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Public Session

Mrs Robin Flavell

She asked whether or not the Parish Council had been notified regarding the large amount of tree felling that was taking place at Woodlands Farm Bleadon. Cllr Hemingway gave a synopsis of the background and also re-iterated her concerns that some 90% plus of the ancient wood was being felled due “apparently” to the advent of Ash Disease. What was even more disconcerting being the task of any serious mitigation being planned. It would appear that the North Somerset Tree Officer had not been aware of the felling but latterly confirmed the permissions had been obtained from the Forestry Commission and natural England.

Mrs Flavell asked that the Parish Council expresses in the strongest terms to the appropriate authorities its disappointment that such a long established ancient woodland was being decimated.

District Councillor Terry Porter

He referred to an e-mail that he had recent sent to the parish clerk (received after the meeting) regarding the tree/hedge removal activity taking place on the A370. He did confirm that it was the intention of the owner to replant the hedge. The point was made however that it was simply the wrong time to be taking such action this possibly disturbing and destroying the local habitat.

Two questions were asked:

1. What was the update on the speed restrictions on the A370?

He referred to the fact that correspondence had this past week passed between North Somerset and the Parish Council providing the latest update. He also confirmed that Cllr Mike Solomon was now the Executive Portfolio Holder for Roads and Transport and as such was keeping a close watching brief.

2. When was the promised works going to be undertaken to restore the collapsed bank on Bleadon Road?

He indicated that he would come back with a response and he couldn't remember the problem. The Chairman pointed out that the remedial repair work was promised to be undertaken in April.

He then retired from the meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held by way of Zoom on Wednesday 5th May 2021. The meeting commenced at 7.24 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT

Chairman Gill Williams with Councillors Huw Boyce I D Clarke Ann Davies Kirsten Hemingway Mary Sheppard Andy Scarisbrick David Sharman Rob Tyson and the Parish Clerk Bruce Poole

At various times there were some six members of the public present for all or part of the meeting.

- 342.1 To elect a Chairman**
Cllr. G Williams was so elected
- 342.2 To receive a declaration of office from the Chairman**
The Declaration of Office was received from the Chairman
- 342.3 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.**
None
- 342.4 Declarations of Interests**
None
- 342.5 To elect a Vice Chairman**
Two nominations were received and Cllr. M Sheppard was so elected
- 342.6 To elect members to the following committees**
- (a) Personnel Committee
Cllrs. ID Clarke M Sheppard A Scarisbrick and the Council Chairman Cllr G Williams
 - (b) Hearing Committee
Chairman – Cllr. G Williams
 - (c) Appeals Committee
Chairman – Cllr. M Sheppard
- 342.7 To appoint representatives to:**
- (a) Youth Club
Cllr. H Boyce
 - (b) Coronation Halls Management Committee
Cllrs A Davies & A Scarisbrick
 - (c) ALCA
Cllr ID Clarke
 - (d) Neighbourhood Plan Group
Cllrs G Williams & A Scarisbrick
 - (e) Bleadon in Bloom
Cllrs K Hemingway & D Sharman
- 342.8 To appoint members responsible for:**
- (a) Allotments and Churchyard
Cllr M Sheppard
 - (b) Public Rights of Way and Footpaths
Cllrs K Hemingway & A Scarisbrick
 - (c) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety
Cllr A Davies
 - (d) Roads and Transport
Cllr K Hemingway
 - (e) Play Area
Cllrs G Williams & H Boyce (to be confirmed)

- (f) Bleadon Village News
Cllr R Tyson
- (g) Planning
Cllr ID Clarke

342.9 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021

Resolved that the **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021** as previously circulated be taken as read agreed as an accurate record and signed as such

