



Minutes of the Annual meeting held at 7.00 pm at Morganians RFC on Thursday 16th May 2024.

Present Parish Councillors Davies, Lane, Mason, Bond, Ellicott and Lane in attendance Cllr Dingwell, Cllr Rodrigues one parishioner and the Clerk.

Item	Minute	Action
24/05/35	Apologies received and accepted from Mr R Kennedy and Ms L Browne and no personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interest declarations were made.	
24/05/36	The Bower Lane planning application, significant to our community, has stirred much discussion and concern. As the proposed changes could potentially impact all of us, it's crucial to stay informed. Meetings with developers have been held, presentations have been made, and questions have been asked, but the application is still in flux, and no concrete agreements have been reached yet. Wildlife groups have ensured green spaces are valued and included in any development. This will be a work in progress, and much work will be involved in providing their views are followed. Lack of infrastructure is considered, although there is little that the PC can do about this. Again, Lizzie Browne put a lot of effort into this. Many other planning applications have been discussed where the impact on the surroundings is always considered. Westonzoyland Road RAB caused huge issues for all users. The PC made things easier and safer for all users during work. This is now finished; the PC is trying to ensure that landscaping is completed promptly to enhance its look. The parish council has long prioritised addressing speeding in some parish regions. We are working to secure funding and determine the best locations for SIDS (Speed Indicator Devices) to be installed as soon as possible. Members have brought various issues to the meetings, and we have tried to find solutions. Parish Councillors use their combined knowledge in all matters. Stiles have been positioned to aid pedestrians' and cyclists' safety; some were removed. The PC is committed to finding solutions for everyone's safety. Somerset announced this year that they were facing a financial situation and expected more from the PC. After much discussion, they have decided to ensure that parishioners receive the same level of service that they have previously had. The PC is monitoring this and will react	

	to needs as they arise. Much thought was also given to the parishioners and the precept; time was spent looking at the budgets and ensuring that any decisions didn't impact parishioners, as the cost of living was already challenging. The PC community review is gathering speed and will begin to seek views from the community.	
24/05/37	Election of Chairman – Mr R Davies was proposed by Mr G Bond, seconded by Mr D Lane, and unanimously agreed – resolved that Mr R Davies elected as chairman. Declaration of office signed,	
24/05/38	Resolved to elect Mr Ryan Kennedy as Vice Chairman. This will be ratified at the next meeting as he was not present at the meeting. The Clerk had received an email from Mr Kennedy showing an intent to stand and the following comments: I think the coming year will be challenging, especially given the financial circumstances with the Somerset unitary authority. That said, I think there will be some exciting opportunities for us as a parish council to influence our growing community as it continues to develop positively.	
24/05/39	Resolved to agree on the accuracy of the minutes from the Annual Meeting held 25th May 2023	
24/05/40	Resolved to adopt the Standing Orders, Risk Management, Internal Controls and Privacy Policy for the year 2024-2025	
24/05/41	Resolved to accept and sign the end-of-year figures and the AGAR statements.	
24/05/42	Date of next meeting 15/05/2025	