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Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited PC Steve Church to address the meeting. He reported on the number of calls received from the village in the previous month which amounted to 16 of which 7 were crimes reported. Of these 2 were dwelling burglaries (garage) 3 thefts of motor vehicles and 2 thefts from motor vehicles. He said that the number of opportunist thefts was increasing due to people not securing their homes and their cars. However crime generally was down on last year. Under the LPP (Local Police Priorities) he had instigated Visible Patrols and checking on speeding traffic along Bleadon Road. As to the latter he was sorry to note of those apprehended they were in the main local inhabitants.

Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on Monday 8th December 2008 that commenced at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Mrs P Skelley (Chairman) together with Mesdames P Robinson M E Sheppard Messrs B Gamble G Lockyer C Morris K Pyke and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there was one member of the public present together with PC Steve Church and Miss Emma Wright a reporter from the Weston Mercury.

“Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race gender age sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

209.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

District Councillor I Peddlesden

209.10.2 To consider the co-option of Mrs Iris D Clarke as a Parish Councillor

It was duly proposed and seconded that Mrs Iris D Clarke be invited to fill the vacancy created by Councillor Malcolm Perry's resignation.

Resolved that Mrs Iris D Clarke be co-opted on to the Council as a Parish Councillor.

The declaration of office was duly made and signed. She then assumed her seat on the Council. The Chairman Mrs Penny Skelley welcomed her on behalf of the council.

209.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
209.4.10	Mrs M Sheppard	Prejudicial	Sister of applicant
209.6.2	Mrs M Sheppard	Prejudicial	Sister of applicant – 08/2480/TPO
209.8.1	Mr C Morris	Personal	Council Representative/Treasurer
209.8.1/2	Mr K Pyke	Personal	Council Representative

209.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2008

Resolved that the **Minutes** of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on **Monday 10th November 2008** that had been duly circulated be taken as read and approved as being a correct record subject to the under mentioned amendment be signed as such by the Chairman

208.5 – Amend June to “**November**”

209.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting
None
- (2) Collapsed Drain – Churchyard approach BP
- (3) Bus Shelter & Memorial Plaque BP
Nothing to report
- (4) Legend Board PS
It was reported to the meeting that Messrs Chris Richards and Pete Williams were assisting in the project.
- (5) Lloyds Bank Ltd – Bank Mandate BP
Nothing to report
- (6) Outstanding Planning Applications – 06/1971 & 06/1972 BP
The Clerk reported to the meeting on his recent conversation with Mr Simon Exley of North Somerset District Council’s South Area Planning Committee.
- (7) Council owned property BP
The Clerk reported on the progress to date and as a result of that report the Council :-

Resolved that the Clerk should sign the Statement of Truth in respect to the Bus Shelter Celtic Way Bleadon

Resolved that the Clerk should sign the Statutory Declaration in respect to the following

1. Piece of land known as the Parish Cross and Green at Coronation Road Bleadon
2. Piece of land known as the Parish Pump and Green at the corner of Coronation Road and Mulberry Lane Bleadon
3. Lay-by on the east end of Roman Road Bleadon Hill Bleadon
4. Lay-by on Roman Road Bleadon Hill Bleadon

(8) A370 Purn Local Safety Scheme BG

The Council was provided with an up date as to progress in this matter. It was noted that the work should now commence in the New Year.

(9) RoSPA Report – Repair Schedule KP

It was noted that work was recommended under this report to “The Springer” and it was :-

Resolved that Councillor Keith Pyke and Village Ranger John Hurcombe would investigate as to what was required to effect the repair

Councillor Mrs Mary Sheppard having declared a prejudicial interest left the meeting.

(10) Mrs R Watts OS No 9978 Bleadon Road BP

The clerk reported to the meeting the latest advice from the council’s solicitor whereupon it was

Resolved that the Clerk should sign the Licence Agreement in respect to the Village Notice Board and Dog Bin

It was also noted that the Parish Council’s submission to Mrs Watts as advised by the Council’s Barrister in respect to the Bus Shelter under the following legislation that the Parish Council had a power to provide had been accepted by Mrs Watts. **[Section 4 - Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 and Section 1 - Parish Councils Act 1957.]** This fact was also confirmed by North Somerset District Council when it indicated that the strip of land was in fact adopted highway albeit that it was accepted that it was in the ownership of Mrs Watts.

