



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Thursday, January 22nd 2026, at 7.30 pm, at Morganians RFC.

Present Parish Councillors Davies, Kennedy, Browne, Ellicott, Bond, Mason, 3 members of the public, and in attendance the clerk.

26/01/08 Apologies received from Mr D Lane and Cllr Rodrigues. There were no declarations of personal/prejudicial/ disclosable pecuniary interests.

26/01/09 Resolved to sign the minutes from the meeting held on 9th January, which were signed as a correct record.

26/01/10 Matters arising from the minutes, 25/11/80 – RD gave an update on the Willow Man. Serena del la Hay has been in touch, but no commitment to engage. Resolved that, as there are commitments from the parish, the site could be prepared for works. RD to obtain costs for clearing the site and circulate. Clerk to try to find out the owner of the structure.

26/01/11 There were no reports from Unitary Councillors.

26/01/12 Parish Councillors' reports – RK parking issues continue in Bower Lane at school leaving times. Cars are blocking footpaths and lane to oncoming traffic. Resolved that the clerk to contact the police. He also noted fly-tipping in Bower Lane and noted how quickly it was removed. LB shared that she had been to the Climate and Place Scrutiny Committee; the information is attached to the minutes. ME said that the blocked drains were causing water to lie in the road. Highways have been out, but the situation remains. Resolved that the clerk will ask for drain checks. PM reported that the ponds at Plum Lane have become a waste transfer station, with 4 caravans, 3 diggers, and a dumper truck: clerk to report. GB noted that the River Lane road surface is deteriorating. RD reported that the Bower Lane development is currently on hold.

26/01/13 Community Review update: nothing to note.

26/01/14 Proposed Youth Club, no responsibility for the parish council, see report attached. Resolved to continue to aim for start up in April 2026, unanimously agreed.

26/01/15 Precept set at £90000.00 to allow for a small buffer to accommodate the budget figures (see Precept meeting minutes). Much thought was given to the cost-of-living increases for parishioners. This increase will be an additional 9.69 per year for a Band D property. Resolved to set at £90000.00 with the chairman reminding members to look at projects that will make improvements for parishioners.

20/01/16 Clerk had received a report of rubbish building up in the play area in Augusta Drive. Initial thoughts are that Trustgreen should be responsible, but this part of the development is not transferred; the developer is responsible. The park is now cordoned off. There was a meeting in Plum Lane organised by Councillor Rodrigues regarding the deterioration of the surface of the lane. The meeting acknowledged that responsibility lay



with the users. Quotes are being sought for repairs these will be shared. Clerk requested help with bid writing for land near the pavilion for a change of use to benefit the locality. SIDS request is now waiting for Highways to give permission for the device positioning. Dates agreed for Neighbourhood Planning on 26th February, Barratt Homes on 19th March, both closed meetings. Further dates for the public to attend will be publicised once agreed.

Cheques for payment 300084 - £35.00 hall hire (precept meeting) 300085 £75.00 Starlink payment January, 300086 £516.00 Greenslade Taylor Hunt (container planning), 300087 £538.80 GWB Services grass cutting, 300088 £3159.68 Somerset Council. 300089 £248.70: K Parsons Starlink installation at KDP; 300090 £35.00: hall hire.

20/01/17 09/25/00024/TT Scoping Opinion Land on Horsey Level to the West of, Bath Road, Horsey, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7

Request for an EIA Scoping Opinion for the following environmental aspects, Landscape and Views, Transport, Ecology, Water, Flood Risk and Drainage, Air Quality, Noise and Vibration Socioeconomics, Heritage, and Climate Change. Opinion Object

Comments 1. Flood Risk Most of the site lies within Flood Zone 3. The development introduces large impermeable structures and extensive hardstanding on low lying land. The scoping documents do not demonstrate that flood risk can be safely mitigated, either on site or downstream. 2. Ecological Impact The site falls within the Somerset Wetlands NNR and multiple SSSI Impact Risk Zones, with hydrological links to internationally designated sites. The current scope does not address potential impacts on wetland habitats, protected species or hydrology with sufficient clarity. 3. Landscape and Visual Impact The proposed buildings, up to 28 metres in height, will be prominent across the Levels, Puriton and Horsey. No massing, photomontages or visual envelope assessments are presented at this stage. 4. Heritage The development sits close to the Horsey medieval settlement and Horsey Manor Farm. The EIA scope does not demonstrate how setting and cumulative effects on these assets will be assessed. 5. Agricultural Land Loss The proposal would convert approximately 129 hectares of Grade 3 agricultural land. No evidence is provided that lower value land was considered. 6. Transport Construction over 3.5 years will generate significant HGV movements on the A39 and local roads. The scoping document does not describe cumulative impacts or credible mitigation. 7. Energy and Climate A 500 MW power requirement presents substantial carbon, grid capacity and energy supply implications. The scope does not identify how climate impacts, waste heat and operational carbon will be addressed. 8. Alternatives The applicant has not yet demonstrated that this location is the least impactful option. The alternatives section is incomplete and too high-level to justify the selection of this site. For these reasons, the Parish Council requests that the scope be expanded to require a full assessment of the above issues and reserves the right to maintain an objection to the proposal unless these matters are fully resolved.

26/01/18 Date of next monthly meeting – 19th February 2026, public speaking at 7.15pm.



Youth Club Report

Visit to Youth Club at The Rollercoaster by Mrs S Kennedy, Ms E Browne and the Clerk in December last year.

Witnessed a successful, well-organised group; youngsters appeared happy and engaged.

The leader explained all policies and processes in place, very passionate about the group and its successes.

Always address bullying and rudeness as the biggest issues, dealt with using modelling behaviours and praise.

2 staff per session, young leaders move on to other employment, good progression.

Strong rules in place, a fee payable, materials will be required for start-up, but the fee should fund after that.

Equipment will be required: a pool table, a table tennis-style table, and games. Storage will be necessary.

Organised trips.

No responsibility for the Parish Council, youth leaders will meet with reps from PC or entire PC.

Insurances require checks.

Sedgemoor Crematorium donated £500 towards setup costs.