

BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT 2013

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We are very lucky here in Bleadon that we have so much to report about at the end of the year. Top of our list the Precept was our main concern plus the financial constraints budgets and cut-backs. Full details of which are reported here.

The main "spoke" in Bleadon's wheel is the Coronation Hall and Jubilee Room well managed by the Hall Committee and a team of volunteers. Visitors come from far and wide to the monthly markets. A summary and update of the Hall improvements are detailed in the magazine.

The Youth Club is active and intact with 36 attending each week. Newly painted with "splatters". I thank Miles and Keith for the hours they have devoted to this mecca for our young. Sadly the Guides folded last summer but the Brownies are at full strength and will be one of the star attractions at the May Fayre.

In the Play Area the new equipment is well used and a great asset. All the equipment and surrounds are constantly checked a place that is safe and a happy environment for our little ones. We are trying to source an affordable and appropriate solution that guides footballs in the right areas perhaps goal PILLARS are the answer?

A major project over the last year for the Parish Council was the Church Wall. This is now complete. Recently large amounts of soil have been removed from the church yard side abutting the old garage. None of this work has interrupted the integrity of the churchyard nor the graves.

The Parish Council has dedicated Planning Meetings and monthly at the start of each Parish Council Meetings. Site meetings which are my favourite when needed followed by a summary to North Somerset. These may be attended and plans seen by the public so that all details are known. The Marshalls' site being upmost in our minds. Last year seemed to be in abeyance. The Parish Council is kept in the picture by North Somerset and we will alert you as promised to any change.

North Somerset announced its intention to close all its Public Lavatories by April 2013 as part of a major reduction in budget. The Parish Council was determined to save this valued community asset and negotiated with North Somerset to take over the delivery of this service. An independent survey proved it was well used!! In readiness for the handover the lavatories have been painted inside and out new roofing a hand wash basin installed in total £2,500 spent. We secured a grant of £7,700 from North Somerset towards future maintenance plus £500 towards legal costs. The PCC offered the Parish Council a £100 grant towards maintenance. The challenge now facing the Parish Council is to ensure the future sustainability of this village asset.

Roads and Transport always a talking point but North Somerset have responded quickly to repairs to pot holes some are outstanding but will be completed in the new financial year. We understand there is to be a Flood Action team set up by North Somerset for immediate action and response to a problem. So in Bleadon after recent pumping out and jetting we may rest a little easier.

The bus route is a continuing concern in spite of the Parish Council's efforts the new bus provider is not serving The Veale we will try to rectify this in the future. The Allotments have had a difficult year weather wise but are now in good order. It is hoped to upgrade the footpath during the coming year there is a waiting list of two.

Our Community Police Officer PC Steve Church is retiring we wish him well and thank him for his unstinting service to Bleadon. Thank you to PCSO Emma Wright. The police priorities are regularly updated and the police surgery continues each Tuesday afternoons. The Village Ranger Tony Derrick has kept the village ship-shape and we thank his wife Jane who has stood in for him occasionally. Andy Eddy although retired has implemented a volunteer working party for path clearing etc we leave this in his capable hands.

The summer plant up will take place on Saturday 4th May at 10.00 am in the car park. Anyone who owns a trowel please come and help. We have sourced a new supplier and we have accepted an offer from North Somerset of 150 free plants so we shall be well in budget.

At this time there are three vacancies on the Parish Council as three councillors have recently stood down. Here I must mention Bryan Gamble the longest serving of the three and I thank him for his sterling work and commitment to Bleadon Parish Council. We shall be at full strength by May so the Council's work in progress will continue to be covered.

My report is based on the areas of the Parish Council's responsibility and the areas of work covered by your volunteer Councillors. We shall continue to serve this community to the best of our ability. Thank you for your support.

Penny Skelley

ROADS & TRANSPORT

North Somerset has responded reasonably quickly to requests for repairs to potholes although their efforts have not been helped by the weather. An impromptu publicity campaign by residents even managed to get repairs to the worst potholes in Chestnut Lane! There are some repairs still outstanding but I have been assured that these will be repaired in the new financial year starting in April.