The Chairman sought the meeting’s agreement to discuss agenda item **209.6.2** as this item also affected Councillor Mrs Mary Sheppard who had at the commencement of the meeting declared a prejudicial interest in this matter as well. **Agreed.**

08/2480/TPO – 26/12/08

Application for tree works – subject to a tree preservation order (TPO 318)
OS 9978 off Bleadon Road Bleadon

The Parish Council accepted that tree 2674 would be removed as set down in planning permission 07/P/2373 but it noted that under that planning permission three conditions had been set down. These being (a) the submission and approval of an arboriculture method statement (b) the submission and approval of an appropriate foundation design to protect the archaeological remains and (c) the submission and approval of detailed landscaping.

The Council was also concerned of the owner’s intention to remove other trees on the site that might affect the TPO on trees 2676 and 2680 and that 2673 was currently covered in ivy. As an immediate adjoining site had uncovered some extremely important archaeological finds – Bleadon Man – the Parish Council were most anxious that the foundation design should be submitted as soon as possible and certainly before the tree in question had been removed.

Resolved that no action be taken with the removal of the tree until the three conditions as set out in planning permission 07/P/2373 are complied with on the basis that the tree is currently a valued amenity of the village and need not be removed until absolutely necessary for the development of the site and that the site may well prove to be a further important archaeological find in the community.

The Parish Council wished to record the historic fact that this planning application was the first that they had discussed by screening it on the Hall screen by using the Parish Council's Projector and Lap-top.

Councillor Mrs Mary Sheppard returned to the meeting at this point when she was advised of the Parish Council's decision in relation to the Bus Shelter and strip of land.

- (11) Quality Council Status Re-accreditation BP

Resolved that a working party be set up to comprise Councillors Mrs Penny Skelley Messrs Graham Lockyer and Keith Pyke together with the Parish Clerk.

- (12) Churchyard Statutory – Meeting with PCC BP

The Parish Clerk reported on this meeting and the subsequent action taken to date as a result of this meeting.

- (13) Community Policing Awards BP

The Clerk confirmed with the assistance of Councillor Graham Lockyer the agreed submissions had been lodged.

209.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of December

(92)	SLCC	Publications	118.40	
(93)	DS Securities	Maintenance on Camera System	150.00	26.25
(94)	Mark Howe	Grass Cutting 2008	2374.00	
(95)	SLCC	Regional Conference	150.00	26.24
(96)	Staff	Salaries – November 2008	1428.36	
(97)	Mr B Poole	University of Gloucestershire	7.33	
(98)	Simply Somerset	Transport to Regional Conference	75.00	
(99)	Weston Machinery	Equipment Repairs & Servicing	93.92	16.43
(100)	Connaught	Dog Bin Emptying	8.00	1.40
(101)	Mrs P Skelley	Stationery	4.87	.82
(102)	Bridge Garage	Ranger Travel – November	21.65	3.78
(103)	Sanders	Screen Fencing – Church	73.01	10.95
(104)	Allianz Insurance	Buildings Coronation Hall Insurance Premium	2313.04	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

208.6 Planning Committee

- (1) **To receive an update on the following considered applications**

06/1971 – 27/09/06

Re-building and Re-roofing of building and use thereof as a single dwelling
Conker Cottage Purn Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon

06/1972 – 27/09/06

Use of site for the stationing of residential caravan
Caravan adjacent to Conker Cottage Purn Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon

See 209.4.6

08/1559 – Target Date September 2008

Extension and conversion of existing garage to create two storey dwelling. Erection of detached garage/office building
Gracelands Roman Road Bleadon

Noted that a decision had not as yet been posted by North Somerset

08/1986 – Approved 03/11/08

Creation of new vehicular access from highway to field (retrospective)
Field off Celtic Way Bleadon

