



Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7.15 pm at Morganians RFC on Thursday, 23rd May 2026.

Present are Parish Cllrs Davies, Bond, Mason, Lane, and the Clerk in attendance.

26/05/54 There were apologies from Messrs Kennedy, Ellicott, Browne, Councillors Dingwall and Rodrigues. No personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

26/05/55 Resolved to accept minutes from the meeting held 15th May 2025

26/05/56 Matters arising from the minutes – none.

26/05/57 Chairman's report – This past year has been both challenging and rewarding for the Parish Council. Much of our work has focused on supporting the community through a range of ongoing local issues and concerns.

Part of the year has involved making challenging planning decisions and ensuring that our residents' views and interests are properly represented. Planning matters continue to pose difficulties for many communities, and the lack of effective planning enforcement has further compounded community concerns and frustrations. We have worked hard throughout the year to provide support wherever possible.

We have also sought to assist residents facing broader community difficulties, particularly environmental and pollution issues. Unfortunately, we have often experienced a lack of support and engagement from the Environment Agency in addressing these matters, which has been disappointing for both the Council and residents alike.

In addition, communication with the Unitary Council has at times proved difficult, and obtaining timely support on local issues has been challenging. Despite these frustrations, we are grateful for the continued support received from both Parish Councillors and our Unitary Councillors, whose commitment to the community has been greatly appreciated throughout the year.

We would also like to acknowledge the active support of our local MP, who has assisted the parish with several ongoing concerns and has continued to engage positively with matters affecting our community.

During the year, the Parish Council has also explored ways to improve community well-being and safety. We are exploring the possibility of establishing a youth club to provide opportunities and activities for younger residents within the parish. Road safety also remains a priority, and we will be investigating the introduction of speed indicator devices to help encourage safer driving through our communities.

We are also pleased to report that another defibrillator has been purchased and is now available within the parish, providing an important resource that could help save lives in an emergency.

Looking ahead, we recognise that the coming year will continue to bring many challenges. However, the Parish Council remains committed to approaching these positively and constructively. We will continue to work hard to guide and support the Parish Council for the benefit of the whole community, while also endeavouring to strengthen relationships and cooperation with neighbouring parishes so that we can work together towards common aims and shared goals. The Community Review will help shape what happens, as well as inform considerations for a Neighbourhood Plan.



The coming year will also see the Parish Council working with other agencies and partners to develop and submit a bid for a new riverside park adjacent to the new River Parrett barrage. We hope this project will provide lasting environmental, recreational and community benefits for residents and visitors alike.

26/05/58 Mr R Davies was re-elected as Chairman, proposed by Mr G Bond seconded by Mr P Mason, unanimously agreed. Before accepting, Mr Davies expressed concerns that ideas are not taken through to fruition. He said he wanted to see this year that projects were brought to a successful end. Declaration of acceptance of office signed.

26/05/59 The Vice Chairman post was not agreed upon. Mr R. Kennedy has agreed to stand. Mr D. Lane proposed, and Mr G Bond seconded, the motion, which was unanimously agreed to be ratified at the next meeting.

26/05/60 Clerk provided the results of the previous year's audit. The only finding was that the dates for the exercise of public rights were incorrect; therefore, Assertion 4 must be answered "no" in this year's audit. Clerk also reiterated that projects need to be followed through, funds had been allocated to fund the projects, which need to be spent. Annual Governance Statements for 2025-2026 were read aloud, answered and resolved. Risk Management and Internal Controls for the year 2026 were agreed.

26/05/61 Mr Lane reported that there was a dentist in the Bower estate near the Tesco; he said that this was good news for the locality.

26/05/62 Date of next Annual Meeting May 2027