In spite of efforts by your Parish Council we were unable to persuade the bus company to service the Veale. The current bus provider has lost the Bleadon contract as a result of poor service and April will see a new contractor provide the bus service. Unfortunately they are also unable to service the Veale however the Parish Council will continue to search for ways to rectify this.

Brian Gamble

PLANNING

The planning committee has had a interesting and diverse year along with a selection of the normal extensions and conversions it has also had to ponder on a few more interesting applications. There have been roughly 50 notices this year and a big proportion the committee has decided that they were worth a site visit. On the whole North Somerset and Bleadon Parish Council have been in accord there have been a couple of exceptions but on the whole not a bad strike rate.

A couple of the larger developments are still trying to find their way. The golf course has started to implement the conditions of its planning application and now has until April 30th 2015 to become fully functional.

Marshalls Quarry seems to have put all negotiations on hold for the time being, awaiting an upturn in the housing market? It might be a long wait!

The House Brothers are also very busy at present with a proposed development of a water sports facility on accommodation road. They already have permission for two lakes for the purpose of irrigation but they are in the process of applying for planning permission for change of use to tourism. The lakes will specialize in water skiing and wake boarding with the use of a cable tow system, but many other water sports will be hosted from sailing to the swimming element of a triathlon. The House Brothers hope to make a presentation to the village shortly.

There have been a couple of mysterious appearances around the village the most notable being a caravan on land that has been cleared at the top of the Barton.

I am happy to say that the planning committee is a dedicated and enthusiastic team and we are looking forward to another challenging year and please be minded that we all have the best interest of the village at heart.

If any parishioners have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2012			
12/0084	Erection of a single storey rear in-fill extension with roof lantern 12 Coronation Road Bleadon	The Planning Committee recommended approval of this application	Approved 08/03/12
12/0102	Request for screening option as to whether an Environment Impact Assessment is required for a 7 km water main between Banwell Riverside and Hutton Reservoir with a spur to Old Locking RAF Base to cross 17 Rhynes Banwell River M5 Motorway and A371 Land between Banwell Riverside etc	The Planning Committee noted that this application had been received for information purposes only	
12/0125	Non Material amendment to Planning Approval 11/P/1908 Purn House Purn Way Bleadon For Information only		Approved 15/02/12
12/0154	Application to extend the time limit for implementation for planning permission 08/P/1559/F (extension and conversion of existing garage to create two storey annexe and erection of detached garage/office building)	The Planning Committee noted that the reasons for the application but were of the view that as they recommended refusal of 08/P1559/F they so no reason to change their view to this application and therefore the recommendation was to refuse	Approved 19/03/12

<p>12/239</p>	<p>Erection of a single storey side extension</p> <p>Church View Mulberry Lane Bleadon</p>	<p>The Planning Committee recommended approval</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>02/04/12</p>
<p>12/0418</p>	<p>Retrospective application for the erection of extension to existing building to form reception and golf shop and the formation of a car park area and access track</p> <p>Bleadon Hill Golf Course Land off Roman Road Bleadon</p>	<p>The Planning Committee recommended refusal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpath AX 6/20 is for the use of pedestrians only other than for vehicles specifically connected with the adjacent property Gracelands. Vehicular use by the general public is prohibited and this continuing unauthorised use is compromising public safety as the footpath is unfenced. 2. The applicant states that permission was granted for site access from Roman Road to AX 6/20 but the planning committee are not aware of this assumption. 3. It is not clear why this second access is required as an approved access already exists closer to the partially constructed Club House 4. No screening around the Club House has been undertaken recently and several trees have been removed 	<p>Approved</p> <p>01/06/12</p>
<p>12/0441</p>	<p>Lawful Development Certificate for the use of site for stationing of residential caravan</p> <p>Land at Purn Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon</p>	<p>The Planning Committee had not objections but requested that the LPA check that the drainage and foul sewer connections were fit for purpose</p>	<p>Certificate of Lawfulness</p> <p>04/05/12</p>
<p>12/0504</p>	<p>Erection of a storage barn and realignment wall</p> <p>Mendip Way Farm 25 Canada Coombe</p>	<p>The Planning Committee had no objections</p>	<p>Withdrawn</p> <p>14/05/12</p>

