



Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm at Morganians RFC on Thursday 19th September 2024.

Present Parish Cllrs Davies, Kennedy, Bond, Browne, Lane, Mason and one parishioner, Unitary Councillors Dingwall and Rodrigues and the Clerk.

Item	Minute
	Public Speaking There was no public speaking.
24/09/66	There were no apologies received. Mr D Lane declared personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interest declaration 08/23/000369.
24/09/67	The meeting minutes held on 18 th July 2024 were agreed upon unanimously and signed as correct.
24/09/68	Arising from the minutes not on the agenda: 24/07/63 – Community Review survey responses of over 100 helped to form the following survey. 24/06/54 – SIDs information in Clerks report. 24/06/55—Campers on Old Bath Road had moved during the road works but have since returned. The Clerk will contact enforcement and environmental health. 24/07/63 – GWB Services requested confirmation of the number of cuts to the vegetation on the riverbank. It was resolved to agree to a meeting onsite to discuss this, although the feeling was that two would be sufficient.
24/09/68	Unitary Councillor reports: Some council-owned properties outside the county have been sold, and properties within the county are also for sale. Celebration Mile works continue. It is envisaged that this will link the railway station to the docks. There is also funding for works at the docks. Roadworks continue. Any pinch points will be shared to enable the councillors to support the locality. Dunwear is a pinch point, as it is often used as a diversion. At points, the lane is single-track. Trading standards had caught a local trader selling a vape to a 15 yr old this has been reported. There is a lack of foster carers. Cllr Dingwall is going to send a poster to the clerk for notice boards.
24/09/69	Reports from Parish Councillors: RK – expressed frustration at the lack of support for pressing issues. Noted that the vegetation along the riverbank had been cut. Rubbish from Anglers had reduced. He noted some issues with chairs, blinds and window locks at the pavilion. Expressed concern that the PC might receive complaints due to the current one-way system for Bath Road closure. PM – Land at Plum Lane is becoming a rubbish dump; it was resolved that the clerk will seek advice. GB – reported speeding HGVs along Westonzoyland Road. The clerk will write to the haulage company. DL – asked for an update regarding the landscaping of the roundabout. The clerk will contact Highways. LB – shared that the Community Review survey is now live.

	Cllr Dingwall asked if the lack of Foster Carers could be shared, Clerk requested up-to-date posters.
24/09/70	To receive the Clerk's report – Cheques for payment – 300021 – Microsoft Office 148.32, 300022 GB Services, £156.00, 300023 K Parsons Electrical, 2391.12, 300025 £320.00 D Quinn 300024 Morganians RFC £105.00 K Parsons. Bank balances, NatWest, KDP—Electrical checks have been completed. Faults will be rectified by 16/10/2024. The car park lighting is all LED. Plumbing works are being done to the showers. The disabled shower requires more investigation. All toilet flushes are being replaced. Fire Assessment due, Somerset Dunwear – litter bin set elite, resolved to replace with like for like; Somerset has quoted for this. Tree pushed over, RD has tried to prop and stake. Ponds issues ongoing, authorities aware. The LCN update from the recent meeting was shared via email. Sir Ashley Fox MP has requested the opportunity to attend a meeting the clerk to liaise. Continues safety issues with riverbank access at Plum Lane; cyclists leaving the riverbank have no regard when joining. The clerk has approached Rights of Way for solutions. Campers have returned to Old Bath Road and resolved to report to enforcement. D Quinn, who runs Mini Morgs, has requested a raffle prize, resolved that the clerk will purchase. Allotments – remains an issue – resolved that the clerk will contact Rodney Young and TrustGreenMGT.
24/09/71	Full Planning Permission – Permission 09/24/00011/AE Moorshard Farm, River Lane, Dunwear, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0AD Erection of 1no. agricultural building and the demolition of 2no. existing. R K & S G Miller & Sons Moorshard Farm Upper Dunwear Bridgwater TA7 0AD Resolved to support. Improvement to the milking process for all users. This is the only dairy herd in the locality, and it will allow the farmer to remain competitive in the industry. The current buildings are old; this change will modernise the process. Full Planning Permission 08/23/00369/AE Land to the West of, Summerway Drove, East Bower, Bridgwater Proposed construction, operation and decommissioning of a 90MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility and associated infrastructure Renewable Connections Developments Limited (Under consideration) Mr D Lane left the room for the discussion. Resolved to support. This is an environmentally friendly power resource. The land is currently being used as a paddock for horses; therefore, the change of use will not cause contaminated water to enter watercourses, which appears to be a concern for the EA. Mr D Lane returned to the meeting.



	Reserved matters 09/24/0001LNE 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 object The proposed closure of the footpath from Strawberry Grange will prevent users from accessing Bower Lane, offering them a choice between walking or getting into a vehicle. This access point would allow further onward movement to shops on Bower and further afield in Parkway, improving users' health and well-being and increasing income for those businesses. Without this option, increased car usage would be encouraged. If Bower Lane does not become a green lane, further safety measures must be investigated later. The PC fully supports the reduction in street lighting to reduce light pollution.
24/09/72	Date of next meeting—The clerk has sent invites for the next meeting 24th October @ 7.15pm.