



Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm at Morganians RFC on Thursday 21st March 2024.

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

Item	Minute	Action
24/03/21	There were apologies received from Councillor Dingwall, Parish Councillors Ellicott, Bond and Lane and no declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests	
24/03/22	The meeting minutes held on 22nd February 2024 were agreed upon unanimously and signed as correct.	
24/03/23	Arising from the minutes: 24/02/13 Kingsdown walkabouts have not happened as yet. 24/02/15 blocked gully continues.	Clerk to contact Councillor Rodrigues ref walkabouts. Clerk to contact Highways.
24/03/24	Unitary Councillor reports: None	
24/03/25	Reports from Parish Councillors: LB – roundabout issues continue, there are reports that heavy goods vehicles are finding it difficult to traverse and that the camber of the road is it cause for concern. ME - curbs along Kings Drive are crumbling, these have openings in them for drainage, clerk to investigate. RK - he had attended a village parish council meeting and noted the difference between parish needs and actions. PM – stated the fishing ponds in Plum Lane had become an eyesore, and questions were asked about how this could be improved, the EA have been involved, and whilst licences are held there are still some practices that are not covered by these. The permissions that the owner holds do not allow them to bring waste from elsewhere to burn on-site. The clerk to contact TrustGreen to request a copy of the residents' agreement.	Resolved Clerk to contact highways ref kerbs. Clerk to contact TrustGreen for residents agreement.
24/03/26	Clerk report – An environmental health officer is going to attend the pavilion to inspect the kitchen, the anticipation is that there will be some guidance for improvements post-visit. SIDS, the clerk had spoken with traffic management team at Somerset to request support with SIDS, locations agreed for these with the greatest important being applied to Kings Drive. Agreed to place the signs on King Drive once they are purchased. Funding is available through other avenues. Clerk to investigate. The clerk also requested warning signage for other locations. Pedestrian signage on the walkway between Stratton close and Dunwear Lane as the danger continues, resolved to request signage for pedestrians slash cyclists leaving Stratton Close, also signs to warn vehicle drivers of the risks. PKF Little John has been awarded contracts for auditing and resolved that Richard Young will be the internal auditor. Fly-tipping continues to be an issue on Bower Lane, this has been reported.	

	Contractor's vehicles moving to and from Strawberry Grange are now using Bower Lane, they are not adhering to speed limits also the HGVs that need to access the site are being sent through Eastern Ave to the roundabout at the end before navigating Polden Bower school. Industries that work out of Dunwear have contacted the clerk as they feel the roundabout is unworkable, the clerk has made contact with Chris Wadham at Somerset. He has assured the clerk that there should be no issues. Chris Wadham knows the issues and has asked engineers to attend the site and check the measurements. Unity bank application is now complete, next steps will be an invite to fund the account. Nat West continues to be a problem as the process is not yet complete. It was resolved at this meeting to open a Unity bank account for Kingsdown pavilion, the clerk to complete the application process as before, bring forms to the next meeting for signature, signatories to be Mr R Davis Mr R Kennedy and Mr M Ellicott. Groundforce has contacted ref Plum Lane as the surface is breaking up. Resolved to ask D Lane to look at the surface and give guidance. Clerk to contact businesses for support as well as residents.	
24/03/27	Planning Application for non-material changes – 09/24/0004/ Land Off A38, Bristol Road And A39, Bath Road And Bounded By M5 Motorway And Railway Line, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, Somerset	Resolved to object as properties appear dense and cramped. Highway safety as pedestrians will have to traverse a busy cycle route and no direct access to a crossing point.
24/03/28	Date of next meeting – The clerk has sent invites for 18/04/2024 at 7.15 pm for public speaking before 7.30 pm meeting commencing.	