dingwall – reported Taunton park and ride was now being supported with school buses as school holidays. Suez recycling strikes are indefinitely suspended due to significant pay offer together with alterations to terms and conditions. Somerset budget agreed with £40million overspend. Predicted shortfall for 2026/2027 of £98million. Gravity Centre – Jaguar going to locate battery factory for cars, the hope is that as Hinkley staffing reduces those skills will be transferrable to this plant with approx. p1000 plus during construction phase this number will increase once manufacturing commences and the site further develops. Supply chain will be ring fenced between Bristol and Exeter. Plans for the rail line to be opened giving a freight and people terminal. GB asked if a ring road had been considered to alleviate the road pressures within Bridgwater. CD responded not currently, it is envisaged that most Gravity workers will live onsite, and the train link will bring them into the town.	
1984	Reports from Parish Councillors:	Clerk to report.

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	Mike Ellicott noted potholes in Bower Lane, he also noted that pavement kerbing on main road through Kings Down has holes and is cracked in places.	Clerk to contact TrustGreen and Highways.
1985	Monies in bank £77,593 at 05/07/2023. Cheques for payment – 000732 – HMRC - £564.00 000733 – SALC membership £664.98 000734 – R Young (internal audit) £30.00 000735 – Returned hall hire £29.00 Grant application received from Morganians for assistance with new toilet facilities, those present had looked at works so far. Challenges were made referencing breakdown of costs, had requests for funding been made elsewhere. Agreed that this is within the parish, the current toilets do require updating and that it was the venue for PC meetings. The amount of £5,000 was agreed in principle before full agreement further information requested.	Clerk to contact for estimates.
1986	Clerk report – Electrician has looked at the lighting at KDP and is looking at solutions for this which might include new lamps, consideration for LED. Awaiting further information reference overnight fishing at Dunwear. Have requested that Lyndon Brett advise the storage users at Plum Lane to take more care driving along the lane. Motor bikes are again a problem along the riverbank at Dunwear, Police have advised to report and to use 999 if danger present. De-fib at Mole Valley has been used. Clerk to undertake the CiLCA costs £800 in total, funding for this agreed. Clerk and Liz Browne to commence works for Neighbourhood Plan.	
1987	Statements of Internal Control and Risk Management Report was approved, next review due April 2024.	
1988	Agreed no August meeting – Clerk will call a meeting should it be necessary. September meeting 28/09/2023	

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