



Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm at Morganians RFC on Thursday 16th May 2024.

Present Parish Cllrs Davies, Mason, Bond, Browne, Ellicott and Lane in attendance Cllr Rodrigues, Cllr Dingwall, one parishioner and the Clerk.

Item	Minute	Action
	Public Speaking The parish council were informed that grant funds that had been used to fund a defibrillator at St John and St. Francis School had been used.	
24/05/43	No apologies were received, and no personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interest declarations were made.	
24/05/44	The meeting minutes held on 18 th April 2024 were agreed upon unanimously and signed as correct.	
24/05/45	Arising from the minutes: GB – Willow man update, Cllr Dingwall said the survey was complete, and the results would be available soon. Highways England had funded £35k to investigate costs for moving the present Willow man to a museum and a replacement of type. LB ownership of Plum Lane, etc, remains ongoing. DL is awaiting quotes for repairs to Plum Lane. PM – Wood for stile: The clerk has advised she has it. RD—Black bridge (railway): The bridge looks and feels okay underfoot; however, the PC is not competent to ensure the safety of the structure for trains or foot/cycle traffic. Lorries are managing the new RAB with no issues. The developer will review this for damage.	
24/05/46	Unitary Councillor reports: Cllr Dingwall reported that Suez waste collections are running at £24m, so they are at risk of leaving the contract. Negotiations are in process, which will add to the financial burden. When asked why the council is not going out to tender, it was explained that they are confident that any quote would be much greater. Grass cutting is to change. Safety will always be foremost when practicable spaces are cut less often. A new executive subcommittee has been formed for the Gravity Centre. Its purpose is to monitor progress, meet with teams, and publicly share outcomes. Meetings are open to members of the public and will be joinable via teams. Cllr Rodrigues reported that finance continues to be an issue. At the full committee meeting this week, members will vote on redundancy with two hundred voluntarily accepted. This represents a saving of £8m. There are further recommendations to include forty-nine posts that are paid at £100k each. The next LCN is in June at the Town Hall. The update from the March meeting is that [presentations were made from Bridgwater Town Deal, Active Travel, and progress from working groups.	
24/05/47	Reports from Parish Councillors: ME—ongoing potholes—he asked the Councillors why these are not being fixed for the long term. Caravans and motorhomes are	

	using Old Bath Road as a place to park, and there are concerns about grey waste. It was resolved that the Clerk report this. LB attended presentations for Gravity, where infrastructure was reviewed. Road junctions and railway services are not confirmed as these are subject to Highways and Network Rail's consent. DL – RK Bell has unblocked the gully; water is not standing here. RD—The football teams are asking for containers; the Clerk has been trying to obtain permissions from EDF and resolved to apply for the planning permission as soon as possible.	
24/05/48	To receive the Clerk's report, roundabout landscaping will take place; sponsorship will be sought later. The position with Jay's Garden Maintenance explained that he was cancelling the contract as he had to wait for payment due to signatory issues. He was receiving the standing order of £320 per month. Cheque no 000775 £850. Clerk to obtain quotes for this work. Dog bins and litter bins on Kings Down are a health and safety problem in Westminster Way; neither Pinnacle nor TrustGreen appeared to be responsible. The clerk instructed Clean Surroundings to empty them, but after speaking with Trust, they agreed to do so regularly. Balance in the bank Cheque 000770 £34.54 payment for non-presented cheque. Cheque no 000774 hall refund, original cheque not presented. Cheque no 000776 hall hire £145.	
24/05/49	Date of next meeting—The clerk has sent invites for the next meeting 20th June @ 7.15pm.	