342.10 Past Matters for report purposes only

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| (1) | Dropped Pavement
Work in progress | 341.4.1 |
| (2) | Emergency Exit – Coronation Hall
Quotations have been sought | 341.4.2 |
| (3) | WI bench
Now in situ | 341.4.3 |
| (4) | Remedial Repairs – Church Boundary Wall
Work has been completed | 341.4.4 |
| (5) | Corporate Multi-Pay Card
Work in hand | 341.4.5 |
| (6) | Youth Club Lease
Now signed and concluded | 341.4.6 |
| (7) | Planning Working Group
Cllr. A Davies advised that the working group were on track to make recommendations to the June Meeting as agreed. | 341.4.7 |
| (8) | A370 Improvements
Work in hand | 341.4.8 |
| (9) | Pavement – surface breaking up
Waiting upon North Somerset to take the requested remedial action | 341.4.11 |
| (10) | Light by the Well
Repaired | 341.4.13 |
| (11) | Church Clock – Re-Gilding
Work in hand – Cllr Sheppard asked if three quotes as yet been sought to which the clerk responded no due to the fact that contractors were unwilling to make site visits due to the Covid restrictions. | 341.4.14 |
| (12) | Additional Dog Bins
Water Butts
It was reported that a working group meeting had been set up to meet on Friday 7 th May at 7.00 pm in Cllr K Hemingway’s garden | 341.7.1.i
341.7.1.ii |
| (13) | Bier House
It is understood that the PCC are considering selling the area around the Bier House to a neighbour. Cllr Clarke asked whether or not the neighbours were aware of the evidence of Japanese Knotweed? The Clerk pointed out the question of the possible land sale was in entirety in the hands of the PCC | 341.9.a |
| (14) | Notices at Gracelands
Nil report | 341.9.b |
| (15) | Trees and Re-Wilding on the A370
341.9.i
The initial planting had recently been undertaken | |

342.11 Chairman’s announcements

She thanked Cllr K Hemingway and the Bleadon in Bloom Group for the recent Tree Planting and Re-Wilding that had recently taken place.

342.12 Planning Applications

20/P/2725/FUL	Development of 2 no dwellings and a detached block comprising 2 no double garages – Land adjacent to junction of Bridge Road to Coronation Road and to Bridge Road Bleadon	Refused 29/04/21
20/P/2726/FUL	Development of 5 no dwellings on Land north to A370 and south of Bleadon Road Bleadon	Refused 29/04/21
20/P/2811/FUL	<i>Change of use from mixed agricultural and industrial use as a caravan park for static and touring caravans – Land at Wayacre Drove Accommodation Road Bleadon - 18/01/2121</i> <i><u>The Council recommended refusal due to a plethora of local similar adjacent sites which was producing an imbalance that was impacting on the rural nature of the village. Traffic was another concern due to excess speeds on the approaches to the site.</u></i>	Withdrawn 01/02/21
20/P/2959/FUL	<i>Retrospective application for the erection of agricultural store building – Land to the South West of Bridgwater Road Bleadon – 28/12/20</i>	

20/P/2096/FUL	<i>Retain existing dwelling demolition if existing workshop and outbuilding and erection of 2 no. new semi-detached dwellings with detached garages and associated external works around the site – Wallflower Cottage Coronation Road Bleadon - 26/10/20</i> <i><u>Agreed to support with reservations with regard to the possible presence of disused fuel tanks and traffic movement to and from the site</u></i>	Withdrawn 18/03/21
20/P/2543/FUL	<i>Erection of 2no two storey dwellings (semi-detached) – 17 Coronation Road Bleadon BS24 OPG – 30/11/20</i> <i><u>The Council supported the application although it had reservations regarding the need to dispose of one of the boundary natural stone walls.</u></i>	
20/P/2614/FUL	<i>Change of use of land from pasture to site for timber lodges for year round holiday use in association with the existing holiday park – Land at Purn Holiday Park Bridgwater Road Bleadon – 14/12/20</i>	
20/P/2726/FUL	<i>Erection of 5no dwellings – Land North to A370 and South of Bleadon Road Bleadon – 28/12/20</i> <i>Whilst we understand again as with application 20/P/2725/FUL it is not a valid planning reason to state creeping planning as a reason for refusal. It is quite clear with the advent of a similar application – 20/P/2726/FUL off Bridge Road at the other end of this field complex that should permission be granted the floodgates would be opened for further application (s) on a site that has only recently been refused by the Planning Inspectorate following an appeal – APP/D0121/W/18/3211789 in respect to 17/P/5545/OUT.</i> <i>In the Inspector’s Report emphasis was given to the Ecological and Environmental damage such a development would cause in respect to breeding birds water voles and bats. A local survey indicated the presence of four ‘red list’ species and seven ‘amber’ list species of which breeding was evident in both species. It was recognised that the presence of water voles was present in the local rhyne network. Likewise the area is used by a range of more common bat species but also greater and lesser horseshoe bats. Such a development would therefore have a disastrous ecological and environmental effect on these local habitats.</i> <i>The proposed site is not appropriately located in matters such as landscape flooding and biodiversity and it is outside the village fence. It would further impact on the local traffic movement in the locality whereby the proposed development is of a nature whereby it would encourage daily migration for employment and would not to be within the price attainment for young local residents to acquire an affordable home. Excess cars to the development would ultimately park on Bleadon Road thus causing a</i>	29/04/21 Refused

