

# Bleadon Residents' Annual Parish Meeting

## BOB's Draft Notes

### 11 April 2022

**Attending:** Cllrs Williams, Getty, Davies, Clarke, Sheppard, Garrett, Boyce, Hemingway, Tyson and parish clerk Bruce Poole, District Cllr Porter and 9 residents at various times

**Apologies:** District Cllr Solomon

#### District Cllr PORTER

- Road signs now up on the A370, now a 40mph legal limit
- Bridge Road junction traffic island now completed

**BOB Q:** The current Local Plan 2038 Consultation refers to a number of energy issues including blanket [solar PV and wind turbine areas across North Somerset](#). Bleadon also has a [fracking licence](#) – will NSC continue to commit to its 'Frack Free' position on fracking as indicated in its Climate Emergency Action plan? **Cllr Porter:** Will raise this issue at tomorrow's council meeting. NB: BPC councillors indicated that they were not aware of the consultation? **Cllr Porter:** BOB to send an email to Cllr Porter re: fracking status and he will check with NSC officers whether BPC were contacted. [**UPDATE** 13APR22 [Cllr Porter re: Fracking & Local Plan](#) – BPC letter still not received?]

**Cllr Clarke Q:** Planning Officers are more difficult to contact after pandemic policy implementations? **Cllr Porter:** two thirds of staff now prefer hybrid homeworking, so not so easy to now approach officers in person in the office.

**Cllr Sheppard Q:** Will any applications be called in? **Cllr Porter:** if officers have a mind to approve then may do with both applications.

**LAST YEAR'S APM MINUTES** – **Cllr Williams/Chairman** asked for minutes to be approved - **Cllr Davies** proposed, **Cllr Tyson** seconded - Approved [**BOB post meeting note:** These are resident not council meeting minutes - were they agreeing this as councillors or residents? Was it because [no residents attended the virtual APM last year?](#))]

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Cllr Williams/Chairman)

- NDP feedback during the summer [**BOB post meeting note:** who was consulted?]
- BPC to press NSC for whole improvement request [**BOB post meeting note:** what does this mean?]
- 1000 extra copies of the newsletter printed for Bleadon Hill. Doubling the Spring and Summer editions [**BOB post meeting note:** but Bleadon Hill is outside the parish of Bleadon in Weston Town Council, why do Bleadon residents pay for this?]
- Cllr Scarisbrick and Cllr Sharman resigned this year
- BPC Jubilee project – reguiling the clock, as not done for over 50 years

**Cllr Porter:** NSC has funding for play areas

**BOB Q:** Who is working on the NDP? **Cllr Williams/Chairman:** Cllr Boyce and Cllr Garrett discussing with Celia Dring at NSC.

#### CLERK (BRUCE POOLE)

The **Playground** is a charity that has no income. Advised that BPC should have a separate [Playground Trustees meeting](#) to comply, which was open and shut in a few minutes on 14Feb22 [**UPDATE** MAR23: [BPC AGAR responses 2021/22](#)]

The **Finances** are ready for the Internal Auditor in May. Budget 20/21 had a deficit of £16K. Projects this year didn't include painting the Hall or Toilets, those costs will come in this year's figure. For [2021/22](#) - Budget £64,158, Precept £54K, Deficit £7,676. Income from Youth Club, allotments, village orderly and CIL ([£2,378](#) last year). There is interest in the Quarry – maybe development in the next 2-3 years, which will bring in additional CIL.

### Cllr DAVIES – CORONATION HALL

- BPC representative for 6 months
- slight increase in fees
- vaulted ceiling painted
- new lights
- Committee members to paint the walls
- new flooring in foyer
- damp floor issues
- BPC's responsible for **outdoor Hall areas**, painting of outside [**UPDATE**: MAR23 [BPC 2020/21 AGAR response](#) and [2021/22 response](#) indicate otherwise]
- **new kitchen** installed in August – silent auction raised >£700 [**UPDATE**: MAR23 [Min 362.10ii](#) - £4K to update kitchen, also [page 7](#) – how do other organisations get a grant this large? Especially as BPC's budgeted grant allocation for all residents is stated as only [£500 for 2021/22 and £0 for 2022/23?](#)]
- **new projector** and screen, microphone revamped [**UPDATE** MAY22: BPC own the projector not the Halls [Min 353.14.23](#) for £557, seen on [Asset Register](#) as £1,117?]

**BOB Q:** Are BPC still Trustees for the Halls? **Clerk:** Halls owned by BPC. **Resident:** but there is a Protocol? [**UPDATE**: 08MAY22 BOB sends [Halls Protocol](#) to BPC (shame about the loss of the skittle alley). As always indicated on the [BPC website](#), BPC are Custodial Trustees of the Halls, see also BPC AGAR responses above]

**BOB Q:** The Halls Protocol states Halls Committee to hold a public meeting 4 times a year, when is the next meeting and how do residents get copies of the minutes? **Halls Rep:** Protocol 2010 regarded as out of date, next meeting soon.

