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Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held in the Coronation Hall at 7pm on Monday 14th October 2019.

Present: Councillors Gill Williams (Chairman), Kirsten Hemingway, Steve Hartree, Dave Sharman, Andy Scarisbrick, 7 members of the public, and Naomi Bibi (Clerk to Council).

327.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received by Cllr Richardson.

327.2 Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman went through the evacuation procedure.

327.3 Declarations of Interest, Local government Act of 1972 and Dispensations

Councillor Hemingway declared an interest in Item 8.i. on the Agenda.

327.4 To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th September 2019

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

327.5 Update from the Clerk

The Clerk updated members as to which previous resolutions and action points had been completed, which members noted.

327.6 Submissions from the Public

i. Email received from Mr Kevin Barrett on behalf of Coronation Hall Management Committee

Members discussed the issues raised in Mr Barrett's email, most notably the state of the area around the Halls (with a request for the Ranger to tidy up the area), along with issues regarding the fire exit on the side of the Coronation Hall near the stage, which it was claimed in Mr Barrett's email, to be inadequate.

With regards to the state of the area around the halls, it was **RESOLVED** that: the Clerk should speak to the Ranger to see if the required work was covered in his job specification, and whether there was adequate time within his current contracted hours to carry out the required work, and if so, to ask him to do this work as soon as possible.

With regards to the fire exit, it was **RESOLVED** that: the Clerk liaise with the Fire Warden to ascertain what can be done to ensure the exit meets with legal requirements, and to then obtain quotes for recommended works to be carried out and report back to Full Council.

Concerns were raised by a member of the public as to the Council's CCTV and whether they were operating with sound being recorded. There were also questions raised as to

the remote log in system, who had access to the CCTV footage, and the Council's CCTV policy. It was agreed that the member of the public would send an email detailing all the concerns and that the Clerk would look into these in more details.

327.7 Update from North Somerset Council District Councillors

No District Councillors were in attendance and so no update was provided.

327.8 Submissions from Members

i. Issue raised by Councillor Hemingway regarding erection of new fence at Bleadon PC Allotment site.

Cllr Hemingway explained that the new fence erected had not been installed straight, and that it was now narrower at one point meaning that it was not wide enough for a tractor to fit through. Council **RESOLVED** to: move the fence back so that it was running in a straight line along the bottom end of the allotments and the gateway was not obstructed and the track was wide-enough all the way along for tractors to get past.

ii. Request from Cllr Hartree for members to attend Councillor Training

Cllr Hartree said that with a new Chairman and new members to Council, he felt a training session would be beneficial for all to attend.

It was **RESOLVED** to: go ahead with Councillor training, provided by Deborah White at ALCA on either Monday 18th or Monday 25th November at 7pm, depending on the availability both of Deborah White and the Hall itself. The Clerk to make arrangements and confirm.

iii. Request from Cllr Sheppard for Council to approve the purchase of "There but not There" statue

The Clerk apologised that she had misunderstood Cllr Sheppard's request. The Council had already purchased a statue some twelve months previously, and instead Cllr Sheppard wanted Council to discuss a cabinet to be made (in which the statue could be kept and suitably displayed), as well as where the statue could be permanently situated, which had also previously been resolved but not yet actioned.

It was **RESOLVED** that: Cllrs Scarisbrick and Sharman look at the statue already purchased by the Council and provide recommendations as to what sort of cabinet it could go in, as well as suggest places throughout the village that it could go where it would be seen by as many members of the public as possible. This should be reported at a future Council meeting when members could vote and make a formal decision.

iv. Request from Cllr Hemingway for Council make a commitment to going Plastic Free.

The Council had already made a commitment to going plastic free, but Cllr Hemingway requested that "Plastic Free Bleadon" be put on the next agenda for further discussions and updates.

