

# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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Miss G Williams expressed a complaint regarding Bleadon Village News that was supposed to be published in October. She had sent an email for inclusion but the issue was published too late for inclusion. The Chairman apologised and explained that the future of the village news is in jeopardy. Cllr Findlay responded that the production of this village news was very dependent on a volunteer (Mr K Pyke) – it was impossible to produce on promised time and a number of items had passed prior to publication. The future of the BVN is included under agenda 279.8 – this publication was the last BVN in the current format. Cllr Findlay is looking at a leaflet style for future editions. Cllr Findlay and the Chairman will investigate future options.

Mr P White – asked that in the pre-ambule to the minutes, the speaker be named. He also produced photographs of the state of the church yard. The owners of properties with common walls between their properties and the churchyard need to be approached and party wall agreements entered into. The PCC is to establish the presence of any contacts/families of the graves.

The Revd Tim Erridge thanked Council for their interest. The Church wishes to work with the Parish Council to address the problem of the churchyard. The responsibility of the graves is that of the family – if no families can be traced then the responsibility lies with the parish council. There is a need to apply for faculties if work is to be done on monuments. The Chairman indicated that the cost to the parish council is a concern. The parish council and PCC representatives are to meet to discuss future actions.

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council** that was held in the **Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015** that commenced at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

**PRESENT** Mr I Gibson (Chairman) together with Councillors Mesdames I D Clarke, C Findlay, M Sheppard, C Gutsell, Mr S Hartree who took the minutes in absence of the clerk.

In addition there were eight members of the public present

**279.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

None

**279.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

None declared. It was noted that the failure of Cllr Sheppard to declare an interest in recent planning situations has been referred to NSC. The parish council is awaiting a decision.

**279.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council that was held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Resolved that Minutes of the Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council that was held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 as previously circulated be approved.**

**279.4 Past Subject Matters - For the purpose of report only**

- (1) Declarations of interest by councillors 278.2 see agenda item 279.5
- (2) Election of Vice Chair 278.5 see agenda item 279.5
- (3) Matter referred to previous clerk re insurance 276.11.2 – it was noted that Bleadon had been moved to the next band with no additional cost

**279.4 To elect the Vice Chair of the Parish Council**

Cllr Hartree was proposed by Cllr Sheppard – seconded by Cllr Gutsell  
Cllr Findlay was proposed by the Chairman – not seconded

Three votes in favour; none against and one abstention to resolve that Cllr Hartree be Vice Chair.

**279.6 To consider and adopt revised Standing Orders and Code of Conduct**

The revised documents have been circulated by Cllr Findlay – some further amendments need to be made and therefore they cannot be ratified at present. The amendments will be referred to the next meeting for ratification. The policies need to be studied individually – there is a need for documents to be inclusive. Cllr Findlay will continue to amend the documents. All policies should be reviewed annually. There was a vote of thanks to Cllr Findlay for her work.

**279.7 To propose dates for councillor training**

The Chairman suggested that training for councillors should be carried out by ALCA – a reduced rate cost has been offered on a Monday. The Chair is to email councillors with dates to agree.

**279.8 To consider who is produce the Bleadon Village News in future**

Item discussed above in open session

**279.9 To discuss the state of the Bleadon Parish Churchyard**

Item discussed above in open session

**279.10 To approve expenditure for the month**

It was resolved that the expenditure be approved. The Chair is to contact the clerk to obtain the cheque book for payments.

There was a query as to whether the payment to Webglu is the final one.  
Query whether the Council should pay the sub or should the Clerk as it is a quasi-union. Left in abeyance until clerk can give advice and refer to Finance Committee  
Query whether salary and expenses can be split for clerk and ranger – clerk to action for both

**279.11 Planning Committee Report**

Minutes received and noted but agenda should say November not October

**279.12 Open Spaces Committee Report**

**(1) To receive reports from the following brief holders:**

**(a) Allotments**  
Nothing to report

**(b) Churchyard**  
See notes from open session. Cllr Sheppard noted a dead tree just inside the west gate – refer to the appropriate committee

**(c) Footpaths and bridleways**  
Nothing to report

**(d) Roads and Transport**  
Cllr Sheppard reported that attention is needed to the road by Curry Cottage on the main road. The kerb stones in Bridge Road have dropped – they may need attention. A number of items mentioned to the parish councillors should be referred to NSC.

