

The **Annual Parish Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council** was held in The Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on **Monday 11 April 2005** at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted:

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman explained that the Clerk Mr Bruce Poole was not able to attend but that Councillor Clive Morris had volunteered to take the minutes and act in the Clerks' absence. The Chairman thanked Councillor Morris for undertaking this task.

PRESENT Mrs PJ Skelley (Chairman) together with Mesdames M E Sheppard P J Robinson Messrs J Harvey-Bennett R Hicks R House C Morris and K Pyke

In addition there were five members of the public present together with District Councillor I Peddlesden

APOLOGIES Councillor M Perry and District Councillor E Ap Rees

MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 5 April 2004 were read by Cllr Morris and thereafter approved and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

May I begin the Annual Parish Report by expressing my pleasure at a splendid year for Bleadon Parish Council. As you will hear from the Councillors reports much has been accomplished over the last twelve months. We have achieved Quality Council Status having adhered to all the requirements set by National Government. We gained this prestigious award last December and I proudly accepted the Certificate in January this year.

More recently we have also been awarded in competition with hundreds of parishes a NEC internet-ready PC and a twelve month connection to BT Yahoo Anytime as part of the BT Community Connections Award Scheme. For the benefit of the local community this will be sited in the new Post Office which will open on Saturday 23rd April.

After discussions in Council over the year the Village Plan was launched in January and is being masterminded by four Sub-Committees and a Steering Committee. We should soon be able to publish a questionnaire which will be distributed throughout the village and the returns from this will be vital to the final draft.

We have harried the Highway Services for "The Gang" to keep our roads in order. The Jubilee Garden has been refurbished and the Parish tubs filled with seasonal plants. A Speed Watch scheme has been set up and with help from more volunteers will be extended in the future. New fencing has been erected around the Play Park and the whole area has passed an annual inspection. The Coronation Hall and Jubilee Room continue to be upgraded and the car park is on our list to be resurfaced. So the heart of the village continues to improve.

As a Council we look forward with vigour to the year ahead and the general well being of our community. I thank you all for your continuing support and remind you that the Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month and your attendance is always welcome.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

The following reports were presented to the meeting copies of which are attached to the Minute Book.

Precept	Clerk Mr B Poole read in absence by Councillor Morris
Planning	Councillor Mrs M E Sheppard
Open Spaces	Councillors Mrs P Robinson
Playground	Councillor K Pyke
Allotments	Councillor Mrs M Sheppard
Magazine	Councillor Mrs P Robinson
Churchyard	Councillor Mrs P Robinson
Coronation Hall	Councillor Mr C Morris
Youth Club	Councillor K Pyke
Scouts & Guides	Councillor K Pyke
Footpaths	Councillor R House (No Report)
ALCA	Councillor R Hicks
Roads & Transport	Councillor J Harvey-Bennett
District Councillors	Councillors I Peddlesden & E Ap Rees

THE VILLAGE PLAN

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (a) Rubbish and untidy smallholding in Facum Lane

The Chairman advised that the matter is in the hands of North Somerset Council

- (b) Earthworks at Purn Farm

The Chairman advised that the matter is being investigated by North Somerset Council. Councillor House added that he understood that the work had been completed apart from re-grassing the area.

- (c) Footpath Diversion (field adjacent to Wonderstone House)

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.15pm