327.9 Reports / Updates from Committees, Working Groups and the Clerk:-

i. Update from the Clerk on SLCC National Conference

The update was noted. The Clerk was requested to share the notes provided by Mike Childs (Head of Science, Policy and Research at Friends of the Earth) with Cllr Sharman.

ii. Report from Mr Graham Quick re. Neighbourhood Development Plan

The report was noted.

iii. Notes from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on Wednesday 25th September 2019 – with recommendation

Council **RESOLVED** to: accept the recommendation made by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group that:

- A public meeting be called at which further public consultation could be carried out.
- To go through with the public at this meeting the pros and cons of identifying areas for potential development within the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Following this public meeting, to agree a way forward and then divide the plan up into different sections for members to work on, e.g. Transport, Environment, Vision, etc.

The Clerk to liaise with Mr Quick and the Hall Booking Clerk to find a suitable date at the end of November and publicise this date in the noticeboards, the Council's website and Neighbourhood Plan website, as well as in the Bleadon Village News.

Cllr Sheppard raised concern over some of the allotment plots.

ACTION: Cllr Sheppard to liaise directly with the Clerk over these issues.

Cllr Sheppard also commented that the following drains in the village were blocked:

- Purn Way
- By the bus shelter on Bleadon Road
- By the Rectory
- At the bend on Mulberry Lane
- At Bridge Garage

ACTION: The Clerk to report this to North Somerset Council.

Cllr Hartree updated those present that solar panels would not be installed at the Halls due to cost. He said that members of the Hall Management Committee thanked the Parish Council for their contribution to the cost of WiFi. With regards to the renovations at the Coronation Hall, a new floor was soon to be laid and the curtains would be replaced shortly. Quotes for the new kitchen were also currently being obtained.

Cllr Williams queried the use of the play area after dark and reported that children had been playing hide and seek under the cars in the dark.

ACTION: The Clerk to check with the Council's insurance company to clarify who has responsibility for children when they are on Council land: whether they are the responsibility of the Parish Council, or of the youth club if the children are there on a youth club night.

Cllr Hemingway gave an update about Bleadon in Bloom saying that Bleadon had won a trophy for the Best Blue Campaign, as well as the Britain in Bloom's Silver Gilt award. Members thanked Cllr Hemingway and all of the Bleadon in Bloom volunteers for all of their hard work and for making the village look lovely.

It was **RESOLVED** that: the Clerk seek permission from the Hall Management Committee to display the trophy and certificates in the Coronation Hall.

327.10 Update from Compliance and Monitoring Officer re. report of breach of planning permission at Riverside Holiday Village, Bridgwater Road, Bleadon

The letter was noted.

327.11 Police Report for Bleadon Parish Council for period 1st September to 30th September 2019

The report was noted.

327.12 Consultations

None were received from North Somerset Council.

327.13 Finance:-

- **Payments List for period 1st – 30th September 2019 – for information only.**
Payments were noted.
- **Receipts List for period 1st – 30th September 2019 – for information only.**
Receipts were noted.
- **To note the Parish Council's bank balances and reconciliation for September.**
The Council's bank balances and reconciliation were noted as:-
Deposit Account: £84,422.14 and Current Account: £5,817.70.
- **Request from Cllr Hartree for additional Council Member to join the Finance and Personnel Committee.**
As no other Councillors volunteered to join the Finance and Personnel Committee, a vacancy remained.
- **Confirm date of next Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting.**
The date of the next Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting was confirmed as Monday 28th October at 7pm in the Coronation Hall.
Cllr Hartree requested that members who wanted to submit budget proposals should do so by emailing himself or the Clerk by the end of the week.
With regards to the advertising revenue for the Bleadon Village News, Cllr Hartree asked who had not paid to date and suggested a moratorium be placed on those advertisers. **ACTION:** The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hemingway with regards to this and forward relevant information onto Cllr Hartree.

327.14 Planning:-

- **Planning Schedule** – See attached.
- **Feedback to date** – Noted.

327.15 To Note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

The date of the next meeting as Monday 11th November 2019 was noted.

The meeting was closed at 8:40pm.