



Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm at Morganians RFC on Thursday 2nd February 2024.

Present Parish Councillors Davies, Kennedy, Lane, Mason, Bond, and Ellicott, Browne in attendance
Councillor Rodrigues, one parishioner and the Clerk.

Item	Minute	Action
Public Speaking	A member of the public reported that the defibrillator was now installed on the public gates at St John's School, it will be added to the defibrillator register once it is live.	
24/02/11	There were apologies received from Councillor Dingwall and no declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests	
24/02/12	The meeting minutes held on 25 th January 2024 were agreed upon unanimously and signed as correct.	
24/02/13	Arising from the minutes: 24/01/05 - potholes in Dunwear/River Lane have been repaired, as well as sections of Chedzoy Lane. The memorial bench is now in place, councillors would like this to be photographed and reported in the Bridgewater Mercury.	The clerk to contact the mercury to arrange a photograph.
24/02/14	Unitary Councillor reports: Councillor Rodriguez reported that the unitary council had approved a balanced budget to do this they also approved a high degree of budget cuts and usage of reserves. Cuts included redundancies, and funds to cover this are being received from central government. Date of next Bridgewater LCN – 11 March, the focus of meetings has been youth provision and accessible travel. Bridgewater Town Deal is setting up a website to promote the time, there will be a page for young people included, and any gaps in the provision must be addressed. He also suggested a monthly walkabout on the Kings Down estate to support residents with the issues they're experiencing there. The Clerk read a report from Councillor Dingwall about the budget and its cuts as well as noting that Bridgewater town had picked up some of the services that are under pressure, he said that the impact of the cuts on parishes remains unclear. Questions to Councillor Rodriguez, centred on adult social care and children services, he explained that these budgets were higher due to Somerset's ageing population on the specific needs of some children. He was also asked about the LCN's effectiveness of them specifically as they do not have any funds allocated. He acknowledged that this was difficult but hoped that as this was a route of bringing lots of people together to discuss local issues that ways forward may be found without too much cost attached and that he was optimistic that funding may be secured from private industry. There is 1 figure set aside for the setup and running of the LCN which parish councillors felt would be better put towards the difficult budget.	
24/02/15	Reports from Parish Councillors: LB - noted that on social media there were constant complaints about litter on the Kings Down estate she requested that the clerk obtain a copy of the agreement. She also noted that there had been an accident at the temporary traffic lights on Westonzoyland Rd. ME - Reported that the curbs along Kings Drive are crumbling, these have openings in them for drainage, clerk to investigate. RK - Challenges for the next LCN and then you as Morganians. So said that the police would be carrying out speed checks in the area. Scramblers on the riverbank (Somerset Bridge) side continue off the road they cause noise and speed issues for local people. RD - blocked gully on the corner of river lane which floods in wet weather. Also, he had attended the ponds on Plum Lane as the owner was having fires and burning plastics etc, he has been informed that he will continue to be reported if this continues.	The clerk to contact TrustGreen to request a copy of the residents' agreement.

Signed Chairman

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24/02/16	Liz Browne gave a report from a meeting she attended with highways regarding the excessive traffic on the eastern side of the town and how the proposed developments have not made any allowances for this.	
24/02/17	Clerk report – Jay had completed cutting the riverbank. Suggested a report in the Mercury to report the good works in the parish. Contact has been made with Highways regarding the siting of the SIDS, Chapter 8 is a requirement for this. Funding is also being sought. Online forms were completed for both the change of signatory at NatWest and the opening of a new account at Unity Bank and are at the next stages. A report that was made by a member of the public to Teresa Harvey last year has been taken to the Ombudsman, the clerk met with a representative from Somerset Council to discuss this. It was regarded that this had become vexatious by councillors. Bus shelters had been cleaned and it was proposed that these be done monthly, after a discussion resolved to do this quarterly. Gutters and windows at the pavilion have also been cleaned, the windows will be cleaned monthly.	
24/02/18	Planning Telecommunications Determination 09/24/0005/AGE Horseley Level Solar Farm, Horseley Levels, Puriton Hill, Bawdrip, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 Application to determine if prior approval is required for the proposed installation of a wood telegraph pole, yagi antenna, switch gear equipment cabin and ancillary development thereto. National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc and National Grid Telec Full Planning Permission 09/24/0003/JM Orchard House, Bath Road, Horsey, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4TS Erection of a detached garage with a room above. Mr A Williams Orchard House Bath Road Horsey Bridgwater Somerset TA6 4TS Reserved matters 09/24/0001/POA Bower Farm, Bower Lane, Bridgwater, TA6 4TY Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission Application No. 09/21/00036 (Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, for the erection of 260no. dwellings, associated infrastructure including a new roundabout, on site of existing buildings and structures (to be demolished)). To vary approved plans listed in Schedule A. Countryside Partnerships West	Resolved to not comment on this application. Resolved to support proposed by PM seconded DL. Resolved to support as smoother road layout giving better access on entry and exit. Proposed GB, seconded PM
24/02/19	The clerk reported that the parish had the opportunity to take part in a supported Community Review with the Community Council for Somerset, this will be a fully supported review that will help form some responses for a Neighbourhood Plan and may help cohesion with parts of the parish.	Resolved to sign the agreement.
24/02/20	Date of next meeting – The clerk has sent invites for 21/03/2024 at 7.15 pm for public speaking before the 7.30 pm meeting.	

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