

# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

[www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Bruce Poole BA (Hons) FSLCC MMC**

**Parish Clerk & RFO**

**Mobile 07453 358318**

[parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk)



**Rooftop**

**10 South Street**

**Burnham-on-Sea**

**Somerset TA8 1BS**

## Members of the public

A resident spoke at the meeting saying that he had submitted a number of questions in relation to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) which remained unanswered. The external auditor costs are in the region of £355 per hour and so he asked the meeting (especially with regard to budget setting)

- Why has this been allowed to happen ?
- What is being done to mitigate potential financial risk to the Council ? assuming that the budget will include reference to potential auditor costs ?
- What steps are being taken to ensure that this financial risk never occurs again ?"

He was advised that the Parish Council had until the 22<sup>nd</sup> January to provide a response to the External Auditor where it was intended to answer those questions that he has raised.

## District Councillor Mr Terry Porter

He indicated that the District Councillor was currently concentrating on the 2023-24 Budget whereby the challenge was to make large savings. He answered a number of questions that stemmed mainly from the attending audience

## MINUTES

**Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at The Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon that commenced at 7.00 pm when the following business was transacted.**

### PRESENT

**Chairman Kirsten Hemingway with Councillors Mrs I D Clarke Ann Davies Huw Boyce Sara Garrett Graham Getty Mary Sheppard Gill Williams and the Parish Clerk Bruce Poole**

In addition, there were three members of the public present plus District Councillor Terry Porter.

#### **358.1 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.** (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

The Clerk was asked why he didn't record the reasons given within the minutes when a member sent apologies. Responding definitively as to the reason for unattendance could lead to security challenges and secondly if they are duly recorded then it was clear that the Meeting had accepted the reasons.

#### **358.2 Declarations of Interests**

None

#### **358.3 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

Councillor Mrs ID Clarke objected to the proposed approval of the November Minutes as in her view there were too many omissions some of which she had pointed out in an e-mail to the Clerk. The Clerk explained that he did not agree to verbatim Minutes nor having his grammar

corrected. Cllr Clarke assured members that as far as she was aware she had never corrected the Clerk's grammar and had always been courteous in all exchanges. Agreed to defer

#### 358.4 Past Matters for report purposes only

- |      |   |             |
|------|---|-------------|
| (1)  | A370 Improvements   | 347.7.3     |
| (2)  | Pavement - Breaking Up<br>Despite reminding NS several occasions no action to date              | 347.4.4     |
| (3)  | Church Clock – Re-Gilding<br>I have been advised that Certificate of Completion is on its way   | 356.4.3     |
| (4)  | Road Calming – Bleadon Road   | 354.4.5     |
| (6)  | Village Gully Cleansing<br>Despite reminding NS several occasions no action to date             | 354.4.6     |
| (7)  | Research suitable audible equipment.<br>Waiting for quotations                                  | 354.4.7     |
| (8)  | Scalpings<br>Finally agreed that 5 Dumpy Bags were required                                     | 357.4.8     |
| (10) | Review of Council Policies  | 353.13.3    |
| (12) | Jubilee Garden  | 356.4.12    |
| (13) | AGAR 2022<br>Work in progress   | 356.4.13    |
| (14) | NS Improving Play Spaces Match Funding<br><i>See 357.7.2</i>                                    | 356.7.4     |
| (15) | Churchyard Wall<br>Advice awaited from the Church Architect                                     | 356.4.12    |
| (16) | Neighbourhood Plan Group – Return of Grant?<br>Working on an agreed sum to be returned          | 355.9.k     |
| (20) | Tree in Play Park<br>Waiting upon quotations  | 356.7.12. a |
| (21) | Toilet Refurbishment<br>Specification already circulated – <i>see 357.10,2</i>                  | 356.7.12.b  |
| (21) | Play Area Equipment Installer<br>Cllr Sara Garrett will update the meeting – <i>see 357.7.3</i> | 356.7.5     |
| (22) | Damaged Grit Bin<br>On order  | 356.7.8     |
| (23) | PROWS Questionnaire<br>Yet to be completed  | 356.7.9     |

#### 358.5 Chairman's announcements

She elaborated on her recently circulated e-mail about Peace & Co-operation within the Parish Council and need for better communication within the wider community.

#### 358.6 Planning

To note new Planning Applications and North Somerset decisions on past considered applications.

21/P/0352/AOC	<i>Discharge of Condition No.8 (Arboriculture Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan) on application 12/P/1856/F – Land Off Bleadon Road Bleadon</i> <b><i>The Council had no objections</i></b>	
22/P/0157/FUL	<i>Erection of an agricultural building – land at Wick Wharf Fakeham Lane Bleadon</i>	

