



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CORONATION HALL AT 7pm ON MONDAY 10th JULY 2023.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mary Sheppard (Chairman), Ann Davies, Jo Gower-Crane, ID Clarke and Mark Howe.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Kevin Barrett (Minute Clerk)  
**WARD COUNCILLORS:** Cllrs Porter and Solomon.  
**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Five

Before the meeting was convened, members of the public were invited to speak.

### i) **Members of the public**

Two residents spoke about planning application 23/P/1150/FUL (land south of Bleadon Mill) which had been considered by the Council at its last meeting. They wished to draw attention to other issues that were not included in the Council's consultation response including misleading documents submitted by the applicant, significant overlooking of adjoining residential properties from the proposed holiday lodges, potential noise nuisance from the lodges, possible land contamination, enhanced flood risk to properties in Bleadon Mill and access and highway safety issues. The Council noted that local residents had submitted 17 individual objections to the development which covered all of the issues raised above. The ward councillors indicated that they would be holding a meeting with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the NSC Planning Committee along with the Planning Officer to discuss their concerns and, if not satisfied, would 'call in' the application for a member decision.

A resident referred to the dangerous condition of the pavement outside of the six bungalows on the north side of Shiplate Road just after its junction with Celtic Way/Coronation Road. Ward Cllr Solomon commented that NSC had very little funding for pavement repairs, opting for financial reasons to deal with any claims arising from trips under its insurance policy. He recommended that the issue be reported online so that the Council was aware of the problem.

A resident referred to the condition of the layby area between Bleadon Mill and Bridge Road which was not being properly maintained by NSC although it was understood to be within their area. The long grass that had been allowed to grow in the southern part of the site was impeding sight lines along the A370 for vehicles emerging from Bleadon Mill and constituted a road safety hazard. In addition, motor homes were parking up overnight close to residents' properties and he asked if a sign could be erected prohibiting this. Cllr Solomon agreed to take these issues back to the relevant NSC officers.

### ii) **Beat Manager's Report**

The following report was received for the period 08/06/2023 to 02/07/2023.

Calls received = 27 with the following selection of crimes reported: 9 abandoned 999 calls (this is due to an issue of Samsung phones redialling 999), 1 burglary, 2 concern for welfare, 3 road related, 1 theft and 11 other (pre-planned events, suspicious parked vehicles, automatic number plate recognition & found property). The meeting was reminded that these figures include Bleadon Hill (bordering Bridgwater Road) and Loxton. Most crimes reported are isolated incidents which have occurred within dwellings and are unlikely to have any effect on the wider community.

PCSO Stephen Hemmett has set up two Thursdays a month where he supports the YMCA youth club. He believes it gives the local youths a chance to meet him and ask questions. There is a monthly drop in session at the café the next one being the 7<sup>th</sup> August and he is organising a talk at the Church Room.

Residents were reminded of [StreetSafe](#) a new way of reporting areas where they feel unsafe (e.g. inadequate lighting problems/antisocial behaviour). However, if a resident was to see anything

suspicious in the area or would like to talk to local officers, call 101 or 999 in an emergency, they can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

For up-to-date information residents can keep in touch via the Avon & Somerset website or follow them on social media, Facebook "Weston & Worle police" or Twitter "ASPNorthSom" or email [8338@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:8338@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

### iii) **Ward Councillors' report**

Cllr Solomon reported that the developer of the site off Purn Way with 14 housing units (21/P/0527/OUT) had offered a contribution of £50,000 towards new lighting at the junction of Bleadon Road and the A370.

It was stated that the future of the 50 bus service through the village was under review as low usage was making it uneconomic for the operator. The Westlink 'dial a ride' service was also being reviewed due to low uptake and some users booking it for long journeys which was not its intended use.

In response to a question about the Council's policy on cashless parking machines, Cllr Solomon would take back the concerns expressed about its impact on the elderly and others.

### **Cllr Sheppard opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.**

**The meeting was convened.**

#### **367.1. To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

Apologies were received from Cllr Andy Scarisbrick.

#### **367.2. Declarations of interests**

No declarations of interests were received.

#### **367.3. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.**

**Resolved:** To approve the Parish Council minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **367.4. Bleadon Children's Playground Trust Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023**

The notes of the Annual General Meeting of the Trustees held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June were noted and the following decisions made.

