

The **Annual Parish Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council** was held in The Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008** at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted:

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the public participants were invited to circulate around the room to visit the exhibits that comprised – Bleadon Youth Club – Age Concern – Weston DIAL -

**PRESENT** Mrs PJ Skelley (Chairman) together with Mesdames M E Sheppard P J Robinson Messrs B Gamble R House C Morris M Perry and K Pyke

In addition there were some Forty Eight members of the public present together with District Councillor I Peddlesden and the clerk Mr B Poole.

**APOLOGIES** None

**MINUTES** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007 were read by the Parish Clerk Mr Poole and thereafter approved and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

As always I am able to begin my report by saying it has been another good year for the Parish of Bleadon and that the Parish Council has been able to contribute to the quality of life of our Parish.

One of our greatest assets is the Coronation Hall and its "West Wing". These are flourishing with continuous hiring's events and functions. The market is now part of the village fabric and it is hard to remember a time when there wasn't a monthly Market.

I feel sure that you appreciate the work carried out on the overall appearance of the Village. The Open Spaces are constantly being checked and improvements made each season the Churchyard footpaths and the four new kissing gates all look very good. The allotments have a waiting list and the tubs will be summer planted by the May Fayre. The area around the Hall has been transformed by the "Sparkplug" project with just a small area behind the Jubilee Hall still to be completed. I must also mention the new Cycle Racks in the Car Park. Our Village Ranger and the Mendip Rangers are to be praised for the work they do in keeping our small part of the Mendips so beautifully.

The Youth Club goes from strength to strength with refurbishing inside and upgraded CCTV outside. The Youth Club Leaders are to be congratulated and we thank them for their focus on our young people. Our Guides and Brownies blossom growing in numbers and as always a heartfelt thank you to their committed leaders.

The upkeep of the play area is under review and we intend to have a complete new slide complex in place this summer so we will again be the envy of other villages.

Planning – we have had many planning applications throughout the year and these take up a great deal of our time. We have site meetings thorough discussions and deliberation, and consider each application in detail. You must appreciate though that we are not the final arbiter and that North Somerset planning committee has the final word.

Our Beat Officer and the PSO have served us now for a year. The weekly surgeries work well and with your support the village will stay relatively crime free.

The Bleadon Historical Society has had its first meeting and was well attended. With all the artefacts and photos that arrived on the night it was more like an Antiques Road Show. The future plans of the Society will be announced later in the year.

I should say here that you will find a great deal more information on all of the topics I have only covered broadly on the Parish Council Web-site. The full reports of Parish Councillors on their specialist areas will be made available on the web site and will be repeated in the next issue of the "Bleadon Village News".

In closing, forward planning is essential for a Parish Council as it is the tier of local government closest to the people it serves. I hope you agree that your Parish Council endeavours to serve you well.

I thank you for attending this Annual Parish Meeting. Your help and support are keeping this village as we all wish it to be. I personally thank your volunteer team of Parish Councillors.

## PRESENTATIONS

The 2008/09 Precept - Mr B Poole

Village Plan Update – Mr K Pyke

## CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS

North Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 50.00
Age Concern	£ 50.00
Bleadon Youth Club	£ 500.00

Each representative of the organisation listed gave a short resume to the meeting of the activity of their respective group.

**OPEN FORUM** Other than questions asked in respect to the Village Plan there were no other questions asked.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the exhibitors for their input and the caterers for the excellent refreshments.

## COUNCIL REPORTS:

It was noted that the following reports would be inserted into the June issue of the Village Newsletter.

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)
Roads & Transport	Councillor B Gamble
District Councillors	Councillors I Peddlesden & E Ap Rees

The meeting finally concluded after the serving of refreshments at 9.00 pm.