12/0689	<p>Application to extend time limit for implementation of planning permission 09/P/0408?F (erection of an attached garage).</p> <p>2 Church Meadows Old School Lane Bleadon</p>	<p>The Planning Committee recommended that the time limit should be extended on the basis that the Parish Council had approved the original application</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>14/06/12</p>
12/0812	<p>Erection of a first floor extension to include dormer windows to the east west and south elevations. Juliet Balcony to dormer on west elevation</p> <p>Lacona Hilcote Bleadon BS24 9JR</p>	<p>The Planning Committee recommended that the application should be approved</p>	<p>Refused</p> <p>09/07/12</p>
12/0963	<p>Erection of a single storey extension</p> <p>3 The Barton Bleadon BS24 0AS</p>	<p>The Planning Committee had no objections and therefore recommended approval</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>23/07/12</p>
12/1096	<p>Replace existing timber double glazed windows with uPVC double glazed windows</p> <p>7 Rectory Lane Bleadon</p>	<p>The Planning Committee had no objections and therefore recommended approval</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>14/08/12</p>
12/1109	<p>Temporary change of use of industrial unit to sui generis use as a dog care centre and puppy play school. Erection of a fence with gate around front yard.</p> <p>2 The Wharf Accommodation Road Bleadon</p>	<p>The Planning Committee had no objections and therefore recommended approval</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>24/10/12</p> <p>Subject to condition – five years</p>
12/1205	<p>Removal of existing single storey side extension erection of new two storey side extension and bay window to front elevation</p> <p>Eastfield Cottages Shiplate Road Bleadon</p>	<p>The Planning Committee had no objections and therefore recommended approval</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>19/10/12</p>

12/1235	Erection of a single storey two bed bungalow Sunnycroft Coronation Road Bleadon	It was noted that this is the second application for this location the first being subject to an appeal. The Planning Committee were still of the view that the proposal is over development for such a small site – the access is totally unsuitable – lack of an amenity space within the proposal – and would be overlooked by adjoining properties. The revised plan is totally unsuitable in design and orientation shows no inclusion of bathroom or toilet facilities. The Planning Committee recommended refusal.	Refused 12/09/12
12/1323	Erection of an extension to an existing agricultural building and roof over the cattle handling area on land off Mearecombe Lane Bleadon	The Planning Committee had no objections to this application and as such recommended approval. It also recommended that some additional planting be a condition of the approval in order to improve the screening of the new building	Approved 18/09/12
12/1344	Erection of a smoking shed Purn International Holiday Park Bridgwater Road Bleadon	The Planning Committee had no objections to this application and as such recommended approval.	Approved 26/09/12
12/1456	Extension and conversion of domestic garage to provide tied residential annexe 1 Riverside Cottages Bridgwater Road Bleadon	It was noted that the proposed application was in fact outside the building development boundary. The Parish Council Planning Committee noted that a window in the adjoining property would be affected. Otherwise the Parish Council had no real objections to the proposal	Approved 16/10/12
12/2037	Proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling St George Cottage Shiplate Road Bleadon	No Objections	Approved 09/01/13

12/2074	Conversion of loft with construction to two front dormers and erection of detached garage Avadha Jilcote Bleadon	No objections	Approved 07/02/13
12/2078	Proposed single storey side extension to create a Utility Room and WC Apple Tree Cottage Old School Lane Bleadon	No objections	Approved 11/01/13
12/2107	Erection of a Pavilion Building Croquet Field Land of Purn Way Bleadon	No objection	Approved 21/01/13
12/2154	Erection of a single storey bungalow Land at 23 Coronation Road Bleadon	The Planning Committee objected to this application on the following grounds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed dwelling is too large for this small site and is therefore considered to be over development. 2. When viewed fro Pear Tree Gardens the proposed dwelling would appear particularly cramped and thus detrimental to the area 3. The view of the proposed raised stone wall on the north elevation would be detrimental to adjoining properties 4. The proposed dwelling would significantly reduce the open space between existing properties and would be out of keeping with the pattern of development in the centre of the village 	Approved 21/03/13 On Appeal

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Miles Orme

ALLOTMENTS

After a very difficult year the allotments are in good order. It is hoped to upgrade the footpath during the coming year. Currently there is a waiting list of 2.