08/2014 – Approved 10/11/08

Change of use of agricultural land to mixed agricultural and equestrian use of land including the erection of 3 stables and a store
Field adjacent to Homefield House Rectory Lane Bleadon

08/2024 – Approved 05/11/08

Erection of a 2 storey side extension following demolition of existing side conservatory
Greenwood Cottage Bridge Road Bleadon

08/2126 – Approved 18/11/08

Proposed change of use of existing agricultural building to B8 classic vehicle storage
Lake Farm, Shiplate Road Bleadon

08/2181 – Target Date January 2009

Retrospective application for the sub-division of property into 2 no dwellings. Conversion of existing outbuilding to B1 (office) unit
Purn House Farm Purn Way Bleadon

08/2182 - Target Date January 2009

Retrospective application for the sub-division of property into 2 no dwellings to include the blocking up of 2 no internal doorways. Conversion of existing outbuilding to B1 (office) unit
Purn House Farm Purn Way Bleadon

08/2217 – 26/11/08

Erection of a single storey front extension
Galloens Reach
6 Willow Drive Bleadon

Noted that a decision had not as yet been posted by North Somerset

08/2273 - Withdrawn

Display of 4 no non illuminated post mounted advertisement signs in relation to the sale of Christmas trees
Bleadon Post Office/Purn Farm/Fiat Garage/A370 Bleadon

It was noted that although this application had been withdrawn the temporary notices were still in situ.

Resolved that the clerk advise North Somerset accordingly.

(2) To consider and respond to the following planning applications

08/2480/TPO – 26/12/08

Application for tree works – subject to a tree preservation order (TPO 318)
OS 9978 off Bleadon Road Bleadon

See 209.4.10 where this subject matter was discussed.

(3) Appeals

APP/DO121/A/08/2076855/WF - 08/0654

Outline application for the erection of a dwelling with the access not reserved for subsequent approval
West View Toll Road Bleadon

It was noted that this appeal was dismissed on the 28th November 2008.

(4) Enforcement

08/0876/E

Shiplate Slate Mearcombe Lane Bleadon

(5) Other Matters

UHF Transmitter/receiver station – Bleadon Hill

It was noted that the owners have been written to by North Somerset requesting that they submit a retrospective planning application

07/2084

The Clerk was asked to notify North Somerset Planning Department of possible problems relating to application number 07/2084 which had been refused. The property had now been sold and the offending building was still in situ. It was noted that this information had been confirmed to North Somerset District Council.

209.7

Open Spaces Committee

To receive reports from the brief holders

(1) Allotments

It was noted that the Parish Council currently had a waiting list and it was suggested by Councillor Mrs Mary Sheppard that the Parish Council should consider purchasing additional land for the provision of extra plots. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed further.

(2) Churchyard

It was noted that the screening fencing was now in place and that steps had be taken to prevent further incursions of cattle.

(3) Footpaths & Bridleways

No report

(4) Roads & Transport

Councillor Brian Gamble reported that after the recent rains the forecourt of Bridge Garage was once again flooded.

(5) Children's Playground

Inspection Sheets received for the period of 16/11/08 – 31/11/08

(6) Newsletter

It was reported that the current newsletter was with the printers.

209.8**To receive the following representative reports**

- (1) Coronation Hall CM

Councillor Clive Morris thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the Management Committee for the grant paid to them earlier in the meeting. As well as the Coronation Hall Christmas garlands had also been erected in the Jubilee Hall.

- (2) Youth Club KP

The Youth Club were extremely pleased with having raised the sum of £179.00 from the recent Village Christmas Market.

- (3) ALCA BG

Recent newsletter contained with the circulation pack.

- (4) Community Safety GL

The Councillors attention was drawn to agenda item 209.10.4 yet to be discussed.

- (5) District Councillors IP

No report submitted although it was noted that Chairman Councillor Mrs Penny Skelley continued to make regular calls to District Councillor Ian Peddlesden's home to enquire on the state of his health.

- (6) Parish Councillors

Nothing

- (7) Village Beat Officer

See commencement of the meeting

- (8) Village Plan

Councillor Keith Pyke reported that he was not sure whether or not he would make the magazine distribution deadline for the insertion of the village plan. He promised to see what he could achieve.