### Cllr BOYCE – YOUTH CLUB

- 20-25 youngsters – Hugh Sexeys School main users
- no grants, so subs may need to increase.
- Can survive 2 years but may need to close after that.

### Cllr GARRETT – BLEADON VILLAGE NEWS

- working with Cllr Tyson for update
- 1300 editions in March and June for Bleadon Hill and immediate area for Jubilee to feel included [**BOB post meeting note**: Bleadon Hill is outside the parish of Bleadon and in Weston Town Council, why do Bleadon residents pay for this?]
- Reviewed BVN in Feb and received feedback, will get Bleadon Hill resident feedback for possible inclusion [**BOB post meeting note**: What review was undertaken? Who was consulted and asked for feedback? How is this minuted at full council?]
- Increase revenue via advertising

**Resident Q:** Regarding costs and the environment – does the newsletter have to be glossy and in colour? **Cllr Clarke:** the cost of printing is high. **BOB:** BPC budgeted £4.6K for printing the newsletter last year [**BOB post meeting note**: final [Q4 cost](#) of newsletter £4K] **Cllr Tyson:** request 3 quotes. **Resident:** good to support local businesses. **Cllr Getty:** Gets a discount as he's a resident – this is quite cheap for what we're getting. **Resident:** If the newsletter font size was smaller it would reduce the number of pages.

**BOB Q:** Do BPC control the content of the newsletter articles? **Cllr Williams/Chairman:** BPC has given the Editor full editorial control, it is published independently on behalf of BPC – stating see the Disclaimer in the magazine. **BOB:** but residents/BPC pay for it? BPC used to print the APM Chairman's Report and Finances, why not now?

### Cllr HEMINGWAY – BLEADON IN BLOOM

- wonderful support from residents
- planters donated
- polytunnel built
- places to congregate [**BOB post meeting note:** public insurance?]
- children in the village <16 years old to receive a tree [**UPDATE:** 60 plaques purchased for the children's trees [Min 358.8.129](#) - £768.50 + £153.70]
- making a trail

**Cllr Sheppard Q:** where are the trees being planted and how many? **Cllr Hemingway:** £1K grant, some landowners will allow planting along footpaths.

**Cllr Sheppard Q:** who will maintain the trees? **Cllr Hemingway:** the children and their families [**BOB post meeting note:** what will happen in the future when the children move away from home? Will it fall to BPC, NSC or landowners to maintain?]

**Resident Q:** have the trees on the main road survived? **Cllr Hemingway:** they're OK, main problem bindweed.

**BOB Q:** is Bleadon in Bloom an independent project with a grant or a BPC project? **Cllr Hemingway:** it's a BPC supported project, they don't manage us or tell us what to do. **Clerk:** we don't manage BIB, they do their own thing. [**UPDATE:** MAR23 BIB now agreed to be an independent project, with the BIB group to request grants from BPC in the future [BPC 2020/21 AGAR response](#) and [2021/22](#)]

**Resident Q:** will the plaques won by BIB be put in the hall, somewhere where people can see them? **Cllr Hemingway:** we don't want to interfere with Hall art, etc.

**Resident:** BIB should be about the village look and feel not just flowers and tubs [**BOB post meeting note:** village only not parish?], e.g. the **noticeboards** look 'grotty' and need to be addressed before the BIB competition judging date and Jubilee events. **Cllr Boyce:** being dealt with. **Clerk:** noticeboard replacement would be £1,500. they need to be upgraded or varnished every 2-3 years. £12K budget allocated for BPC maintenance. Noticeboard usage is generally half resident and half BPC. The Halls noticeboards are a third Halls, a third residents and a third BPC. **Resident:** notices are not removed on time and contain old information. Some noticeboards are locked some are not?

**Resident:** the Jubilee garden needs revamping. **Cllr Davies:** at the budget meeting BPC agreed to take this on, councillors will discuss at the next BPC meeting, structural work may be required.

**Resident:** the structure by the Toilets wobbles and is unsafe. **Cllr Davies:** BPC is responsible for outdoor areas.

### Cllr GETTY – PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

- has taken on website updates from the clerk's duties

### Cllr DAVIES – NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & COMMUNITY SAFETY

NHW

- intend to arrange police talks

- wants to create a NHW register [**BOB post meeting note**: how does this fit with personal information and Data Protection? **UPDATE**: Nov 22 [Agenda resolutions](#) vs [Minutes resolutions?](#)]

#### Community safety

- speeding vehicles in village and Bleadon Road [what about parish lanes?]
- liaising with speed enforcement officer – mobile speed cameras set up in certain areas
- camera attendance every 4-6 weeks in Bleadon Road and A370, varying days and times, not nights
- PCSO Surgery at the Post Office once a month, 20 Apr drop-in at 9-10am
- report crime on 101, if it's an emergency ring 999

**Resident Q**: do the police still come to BPC meetings? **Cllr Davies**: invited but PCSO's don't attend as BPC meetings are held outside their working hours.