Mary Sheppard

FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS

This year has been quite a different one as far as footpaths are concerned. What with the wettest year on record and not much improvement into 2013 a little disruption has been caused to our paths. Hope a fully decent summer will dry every thing up and paths will recover. The new owner at Southhill Farm has overseen a lot of much needed fencing installed. This has caused a few concerns in respect to the access to paths or parts of the hill once walked upon. I can confirm that every thing that has been done to date is fine.

The Parish Council extends a very warm welcome return of Andy Eddy. His experience and enthusiasm on and for the village footpaths is very welcome. Very few villages have some one like Andy and he is also saving the community a small us fortune.

I don't really want to comment on the 'blogs' in the village re: footpaths at the moment other than to state the obvious that they are not linked to Bleadon Parish Council in any way and are not totally accurate.

Any body with questions on footpaths and open spaces can always contact me directly or via the Parish Clerk.

Rob House

Youth club has had to weather quite a turbulent 12 months.

North Somerset has completely removed all funding from youth services and now Bleadon Youth club must pay its way.

Not one to shy from a challenge the management committee has stepped up to the mark and has not only kept the youth club running but also greatly improved what the service and also the building has to offer.

The Youth club now runs two nights a week Tuesday and Thursday at a cost of £1.50 per session. We also have started a holiday club to help entertain the youths during the school holidays.

Thursdays are still very popular with an average of over 30 children attending, a number many other clubs can only dream of. Tuesday nights are less popular however we hope to implement an exciting new sports theme to Tuesday nights with the help of Marc Molloy and the south west rural hub committee.

The building itself has also had a major make over, Thanks to Keith Pyke. the building has been newly painted inside and out. Keith managed to secure a donation of paint from Dulux through its lets colour project, and with the help of some volunteers the club has been transformed, Keith stepped down as chairman this year but has stayed with the management committee and still works tirelessly on its behalf.

The building has also had 12 new windows installed thanks to kind donations from some local business and also from some very generous parishioners also with the help of our treasurer Andy Zanelli who managed to secure a fantastic deal on the supply and installation.

We have had new lights fitted and also new carpets throughout the club partly paid for with the proceeds of a raffle organized and held at the Queens arms pub.

We think the Youth club in Bleadon has a bright future, with the continued dedication of Mike Jordan and his Youth work team we hope to increase our membership and put on even more exciting things for all the local youths.

The latest challenge for our committee is helping to organize the Village May fair to this end we now have a very willing fundraising committee and we are all looking forward the best May fair yet.

I would also like to thank all the members of both committees who work so hard to make everything work without their continued support we would be unable to continue to this end should any parishioners have an interest in getting involved please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Miles Orme

CORONATION HALL – 2012/2013

The Coronation Hall is 75 years old – Happy Birthday!

Another event celebrated during the year was, of course, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee when the Hall hosted the RAFA Band which was a great success enjoyed by many people near and far.

The monthly Village Market continues to be a key social event for the village as well as being a major source of income for the Halls. As always, the Committee is grateful for all the support from the many stallholders and voluntary helpers who ensure that the market continues to be a major success.

A building such as this needs a lot of TLC so the past year has seen a number of projects which correct maintenance issues or enhance the facility for users. Amongst these are the new boiler, a replacement gas heater and new double-glazed windows which are all in addition to the regular on going maintenance.

This has been another successful year for the Coronation Hall and Jubilee Room. The Hall Management Committee wishes to thank the many volunteers who give so much of their time and commitment to this valued community facility.

Clive Morris

Treasurer

Bleadon Parish Council **Annual Report – Coronation Hall** **8 April 2013**

I am pleased to report that the Independent Examiner, Shirley Campbell, has examined the accounts for the year ended 28 February 2013 and she has confirmed that these have been correctly maintained and there is no matter which gives her cause for concern. Please note that at this stage the figures should be regarded as being preliminary as the full accounts have yet to be presented to and adopted by the Hall Management Committee. This is scheduled for the AGM being held on 18 April 2013.

The salient points from the accounts are as follows:
(*Figures in brackets are those of the previous year for comparative purposes*)

	<u>2012/2013</u>	£	<u>2011/2012</u>	£
Total Income	19,903		18,447	
Total Expenditure	23,287		10,626	
Net Surplus	- 3,984		7,821	
Net Current Assets	44,174		48,158	

The main income has been from hiring the Coronation Hall and Jubilee Room with income up some 5% compared with last year. We have seen another year of successful Village Markets for which credit must again go to the many volunteers who assist on these occasions.