In respect of the damaged 4-way rocker, it was agreed to advise the Trust that members' understanding of its decision was that the item should be retained until a decision is taken on its replacement. It was also felt to be appropriate to move it to the Council's storage container pending that decision.

- i) **Resolved:** That the Parish Council retain the ownership of the equipment and as owners of the land continue to maintain the area and as such continue to budget for this.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

- ii) **Resolved:** That, at the end of the financial year, the Parish Council will donate any unspent playground budget to the Trust to allow them to set up a separate bank account.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

### **367.5. To note the training and events available and agree any attendance**

- i) FREE Introduction to Local Councils E-learning Course E-Learning Courses ALCA
- ii) FREE Scribe Training Scribe Academy
- iii) NALC virtual training NALC online-events
- iv) ALCA e-learning on nimble £14 each
- v) Breakthrough communications training £30
- vi) Various finance training £30

The training above was noted.

### **367.6. To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information.**

#### **i) Parish Newsletter Consultation.**

There were 50 responses in total. The analytics had been sent to Councillors. The Chair commented that a date needed to be arranged for an early meeting of the Working Party. It was noted that residents had reported that the Newsletter was not currently being delivered beyond 'The Rocks' in Shiplate Road.

#### **ii) Painting of Coronation Hall Car Park lines.**

These were due to be painted on the afternoon of 25th July. The car park will need to remain closed all afternoon and early evening. The Clerk was due to meet the contractors on site on with the Treasurer of the Hall Management Committee.

#### **iii) Parking at Junction of Coronation Road/Celtic Way and Shiplate Road.**

Members referred to dangerous parking close to this junction and the white line on the west side previously painted by NSC to discourage it, but which had now faded. NSC to be asked whether they would be prepared to reinstate it.

### **367.7. To agree the following expenditure.**

#### **i) £525 for play equipment post installation inspection.**

Members asked that the issues raised by the inspection be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

**Resolved:** To approve the cost of £525.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

### **367.8. To note the note the donation of a second tree to the Parish Council and agree a location.**

Pee Green and the area around the parish pump were considered to be possible locations.

**Resolved:** That the matter be brought to the next meeting along with the issue of the donation of £30 towards another tree.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

### **367.9. To approve the following policy documents.**

#### **i) Equality & Diversity Policy**

**Resolved:** To approve the Equality & Diversity Policy as submitted.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

ii) **Grievance & Disciplinary Policy**

**Resolved:** To approve the Grievance & Disciplinary Policy as submitted.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

iii) **Sickness & Absence Policy**

**Resolved:** To approve the Sickness & Absence Policy as submitted.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**367.10. To agree a response to the consultation on the proposed changes to Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs).**

**Resolved:** To send a response indicating that the PSPOs relating to the allotment site, the village cross area and the village hall are supported in their present form and that the Order relating to Mulberry Lane similarly require that dogs must be on leads.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**367.11. To authorise bills for payment for July.**

An updated bills for payment schedule was tabled and a further bill from 'Aquablast' had been received for £115 + VAT to remove a blockage from the men's toilet.

**Resolved:** To authorise the payments for July. Cllr Davies and Clarke to authorise the payments.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**367.12. To note the Parish Council's end of May budget position, bank balances and bank reconciliations.**

The Parish Council's end of May budget position, bank balances and bank reconciliations were noted.

**367.13. To note and comment upon the following planning applications.**

i) **23/P/1337/TEN Outside Springfields, Bridgwater Road, Uphill, Bleadon, BS23 4TY**

Notification under Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code of the intention to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus; 1no. x 9m wooden pole (7.2m above ground) at the above location.

This application was noted.

ii) **23/P/1269/FUL Land at Wick Wharf, Fakeham Road, Bleadon.**

Proposed erection of an agricultural storage building and altered site access.

**Resolved** – To not object to this application. (Cllr Clarke abstained).

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

**367.14. To note the following planning decision.**

**23/P/0007/AOC Land off Purn Way, Bleadon, BS24 0QF**

Minor material amendment to 21/P/0527/OUT (Outline application for the erection of 14no. dwellings, with access and layout for approval and appearance, scale and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval) for the variation of condition 4 (approved plans) and condition 5 (Site Access and Visibility Splay) to allow for a revised access/visibility splay. **APPROVED**

**367.15. Date and Time of next meeting.**

Personnel Meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, TBD.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 7pm at Coronation Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:25

.....Chairman

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