



Message from the Chairman

Bleadon has had a number of successes in the past few weeks. The Britain in bloom judges were seriously impressed with our Pennant entry in the national scheme and the council is extremely grateful to Kirsten and the many volunteers who worked so hard to make our parish 'bloom'.

The council agreed to be 'plastic free' and 'frack free' - clearly, just saying it doesn't make it happen and so we will be working closely with everyone to make changes over time.

The neighbourhood plan group has been awarded another grant to continue its work, including appointing a consultant to research the national and local plans and policies that apply to the parish.

I would like to thank Marian for her dedication, wisdom, and good humour during her time with us. She joined at a time when the council was at a low ebb but she leaves us stronger and stable! We wish her all the best for the future.

A warm welcome to our new clerk Naomi Bibi, who joins us in September. Naomi and Marian have finalised the handover and we look forward to working with her.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I have to tender my resignation to the Parish Council. I shall be leaving in September and I would like to wish the hard-working council team the very best for the year. I will still be around the village of course and will be continuing to support many events including the successful Bleadon in Bloom.

Jim Baines Chairman, Bleadon Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan

The NP Group is delighted to report that the grant application submitted last month has been approved. We have appointed a consultant (Graham Quick) to research

the plans and policies, both national and local, that apply to Bleadon in order to determine any gaps. By the time you read this the August meeting of the Group will have taken place and we will have looked at sites within the settlement boundary where planning applications have already been approved AND where building may be possible. Graham, and NSC, will help us through the process of a 'call for sites' in order to see whether any landowners come forward. The Survey results and any further comments will continue to form the basis of the Plan, building a solid evidence-base as we go along. As always, anyone interested in helping to develop the Plan is welcome to join the Group. Meetings are usually held monthly on a Wednesday evening in the Church Room – check the parish notice boards and Bleadon Neighbourhood Plan website <https://www.bleadonneighbourhoodplan.co.uk/>

Allotments

Allotments: All allotments are now tenanted and most of them are looking good. The tenants and 'Bloomers' have improved the cleared land by the public footpath. Letters will be sent in the next couple of weeks regarding next year's rent, (£17 for a full plot, £8.50 for a half plot) to be paid by 28th September 2019.

Thanks to Marshalls for the chippings and the kerb stones. Well done to all the allotment team and thanks to Bleadon in Bloom for the excellent work.

Bleadon in Bloom is Going Wild

We have had unprecedented support from the village for Bleadon in Bloom and the judging day saw many of you come to the village hall bringing food and chatting to the judges. The community spirit was undeniable in the village and it was a pleasure to be part of. There will be an After Party at the Queens around on the 23rd of September at 7.30pm—please come along and have your say about what we do next year.

Representing Bleadon at the Hearing

Gill Williams was the Parish Council representative at the Planning Enquiry in Weston. She spoke for all of us and delivered a comprehensive and factual message from the village. The full message starts on Page 5.

Bleadon News

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