- (9) The Clerk

See 209.4.11

209.9**To receive and consider the following correspondence**

- (1) North Somerset Partnership Bulletin – Nov 08 C

- (2) North Somerset Register of Electors BP

Copy with the clerk

- (3) Allianz Bleadon Parish Council Policy BP

It was noted that the clerk was still waiting for a reply from AON despite one reminder to date.

- (4) Mark Howe Grass Cutting quotation 2009 BP

To be discussed at the January Meeting.

(5)	North Somerset	Standards Committee Agenda & Minutes 25/11/08	C
(6)	North Somerset	Special Expenses	BP
		The clerk provided the meeting with an explanation of this matter.	
(7)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 697 24/11/08	C
(8)	NALC	Place Matters – Conference Programme	C
		The Chairman and the Clerk gave a verbal report on this Conference	
(9)	North Somerset	“Street Scene” November 2008	C
(10)	Sage	Sage Cover – 08/11/08 to 07/11/09	BP
(11)	NHS North Somerset	Draft Involvement and Engagement Strategy	C
(12)	North Somerset	Planning Workshop – 27/11/08	C
		Councillor Graham Lockyer and the Clerk provided a verbal report to the meeting.	
(13)	ICO	The New Publication Scheme	C
(14)	North Somerset	Monitoring Officer – Consultation on Codes of Conduct	BP
(15)	Bristol Airport	Parish Council Briefings	C
Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda			
(16)	NALC	LCR – Volume 60 No 4 November 2008	BP
(17)	SLCC	Regional Conference Handouts	C
		Those Councillors who attended the Regional Conference were unanimous in their opinion that the event was extremely successful and very worthwhile attending.	
(18)	John Shirley & Co	Strip of Land	BP
		<i>See 209.4.10</i>	
(19)	ALCA Newsletter	December 2008 Volume 6 Issue 12	C
(20)	North Somerset	Life Issue 50 December 2008	C
(21)	North Somerset	Consultation on Codes of Conduct	BP
(22)	CPRE	“Fieldwork” – December 2008	C
(23)	NALC	DISExtra – 08/12/08	C
(24)	North Somerset	E-Mail – Planning Enforcement – 08/0876	BP
(25)	John Shirley & Co	Bus Shelter Celtic Way Bleadon	BP
(26)	John Shirley & Co	Registration of Four Village Greens	BP
		<i>See 209.4.7</i>	
(27)	Nationwide	Business Investor – £5,022.18 – Tax Paid 5.55	BP
		It was noted that the clerk was taking steps to advise Nationwide that the Parish Council was entitled to receive interest gross of tax.	
(28)	Mr C Morris	Coronation Hall – Annual Insurance Premium	BP
		<i>See 209.9.3</i>	

209.10 Other business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To resolve to adopt and approve the new model publication scheme as set out by the Information Commissioner.

Resolved that the Parish Council would adopt and approve the new model scheme effective from the 1st January 2009 for the Freedom of Information Act as directed by the Information Commissioner

- (2) To consider for co-option as a Parish Councillor Mrs I D Clarke of The Granary Mulberry Lane Bleadon BS24 0PH (full details of which have been previously circulated) in replacement of Mr Malcolm Perry's recent resignation

See commencement of the meeting 209.1

- (3) To agree to lobby North Somerset District Council to pass a motion resolving to use the Sustainable Communities Act

Resolved to lobby North Somerset District Council to pass a motion that they would use the Sustainable Communities Act

- (4) To agree to provide a grant of £300.00 to Bleadon Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Clerk read to the meeting an e-mailed report from Mr David Jones village co-ordinator for the neighbourhood watch scheme which set out the progress recently made in sourcing further volunteers which now almost covered the whole of the village. As a result of this sudden expansion a further supply of signs was required (24 x 12.50) and he sought a grant of £300.00 from the Parish Council to purchase them.

Resolved that a grant of £300.00 be given - (LGA 1972 Section 137)

209.11

Date of next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting Monday 12th January 2009 commencing at 7.30 pm.