	<p>potential traffic hazard. From a local survey for the preparation of an emerging Neighbourhood Village Plan over 78% of the local residents indicated that they did not wish to see further development within the village other than that already provided by the Marshalls Quarry site.</p> <p>The proposed development would without doubt change the very nature of the village in terms impact character and appearance of the area the moorland landscape and of course the AONB. It would run contrary to the principle of "Brownfield" sites being developed in preference to "Greenfield" sites.</p> <p>It would be detrimental to the "Rural Character" of the village as well as the surrounding area inclusive of the Mendip Area of Outstanding Beauty designated "Heritage Landscapes" and the West Mendip Way. Undoubtedly it would increase light pollution in an area which is recognised as being an integral part of the "Dark Skies" area of the village in lighting terms. The proposed location forms part of an important field buffer zone between the village and the A370. Flooding is not unknown in the area and the current capacity of the local sewerage system is far from adequate. Finally it flies in the face of North Somerset Council's own development policies for such as a designated 'infill' village as Bleadon.</p> <p>For all of the reasons stated hereto and by a unanimous decision of the Parish Council at its meeting of the 14th December 2020 it was resolved that the application be recommended to be refused</p>	
20/P/2811/FUL	<p>Change of use from mixed agricultural and industrial use as a caravan park for static and touring caravans – Land at Wayacre Drove Accommodation Road Bleadon - 18/01/2121</p> <p><u>The Council recommended refusal due to a plethora of local similar adjacent sites which was producing an imbalance that was impacting on the rural nature of the village. Traffic was another concern due to excess speeds on the approaches to the site.5</u></p>	Withdrawn 01/02/21
20/P/2959/FUL	<p>Retrospective application for the erection of agricultural store building – Land to the South West of Bridgwater Road Bleadon – 28/12/20</p>	
20/P/3032/FUL	<p>Proposed demolition of existing redundant stables and erection of a single storey holiday unit – Mulberry House Roman Road Bleadon- 18/01/21</p> <p><u>The Council recommended that the application be held in abeyance until a correct and up to date Bat Survey is carried out. That which was submitted by the applicant was secured in the incorrect period of the year</u></p>	Approved 27/01/21

21/P/0527/OUT	<p>Outline application for the erection of 14 dwellings with access for approval and appearance scale and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval- Land off Purn Way Bleadon BS24 0QF - F (17/P/1351/OUT & 18/P/5035/OUT) 30/04 /21– <u>Despite having approved the previous application the Council recognised the current objections of the residents and therefore recommended refusal on the grounds that it was (a) outside the settlement boundary (b) insufficient and inadequate vehicular access thus increasing a potential risk to pedestrians (c) infringing the West Mendip Way and (d) that the area was susceptible to flooding and abounds a SSSI</u></p>	
21/P/0545/FUH	<p>Erection of composite timber decking to rear of house incorporating steps down to the back garden – Mendip Croft Celtic Way Bleadon BS24 ONA – 07/04/21- <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended the application</u></p>	
21/P/0759/FUH	<p>Proposed single storey side extension to provide residential annexe – Bridleway Roman Road Bleadon BS24 OAD – 30/04/21 - <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended the application</u></p>	
21/P/0786/FUL	<p>Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings erection of 2 No's Two storey dwellings detached garages and associated works. – Wallflower House 30 Coronation Road Bleadon BS24 OPG (20/P/2085/FUL & 20/P/2096/FUL) – 04/05/21- <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended approval</u></p>	
21/P/0791/FUH	<p>Proposed erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension and a new front porch – 7 Council Houses Bridgwater Road Bleadon BS24 OBG – 30/04/21 - <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended the application</u></p>	

21/P/0845/FUH	Replacement of balcony on the first floor East elevation and creation of balcony on first floor South Elevation – Wonderstone Cottage Shiplate Road Bleadon BS24 ONX – 04/05/21 - <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended the application</u>	
21/P/1183/TPO	G1 – 4 x Beech – Lift Crown over garden by 6m 2m clearance over garage – Heathgates Hillside Road Bleadon BS24 OAA – No objections	

342.13 Resolutions

The clerk gave an explanation as to why Agenda Items No's 1 to 11 were necessary and required action

1. To receive a Financial Statement (unaudited) for the year 31st March 2021

Received

(a) To receive the Internal Auditor's Report and note its contents

Not due to be undertaken until the 21st May and the receipt of same will be deferred until the June Meeting.

