



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Thursday April 23rd 2026, at 7.30 pm, at Morganians RFC.

Present Parish Councillors Kennedy, Ellicott, Mason, Councillors Rodrigues, Councillor Dingwall, 1 member of the public and in attendance the clerk.

26/04/44 Apologies received from Ms Browne, Mr Davis, Mr Lane and Mr Bond. There were no declarations of personal/prejudicial/ disclosable pecuniary interests.

26/04/45 Resolved to sign the minutes from the meeting held on March 26th, which were signed as a correct record.

26/04/46 Matters arising from the minutes – RK had written to Willowdown School; this has been acknowledged, and further conversations are to take place. Old Bath Road - ME reported that Roberts had offered topsoil, which could be used as a deterrent once the waste had been removed. RK feels that Highways would object. DL had suggested to the clerk that a gate would prevent vehicles from camping and would allow continued emergency access to the M5. Councillor Rodrigues will contact Highways and liaise with the clerk. RK noted that he could declare an interest and participate in the Riverside Park bidding process.

26/04/47 Councillor Rodrigues reported that budget setting was agreed, currently there will be a £25-£29 million gap for next year. The Finance officer who had been appointed had resigned before taking up the position. Clive Healy will extend his current contract to bridge this gap. He confirmed that he had been selected for Bower Ward again. SEND continues to be problematic across the county, with EHCP provision scoring below 5%, while neighbouring counties deliver 60-80%. There is a lack of educational psychologists. Councillor Dingwall reported that Conservatives had put together a plan for funding for both highways enforcement and SEND provision, which was not accepted. Electoral boundaries for Somerset have been agreed and will be signed off by the central government. Some works have been completed on Westonzoyland Road, where vegetation has been removed, but he has been unable to find out who was responsible.

26/04/48 Parish Councillors' reports – ME continued potholes re-occurring. RK shared LB's email regarding a consultation on the centralisation of the planning process. Resolved that the clerk will respond to this. Motorbikes are using the space under the motorway at Somerset Bridge, which is being reported regularly.

26/04/49 Date for a teams meeting with Emma Norman, clerk to arrange with a limited number of parish councillors.

26/04/50 Youth Club update received from RK. They cannot start; they need to appoint youth workers. They are offering street works with young people. Resolved that RK looks at other providers. Councillor Rodrigues is meeting with Sally Mann from Fuse 24th April, RK will attend to discuss the possibility of provision.



26/04/51 Unity bank - £110,401.68 NatWest Bank - £8640.20

Cheques for payment - Hall hire £35.00 cheque no 300161, Hall hire returned £37.50 cheque no 300162, spoilt cheque 300163, Quinns Windows £180.00, Starlink £75.00 cheque no 300165, Coomber Security £328.80 Cheque no 3001066,

Clerk said that at the Annual Meeting, a report is given by the Chairman and that other parish councillors could give a report of the previous year.

Internal Auditor agreed to continue with Mr R Young.

Both Citizens Advice and The Food Bank had been considered for donations previously, and Parish Councillors were asked to consider giving again.

26/04/52 Planning applications - none

26/04/53 Date of next monthly meeting – 21st May 2026, which will be preceded by the Annual Meeting at 7pm, public speaking at 6.45pm.