



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Thursday, July 31st 2025, at 7.30 pm, at Morganians RFC.

Present Parish Councillors Kennedy, Browne, Lane, Mason, and in attendance Councillor Rodrigues, 1 parishioner and the clerk

25/07/50 Apologies received from M Ellicott, R Davies, and Councillor Dingwall. There were no declarations of personal/prejudicial/ disclosable pecuniary interests.

25/07/51 Resolved to sign the minutes from the meeting held on 03rd July 2025 as a correct record.

25/07/52 To receive matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – KDP chairs, clerk sourcing best price, SIDS, RK to assist with this.

25/07/53 Unitary Councillor reported that planning had been declared as in a state of emergency as there was a failure in capacity. All planners were directed to the planning applications, and enforcement was on hold.

25/07/54 Parish Councillors - DL reported fly-tipping in Bower Lane. It was suggested that Community Payback be explored as a means of addressing litter throughout the parish. Clerk to investigate. He also suggested that the PC consider a donation to the West Somerset Coach Crash Appeal, resolved to donate £1000. Proposed D Lane, seconded by P Mason. LB explained that Sir Ashley Fox had emphasised the value of a Neighbourhood Plan, resolved that works should start with this. The Community Review has not been discussed; the clerk agreed to arrange a Teams meeting for this purpose. Ineffectiveness of management companies was discussed, and the clerk was to find out if the S106 contained this for Follets Farm development.

25/07/55 Clerk reported Cheques payable 300053 Mr R Young - £80.00 internal audit, 300054 Quinns Windows £120.00 KDP windows, 300055 Coomers £162.30 KDP security, 300056 Somerset Council £1216.80, 300057 Somerset Council £42.24, 300058 Morganians RFC £35.00 hall hire, 300059 West Somerset Coach Crash Appeal, £1000.00.

AGAR agreed, full details on the website, questions regarding this to the clerk, internal audit reported. Asset register requires updating.

Christmas meal date 09/12/2025. Sir Ashley Fox MP has invited parish councillors to meet, 05/08/2025 at The Bower, clerk to book a table.

Contact had been made regarding the pavilion, will put as an agenda item for the next meeting. The question regarding notice boards arose, clerk to explore options to replace the current boards with an additional board placed at Strawberry Grange.

25/07/56 Full Planning Permission Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, East Bower, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4GU. Erection of Clinical Diagnostic Centre with associated car parking. Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4GU. Resolved to support the proposed by D Lane,



seconded by R Kennedy, unanimously agreed. This application will provide much-needed diagnostics, and there are good public transport links also.

25/07/57 Date of next monthly meeting – 18th September 2025, public speaking at 7.15pm.