(b) To approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)

Resolved to approve

(c) To approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2)

Resolved to approve

(d) To set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights

Noted that the said dates were from the 14th June to the 23rd July inclusive

2.. To review the Parish Council's Corporate Policies.

Reviewed noting the amendments undertaken during the past twelve months

3 To review the Parish Council's Banking arrangements

Resolved any two Councillors for the current seven designated signatories plus the Parish Clerk for access and administrative reasons.

4 To review the Parish Council's Asset Register

Resolved to note that it had been extensively revised to now include the Building Assets namely the Coronation Hall and the Public Toilets.

It was remarked that that the newly acquired tablets were not listed at present. It was confirmed that this omission would be corrected but for confirmation the asset was listed on the insurance policy.

5. To review the Parish Council's Insurance Policy

Resolved to note that the renewal date was June and that any amendments would be activated then

6. To confirm that Mr B Poole continues to act as the RFO - Responsible Financial Officer.

Resolved to confirm

7. To re-affirm the acceptance of the Audit and Account Regulations 2015 as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Resolved to re-affirm

8. To review the Parish Council's Publication Scheme and confirm the Parish Council's Qualified Person under Section 36 of The Freedom of Information Act 2000 be the Parish Clerk.

Resolved to note that Parish Councils Publication Scheme had been reviewed and that the Parish Clerk be the Council's Qualified Person

9. To confirm the re-appointment of Mrs Bridget Bowen as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor.

Resolved to re-appoint Mrs Bridget Bowen as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor

10. To resolve that Parish Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Parish Clerk.
Resolved to delegate the power to grant dispensations to the Parish Clerk
11. To receive the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and note any actions required as a result.
Resolved to note the receipt of the incomplete Annual Parish Meeting Draft Minutes
12. To resolve to remove the current two round picnic tables that are in a poor condition and replace them with two from Fountain Forestry at £375.37 each the cost of which to be shared equally between the Parish Council and Bleadon Youth Club.
Resolved to undertake the stated action
13. To resolve to purchase two 1100 litre Grey 4 Wheel Euro Bins @ 197.50 ex vat.
Resolved to undertake the stated action
14. To note the receipt of an alternative tree quotation in the sum of £345.00 plus vat and the subsequent action taken.
Resolved to note the receipt of the alternative quotation and as a result the action subsequently taken by the Clerk.
15. To resolve to note Bleadon in Bloom's intention to seek Heritage Lottery Funding with the support of North Somerset District Council for the protection of the Water Voles and the expansion of wildlife habitat on Bleadon Moor.
Resolved to note the intended action

342.14 Financial

1. To approve the following regular payments:
(a) To retrospectively note the following items of expenditure for the months of March/April.

(170)	Opus Energy	Street Lighting	14.94	.75
(171)	Miss E Young	Bleadon Village News – 117	400.00	
(172)	NS	Replacement Grit Bin	165.00	33.00
(173)	Webglu	Website Updates – February	105.00	21.00
(174)	Webglu	Mailbox Support	74.50	14.90
(175)	Webglu	Website Hosting – NP	63.00	12.60
(176)	Zoom	Virtual Meeting – March	11.99	2.40
(177)	Taylor Thorne	Bleadon Village News Issue 117	<u>790.00</u>	
			1624.43	84.65

Authorised by Cllrs. G Williams & D Charman

(178)	Mr B Poole	Clerk's Salary – March	1472.29	
(179)	Microshade	Hosted Application Service	367.00	73.40
(180)	H3G	Mobile – March	14.82	2.96
(181)	G B Sports	Inspection - November	15.00	3.00
(182)	SLCC	Regional Training Seminar	45.00	9.00
(183)	PATA	Payroll Services Jan/Mar	23.85	
(184)	Mr B Poole	Homeworking – March	26.00	
(185)	Miss F Thomas	Toilet Cleansing	125.00	

