



Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm at Morganians RFC on 29th June 2023.

Present Parish Councillors Davies, Ellicott, Lane, Bond, Unitary Councillors Rodrigues, Dingwall and 5 members of the public, in attendance the Clerk.

Item	Minute	Action
1963	The Chairman welcomed members and parishioners to the meeting. He read the respect and civility agreement aloud.	
1964	Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Kennedy, Browne and Mason.	
1965	Declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests were received from Parish Councillor Davies item 1974 as Countrywide are clients of his business.	
1966	Public Speaking – A KDP hall attendee requested update on car park lighting and the Willow man – Councillor Rodrigues said that funding had been received some funding for a viability report for this prior to decisions being made. Fishing ponds at Plum Lane Dunwear, resident concerned about noise and loss of privacy during night fishing, concern that there wouldn't be sufficient screening. Concerns raised that another fire could be ignited from tree cuttings left onsite at Woodland Marsh, Plum Lane. Concerns also raised regarding the speed of vehicles travelling along Plum Lane towards the storage yard near the railway line.	Clerk to investigate external lighting issue to re-instate. Clerk to check planning for permissions. Clerk to re-contact planning and enforcement, plus environmental dept. Clerk to contact Lyndon Brett.
1967	Minutes of the meeting held 25 th May 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.	
1968	Arising from the minutes 1958 – fly-tipping remains Upper Dunwear. School aware lights at Willow Down School, Kings Drive update. Cllr Rodrigues said that he understood that power supply was an issue. Wooden stile between Silver Springs and Dunwear Lane was completed to old footprint, contractor altered this, at the same time a mobility scooter user had contacted Cllr Rodrigues who passed this on to Highways Dept. They removed a section of the stile resulting in the same position as before the new stile had been fitted. Huge concern from the PC that the inherent danger for people mainly children accessing Dunwear Lane. RD was reiterated the rationale of the safety of users behind the repair stating that he didn't accept reasons given for not contacting the PC prior to contacting Highways. As Highways have removed the safety section of the stile the danger remains, Cllr Rodrigues said that this was a Bridgwater Town Council responsibility.	Clerk to re-report gateway fly tipping.
1969	Unitary Councillor reports: Councillor Dingwall - problems with seagulls in Bridgwater enquiring if there were reports in the parish as remedial action is being investigated. £2 bus fares to continue until 31/10/2023 when they will increase to £2.50. Carparking cost are set to rise exact percentages remain under challenge from councillors. There is funding of £5.4M from central government for road upkeep. Councillor Rodrigues – car parking behind County Walk in Taunton had been completed with EV charging points although there are teething problems as the points are not compatible for all cars.	

	Polden Bower School will have zigzag and keep clear markings soon. The flashing warning lights are solar powered and will be connected during summer when the installer will connect all solar powered lights in the area. RD asked why the Willow Down School warning lights were not solar.	
1970	Reports from Parish Councillors: DL had noticed that the speed camera hadn't been on the A372 Westonzoyland Road near the motorway bridge, he had witnessed lorries travelling at approx. 50mph on entry to the 30mph sign. Speeds on Westonzoyland road discussed, Cllr Dingwall said that there is a campaign to reduce speed to 40mph along A372, rumble strips are in place at Chedzoy/Dunwear jct, it is unlikely that the speed will be reduced. Vistry construction vehicles have been parking along the road (Kings Down), he had spoken to the site manager who was not concerned, no banksmen present. The issue raised is the movement of HGVs from Morrisons having to overtake stationary vehicles with pedestrian movements to and from the Tesco store.	Clerk to contact Speed watch. Clerk to contact Vistry,
1971	LCN – RD gave update – Cllr Rodrigues was voted as Chair for this group. There will be invites to local groups to attend. Lists of issues that the locality faces and suggestions of additional areas that could be supported. Meetings will be regular; RD and Clerk will attend. Cllr Rodrigues said that there had been challenges to Alun Jones over the voting at the LCN and that the entire Town Council should have had a vote, currently he remains Chair. There is a constitution which supports the vote as took place.	
1972	Orchard update held over to next meeting.	
1973	Monies in bank £79707 at 05/06/2023. Cheques for payment – 000725 – Starboard Systems - £1088.64 000726 – Morganians hall hire – £35.00 000727 – SLCC - £141.80 000728 – Coomers fire checks KDP - £172.38 000729 – Zurich PC insurance – £389.14 000730 – Callaghan Fencing - £900.00 000731 – Callaghan Fencing - £840.00	
1974	Clerk report – Elan SID information, Cllr Dingwall shared that the Westonzoyland SID was slowing vehicles and that these indicators store speeds, number of vehicles, hold useful information, not individual vehicles information. Agreed that the clerk to email out for consideration to allow decision at the next meeting. Community Speed Watch – volunteers required. Dunwear information board – now have historic information. Rights of Way officer to meet clerk reference riverbank paths. Membership of SALC is a necessity – agree at next meeting.	Clerk to email SID information to PCs. Clerk to put Community Speed Watch poster on notice boards/web page and FB. Clerk to source information board and put together info and artwork for this.

1975	Planning 09/23/0009 Reserved matters - Land Off A38, Bristol Road and A39, Bath Road and Bounded by M5 Motorway and Railway Line, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, Variations of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 09/22/00009 (Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 53no. dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and engineering works) to amend affordable housing units. - Persimmon Homes Severn Valley Outline Planning 09/23/0006 Bower Farm, Bower Lane, Bridgwater, TA6 4TY Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 09/17/00031 (Outline planning permission, with some matters reserved, for the erection of 260no. dwellings, associated infrastructure including a new roundabout, on site of existing buildings and structures (to be demolished).) to amend Schedule A to create an alternative site access. – Countryside Partnerships	Agreed to support application as there is a great need locally for affordable housing. Agreed to support the variation of the entry road as will give smoother entry point to the estate.
1976	Next meeting 20/07/2023	