We wish to thank the Parish Council, Mr Les Masters and Mr Peter Lindsay for their continued valued support.

The Total Expenditure of £23,287 (£10,626) covers all aspects of maintaining and running the Coronation Hall and Jubilee Room which includes heating and lighting, water and sewerage, insurance, licences, cleaning, general repairs and improvements. Rising energy costs continue to be a concern but further measures have been taken during the year in an attempt to improve matters. These have included a new and more efficient water heater, new double-glazed window units in the main kitchen and the replacement of the old Woodstock gas heater with a more efficient Drugasar model. In addition, the Coronation Hall was completely redecorated in March 2012. General Maintenance includes the cost of replacing lead flashing which had been stolen by vandals from the main roof.

Major items of expenditure were:

• Gas/Electricity	£2343	(£1953)
• Cleaning	£2236	(£2598)
• Insurance	£472	(£472)
• General Maintenance	£3841	(£489)
• Hall Improvements	£14,124	(£486)

It is our policy to fund Expenditure from our Total Incoming Resources whenever this is possible. However, this was not achieved this year because of the unusually heavy investment in new equipment and improved facilities as outlined above. As a result, we had to draw on our reserves to finance some of the improvements thereby reducing our overall assets to £44,174 (£48,158)

I should point out that we are maintaining an apparent high level of reserves because we have a medium term plan to improve the central area facilities which would include re-arranging the toilets in both halls. This will be an expensive exercise and, although we will attempt to secure grant aid, the present economic climate indicates that this will be very limited.

The Coronation Hall and Jubilee Room continue to be popular village venues that are used by a wide range of people in the community for family events, group meetings, craft meetings, exercise classes, dancing and so on. This has resulted in another successful year for the Coronation Hall and I would like to thank all members of the Management Committee for their help and support.

Treasurer

ATTENDANCE 2012-13												
	May	Jun	Jul	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Gamble B	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	10
House R	A	1	1	1	A	0	1	1	1	1	7	10
Marshall T	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			7	8
Morris C	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	8	10
Orme M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10
Pyke K	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	8	10
Sheppard M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10
Skelley P	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10
Trevitt P	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	A	8	10
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Year End - 31-03-13

Summary Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st March 2013

Last Year Ended 31st March 2012		Current Year Ended 31st March 2013
	Receipts	
35.87	Interest Received	33.04
<u>35.87</u>	Sub Total	<u>33.04</u>
	Operating Income	
37,500.00	General Income	40,000.00
1,666.12	Other Income	645.00
333.26	Rents	288.95
1,092.46	VAT Data	1,681.53
<u>40,627.71</u>	Total Receipts	<u>42,648.52</u>
	Running Costs	
15,899.01	Staff Costs	15,494.64
12,497.69	Administration	10,312.83
700.00	Grants	600.00
9,655.08	Open Spaces	6,070.07
0.00	Special Projects	15,872.74
1,681.53	VAT Data	4,436.04
<u>40,433.31</u>	Total Payments	<u>52,786.32</u>
	Receipts and Payments Summary	
<u>84,286.21</u>	Opening Balance	<u>84,480.61</u>
40,627.71	Add Total Receipts(As Above)	42,648.52
<u>124,913.92</u>		<u>127,129.13</u>
40,433.31	Less Total Payments(As Above)	52,786.32
<u>84,480.61</u>	Closing Balance	<u>74,342.81</u>
	These cumulative funds are represented by :	
8,787.81	Current Account	8,253.02
70,667.17	Business Account	60,699.62
5,025.63	Nationwide	5,026.13
0.00	Current Account - Unity	364.04
<u>84,480.61</u>		<u>74,342.81</u>
	Reserve Balances are represented by :	
194.40	Current Year Fund	-10,137.80
27,064.92	General Reserves	42,132.12
3,000.00	EMR - Staff Contingencies	3,500.00
5,000.00	EMR - Pensions	5,000.00
600.00	EMR - Election	1,100.00
48,621.29	EMR - Special	32,748.49