(186)	Mr Brian Robinson	Church Clock	50.00	
(187)	BYC	Donation Car Park Lighting	120.00	
(188)	ALCA	Councillor Training x 2	80.00	
(189)	G B Sports	Inspection – March	15.00	3.00
(190)	R Astill	Wildflower & Field Maple Planting	2,618.00	
(191)	Opus Energy	Village Lighting	12.83	.64
(192)	Mr A Leonard	Village Ranger Duties – March	<u>491.00</u>	
			5,475.79	92.00

Authorised by Cllrs I D Clarke & A Davies

2. To note the following items of expenditure for the months of April and May

(1)	Mr M Howe	Bier House – The Churchyard	374.00	
(2)	Webglu	Website Updates	75.00	15.00
(3)	Mr M Howe	Grass Cutting – March	445.00	
(4)	North Somerset	Rates – Public Toilets	464.00	
(5)	Rialtas	Software Maintenance	124.00	24.80
(6)	Zoom	Meeting Subscription	11.99	2.40
(7)	Post Office	Postage Stamps	27.12	
(8)	R Astill	Wildflower Soil	1982.00	
(9)	R Dyer	15 Oak Barrels	340.00	
(10)	Strutt & Parker	Allotment Rent	72.50	
(11)	3G Mobile	April 21	<u>14.82</u>	<u>2.96</u>
			3930.43	45.16

Approved by Cllrs A Scarisbrick & M Sheppard

(12)	Adobe	Acrobat Pro DC	181.10	
(13)	Mr B Poole	Clerk's Salary - SO	1471.60	
(14)	Mr B Poole	Homeworking – April 21	26.00	
(15)	Atwill Stone Co	Churchyard Wall	3198.00	639.60
(16)	SLCC	Leadership Seminar	75.00	15.00
(17)	Blue Spot	Toilet Cleaning – April – SO	216.66	
(18)	Mr A Leonard	Village Orderly – April – SO	602.00	
(19)	Mr B Robinson	Church Clock – April – SO	25.00	
(20)	Mr G Flavell	4 no Oak Barrels	80.00	
(21)	Fountain Timber	Supply of Chippings	444.18	88.84
(22)	Mr A Leonard	Fixing of WI Bench	190.00	
(23)	Rialtas	Asset Register	338.50	67.70
(24)	BYC	Lighting Donation	<u>175.00</u>	
			6319.54	811.14

Approved by Cllrs G Williams & D Sharman

342.15 To receive reports from the following for information purposes only:

- (a) Allotments and Churchyard
- (b) Public Rights of Way and Footpaths
- (c) Marshalls Liaison
Noted now under the watch of Cllr. K Hemingway
- (d) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety
Cllr. A Davies reported on progress she was achieving and mentioned the need for an agreed central point for the village in the collation and disseminating of information.

She also confirmed contact had been with Somerset & Avon Police who manage the overall organisation of Neighbourhood Watch

- (e) Roads and Transport
- (f) Play Area
- (g) Bleadon Village News
Noted that copy date was the 10th May
- (h) Youth Club
- (i) Coronation Hall Management Committee

It was noted that an e-mail had been received during the meeting by Cllr Scarisbrick from the Management Committee Chairman Mrs Betty Patterson that the Coronation Hall could when formally open seat 25 and the Jubilee Hall 15.

- (j) ALCA
- (k) Neighbourhood Plan Group
- (l) Bleadon in Bloom
- (m) Councillors

Cllr Ann Davies

She informed the meeting that the Beat Officer was planning to restart the local surgeries apparently from a car in the village post office car park

Cllrs Ann Davies and ID Clarke

Gave a brief resume where they were with the workings of the Planning Working Group.

Cllr Mary Sheppard

A general question was asked about the current route of the recently reinstated village bus service. Councillor Scarisbrick stated that he had recently used it and because of the road restrictions it was not at present going to Tesco's. He urged people to use it or lose it.

- (n) Parish Clerk

342.16 Correspondence

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| (1) | Clerks & Council Direct | BP |
| (2) | CPRE – Countryside Voices | BP |
| | Fieldwork | BP |
| | Members Handbook 2021 | BP |
| (3) | NS Town & Parish Digest | * |

342.17 Date and Time of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14th June 2021