



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL AT 7pm ON WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE 2023.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Locum Clerk)
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Two

Cllr Shepherd opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

The meeting was convened.

366.1. To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies were received from Councillor Andy Scarisbrick.

366.2. Declarations of interests

No declarations of interests were received.

366.3. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th of June 2023.

Resolved: To approve the Parish Council minutes of 12th of June 2023 with a caveat before the beat report that the area not only includes Bleadon but Bleadon Hill and Loxton as well.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

The minutes of the meetings to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

366.4. To note the Personnel Meeting minutes from Tuesday 13th of June 2023.

The minutes from the Personnel Meeting on Tuesday of 13th of June were noted.

366.5. To receive the Clerks report/Exchange of information.

i) **Parish Newsletter Consultation.**

As of Monday 19th June 2023, there have been 44 responses in total (3 paper which have been added to online results).

ii) **New Clerk Post.**

Wednesday 14th of June the position was published and scheduled on the Parish Council Facebook page and website. Emailed to North Somerset and uploaded to their jobs page. Also sent to ALCA but unfortunately not included in 'In Short' email round robin that afternoon but has been added to their website. Monday 19th June advert on noticeboards.

366.6. To agree a contractor to paint the lines on the Car Park located at the Coronation Halls.

Resolved: To approve Contractor A to undertake the repainting of the lines and to see if it is possible to add additional hatching to the area in front of the hall.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

Cllr Gower-Crane joined the meeting.

366.7. To note the Internal Auditors final internal audit report for 2022/23 and approve the updated internal audit action plan.

Resolved: The Internal Auditors final internal audit report for 2022/23 was noted and the updated internal audit action plan approved. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification as to why the internal audit report didn't refer explicitly to Parish Council as custodian trustee to the Coronation Hall.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

366.8. To note the Internal Auditors signed section of the Annual Return for 2022/23.

The Internal Auditors signed section of the Annual Return for 2022/23 was noted. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification on the difference between statement M and N.

366.9. To confirm that the Parish Council have no conflicts of interest with the external auditor BDO LLP.

Resolved: The Parish confirm that they have no conflicts of interest with the external auditor BDO LLP.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

366.10. To approve the Annual Governance Statements for 2022/23.

Resolved: The Annual Governance Statements for 2022/23 were approved.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

366.11. To approve the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23.

Resolved: The Annual Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 were approved.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

366.12. To authorise additional bills for payment for June.

Resolved: To authorise additional payments for June. Cllr Davies and Clarke to authorise the payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

366.13. To note and comment upon the following planning applications.

- i) **23/P/0760/FUL Building East of Mulberry House, Roman Road. Bleadon BS24 0AB.** Proposed demolition of existing stables and erection of 1no. holiday unit. Landscaping alterations to the West elevation to provide hard standing and placement of ground-based solar array to the South elevation.

Resolved – That whilst the Parish Council support the solar array, they object to the erection of the holiday unit for the following reasons.

- It is outside the settlement boundary.
- Within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Within Bat Zone C and there were concerns about the impact of the increase in light pollution to the bats and on the Dark Skies.
- It will contribute to the erosion of the strategic gap between Weston-super-Mare and Bleadon used to prevent urban sprawl.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous with 1 abstention)

- ii) **23/P/1150/FUL Land to the South of Bleadon Mill Bleadon.**
Change of use from agricultural land to holiday accommodation with the erection of two holiday lodges with associated parking and amenity area.

Resolved – The Council noted there have been a number of objections. As such the Parish Council wish to object to this application for the following reasons.

- Outside the settlement boundary.
- Its impact on the adjacent / overlapping nature conservation area (NCI).
- Concerns about drainage and its proximity to the River Axe.
- Highways safety concerns including carparking allocations and the layby which has been renamed as a spur.
- Loss of agricultural land to holiday accommodation.
- Within Bat Zone C
- Existing Block Plan is incorrect as lack of open spaces to the north.
- Concern that neighbouring roads may be unaware of this application as no displayed notice.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- iii) **23/P/1144/AOC Bleadon Quarry Bridge Road Bleadon North Somerset BS24 0AU**
Request to discharge condition number 43 (Archaeological work) from application ref 19/P/0835/OUT.

This application was noted.

366.14. To note the following planning decision.

- i) **23/P/0819/FUH Woodbine Cottage Chestnut Lane Bleadon North Somerset BS24 0QD.**
Proposed erection of a single storey front extension with canopy. **APPROVED**

The Clerk tabled the following additional decisions received since the agenda was published.

- ii) **23/P/0556/FUL Riverside Holiday Village Bridgwater Road Bleadon. BS24 0AN**
Change of use of recreational land ancillary to a caravan park to create 36no. new static caravan pitches further to the South of the existing site. **WITHDRAWN**
- iii) **23/P/0701/LDE Hunters Lodge Roman Road Bleadon North Somerset BS24 0AD**
Certificate of Lawfulness for the occupation of an agricultural dwelling by a person not mainly or last employed in agriculture, in breach of condition 4 of planning permission 1499/87.
APPROVE (LAWFUL)
- iv) **23/P/0837/FUH Hoveland, Shiplate Road Bleadon BS24 0NG**
Proposed raising of roof ridge height, extension of 2 no. front dormers and installation of a Velux window in place of 1 no. existing front dormer. Proposed erection of a flat-roof rear dormer and internal alterations. **APPROVED**

366.15. Date and Time of next meeting

Play Area Trustees Meeting Thursday 22nd of June 2023, **7:30pm.**
Parish Council Meeting Monday 10th July 2023, 7pm at Coronation Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:15

.....Chairman

.....Date