**Resident Q**: Can we make the village speed limit 20mph? **Resident NSC** looking at making villages 20mph with '20's Campaign'. [**UPDATE**: NSC [Active Travel consultation](#) and [March 23 BVN125 pg 11](#) and [SEP22 BVN123 pg2](#) article. **BOB post meeting note**: Where is the Bleadon resident public consultation? Where are the discussions in the BPC minutes relating to any 20mph zones in the parish? Do Bleadon residents want this? How much will it cost? What about the missing costly [Parish Plan](#) and abandoned [Neighbourhood Plan](#)?]

**Resident Q**: are the mobile speed cameras a deterrent or to catch people? **Cllr Davies**: Most reports from the speed van are that residents are not doing more than 28mph. **Cllr Sheppard**: the public are informed where the vans will be. **Clerk**: they are posted on the police website.

#### Cllr SHEPPARD – ALLOTMENTS

- all allotments are taken, there is a waiting list of 3 people

#### Cllr SHEPPARD – CHURCHYARD

- Tidy – BPC contractor maintains
- who owns the Bierhouse BPC or Parochial Church Council (PCC)?
- The church clock belongs to the parishioners, BPC hopes to complete the regilding by June but hampered by church/BPC communications and legalities

**Cllr Davies**: there is a sponsored abseil down the clock tower planned for 14 May 22 (£20). Cllrs to attend the Village Market to raise awareness. Clockometer to be updated ASAP. **Clerk**: DAC(?) considered the abseil application last week. [**UPDATE**: MAR23 [Min 362.18](#) - £2,260 has been raised towards a £16K budget to be paid 2023/24?]

#### Cllr CLARKE – PLANNING

- BPC acknowledged that their [Statutory duties](#) are not being met. BPC set up a [Planning Procedure](#) in response. Broad outline of process - BPC receive weekly register of applications from NSC, use's the NSC planning system to review the application, arrange a site visit, any discussion written up for councillors and discussed at next BPC meeting. BPC don't make planning decisions only North Somerset Council can do this. BPC submit comments to NSC (by the requested deadline) for consideration.

**BOB Q**: How does BPC inform residents of [consultations](#) affecting the community? e.g. Local Plan 2038 due 29APR22 in 3 weeks, and the Parish Settlement Boundary review? Was BPC informed of the Local Plan consultation as it's not in the BPC newsletter, and not on any BPC agenda? **Cllr Williams/Chairman**: villagers [**BOB post meeting note**: not parishioners?] have a certain responsibility to follow it up, it's in the press and on TV. **Clerk**: every consultation that comes in

gets sent to all councillors. [**BOB post meeting note**: how does this BPC approach fit with BPC Statutory Duties especially re: lack of public awareness/consultation?]

**BOB Q**: how many councillors have seen the Local Plan consultation? BPC indicate they are not aware? **Cllr Sheppard**: We should call an extra-ordinary meeting. **UPDATE** 26APR22: BPC call an [Extraordinary Meeting](#) re: Local Plan Consultation – [BOB presents](#) see BOB blog. **UPDATE** 09MAY22 **Cllr Porter** re: Local Plan consultation - although not minuted - BPC were contacted a number of times by NSC Officers, as were all parish councils]

### **AFTER 2hrs 9mins – OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENT’S OWN QUESTIONS!!!!**

Only one question left as the councillors’ self-structured meeting had already gone on for over 2hrs!!!!

**BOB Q**: when do residents get access to the minutes of this resident meeting from BPC? **Clerk**: minutes can’t be approved until next year. Councillors get a draft copy of the minutes at next month’s May meeting [**BOB post meeting note**: but this is a resident not a council meeting? **UPDATE**: MAY22 [Min 353.13.12](#) – usual procedure not followed, no presentation of notes of this meeting to full council in May for councillors to consider what had been raised by residents? No draft minutes produced by the clerk/BPC despite requests by BOB]

- **UPDATE**: MAY23 no minutes produced with the 2023 May [APM Agenda](#). Meeting postponed – date unknown?

### **CLOSE OF MEETING NOTES**

**Cllr Williams/Chairman**: Next resident’s annual meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023. **Resident**: but that will be Easter Monday?. **Cllr Williams/Chairman**: need to change it then.