22/P/1923/AOC	<i>Discharge of condition No.43 (programme of archaeological works) on application 19/P/0835/OUT – Bleadon Quarry Bridge Road Bleadon Somerset BS24 0AU . <b>The Council agreed not to support</b></i>	
22/P/208/NMA	<i>Non material amendment to application 19/P/0835/OUT (outline application with details of access(matters of layout scale appearance and landscaping are reserved) for the demolition of all industrial buildings plant and machinery the erection of up to 42 dwellings and 500 sqm of flexible Use Class A2/B1/D1 floor apce open space landscaping new vehicle and pedestrian access and associated works} to allow the removal of condition 4 (plans) and the amendment to the wording of Condition19 (footpaths) – Bleadon Quarry Bridge Road Bleadon</i>	<b>12/10/22</b>
22/P/1993/FUL	<i>Retrospective application for change of use of building to 1 no dwelling – Woodlands Farm Mearcombe Lane Bleadon BS24 ONZ</i>	<b>16/11/22</b>
22/P/2108/NMA	<i>Non material amendment to application 19/P/0835/OUT (outline application with details of access (matters of layout scale appearance and landscaping are reserved) for the demolition of all industrial buildings plant and machinery the erection of 42 dwellings and 500 sqm of flexible Use Class A2/B1/D1 floor space open space landscaping new vehicle and pedestrian access and associated works) to allow the removal of Condition 4 (plans) and the amendment to the wording of Condition 19 9footpaths) – Bleadon Quarry Bridge Road Bleadon BS24 0AU</i>	
22/P/2113/RMA	<i>Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 42no. dwellings and office building pursuant to outline permission 19/P/0835/OUT (outline application with details of access (matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping are reserved) for the demolition of all industrial buildings, plant and machinery, the erection up to 42 dwellings and 500 sqm of flexible Use Class A2/B1/D1 floor space, open space, landscaping, new vehicle and pedestrian access, and associated works) Bleadon Quarry Bridge Road Bleadon BS24 0AU</i>	<b>12/12/22</b>
22/P2310/CQA	<i>Prior approval for the change of use and conversion of an agricultural building to 1 no residential dwelling with operational development of new and replacement windows and doors = South Hill Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon</i>	

### 358.7 Resolutions

#### 1. To resolve to set a Budget for 2023-2024.

Debate ensued on this subject matter when one member suggested that the figures didn't add up. It was pointed out by the Clerk that the Budget should be agreed prior to Precept being set.

**Resolved** to defer a decision until January.

#### 2. To note a quotation received from GB Sports & Leisure relating to a Post Installation Inspection.

After hearing the views of the two lead Councillors and the Clerk it was

**Resolved** not to proceed on the basis that the installation of equipment had only just taken place to the required industrial standard and any subsequent equipment inspections would reflect any flaws.

#### 3 To note the receipt of Bleadon Youth Club Treasurer's Annual Report 2021-22.

**Noted**

#### 4 To note the receipt of a quotation/specification relating to the proposed re-furbishment of the Public Toilets.

**Noted** and accepted that the content was only an indication of what might be required.

#### 5. To note the receipt from North Somerset Council in regard to Match Funding Grant totalling £4,987.50

**Noted**

**1. To note the payments for the months of July August & September 2022**

(121) B Poole	Salary – Nov	2015.43	0.00
(122) Opus Energy	Lighting - Public Toilets	<u>12.19</u>	0.00
	Authorised by Cllrs Mrs I D Clarke	2027.62	0.00
(123) Miss E Young	Editor Fee – Issue 124	400.00	
(124) PATA	Payroll Services	15.00	
(125) Webglu	Website Hosting	81.95	16.39
(126) Mr M Howe	Grass Cutting 2022-23	4000.00	
(127) Mr M Howe	Elderberry Trees cutting	30.00	
(128) Mr M Howe	WI Bench Grass Cutting	85.00	
(129) Hockerell Engraving	Plaques x 2	768.50	153.70
(130) Taylor Thorne	Village News Printing – Issue 124	765.00	
(131) GB Sports & Leisure	Playground Inspection	25.00	5.00
(132) Homefront	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Payment	4987.50	997.50
(133) Adrian Project Serv.	Village Ranger Salary - Nov	602.00*	
(134) Blue Spot	Public Toilet Cleaning – Nov	216.66*	
(135) Coronation Hall	Contribution to Electricity	150.00	

Authorised by Cllr Gill Williams

**358.9****To receive reports from the following for information purposes only:**

- (a) Allotments and Churchyard  
It was agreed that a contribution would not be made to the PCC for lighting. Cllr. Sheppard acknowledged that she had received a note of those allotments which had paid and those that were currently outstanding. Agreed to seek quotes to replace the allotment gate.
- (b) Public Rights of Way and Footpaths  
Agreed that North Somerset should be advised of the un lit path through the churchyard.
- (c) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety  
Noted that the monthly report received from the Police were duly posted on the web site.
- (e) Roads and Transport
- (f) Play Area  
See 357.7.2
- (g) Bleadon Village News  
Agreed to reduce the standard print run by 1q00 copies
- (h) Youth Club  
See 357.73
- (i) Coronation Halls Management Committee.  
Agreed that quotes would be sought for the re-lining of the Car Park  
Cllr Davies advised the Parish Council that they were more than happy for a display cabinet purchased for the hall to display any public awards received within the Parish.  
It was noted with thanks that the Committee had waved the hall hire fee for the Parish Councils 'Contactus' meeting.
- (j) ALCA
- (k) Neighbourhood Plan Group
- (l) Bleadon in Bloom
- (m) Contactus
- (o) Councillors

(p) Parish Clerk

The Clerk reported on the current situation relating to the Church Clock.

**358.10 Correspondence**

(1)	North Somerset Council	Election Costs	*
(2)	External Auditor	Complaint responses	BP
(3)	North Somerset Council	Match Funding Grant	*

**358.11 Date and Time of next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**