Bus – the Chairman has monitored the bus usage and found a small usage of the bus. The Clerk has emailed Cllr Ap Rees asking him to attend the parish council meeting. Cllr Rees reports that there is no intention to reduce the bus service and that it may be increased when the quarry is developed. Concern was expressed that a number of traffic issues are dismissed by NSC. The Parish Council is to consider an agenda item for a Community Bus Service.

**(e) Children’s Playground**

The children’s bouncer has been repaired but a bottom plate is still to be fixed.

**(f) Newsletter**

See notes from open session

**(g) Website**

The Clerk has been in touch with Webglu and the site should be up and running soon. The item was deferred until the clerk is present. There are questions as to whether the previous clerk took the necessary actions.

**(h) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety**

Nothing to report – replies to emails are still awaited from the police. There was concern expressed that the police do not advise complainants of the outcome of their complaints. The effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme relies on parishioners reporting incidents.

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**Reports**

1) **Coronation Hall**

£200 has been received from the Coronation Hall Management Committee in respect of the defibrillator. The defibrillator’s lights are to be fixed. The Christmas market was successful.

2) **Youth Club**

16 members are attending. Funding is well in hand. A new team of leaders has been well received by members. The roof of the Youth Club building is leaking and requires attention. Youth Club lease – deferred until the clerk is present.

3) **ALCA**

No report

4) **District Councillors**

Not present

5) **Village Beat Officer**

Not present and no response to concerns

6) **Review of Policing Priorities**

No action as of yet

7) **Chairman**

The councillors congratulated Cllr Findlay who has been appointed a Justice of the Peace

8) **Clerk**

Nothing to report

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**Correspondence**

(1)	Unity Trust Bank	Confirmation of change of mandate	HB
(2)	Nationwide	Confirmation of FSCS protection	HB
(3)	Mendip Society	Newsletter	C
(4)	CPRE	Newsletter	C
(5)	Cllr Ap Rees	Email regarding Bleadon bus provision	E
(6)	Community Resili	Winter Preparedness newsletter	E
(7)	North Somerset	Planning applications	E
(8)	Voluntary Action NS	Weekly update	E
(9)	North Somerset	Core strategy corrected presentation	E
(10)	ALCA	Housing Spending Review briefing	E
(11)	ALCA	Council tax support grant email	E
(12)	Rural Services Netw	Bulletin	E
(13)	Mendip AONB	Email re volunteers	E
(14)	North Somerset	Enforcement cases November 15	E
(15)	ALCA	DIS 873	E
(16)	Sedgemoor DC	LDF Newsletter	E

(17)	ALCA	Spending review and Autumn Statement email	E
(18)	Community Resili	Email re cancellation of workshop	E
(19)	Came and Co	Email re update to population banding	E/HB
(20)	Mendip Hill AONB	Newsletter November 15	E
(21)	Pensions Regulator	Email re BPC staging date	E/F&P
(22)	SLCC	AGM papers	HB
(23)	ALCA	National Bulletin from NALC 24/11	E
(24)	ALCA	Email re planning issues in green belt	E
(25)	ALCA	Future of Audit Services for smaller councils	E
(26)	North Somerset	Parish Core Strategy Briefing	E
(27)	ALCA	DIS Extra 872	E
(28)	West of England	Joint Transport Strategy email invite to consultation	E
(29)	West of England	Joint Spatial Plan email to consultation	E
(30)	North Somerset	CABImpact Report 2015	

#### Noted

#### 279.15 Other Business referred to the Clerk

1. Thanks to Cllr Hartree for clerking the meeting
2. Thanks to the Chair for Christmas drinks at no cost to the Council
3. Cllr Gutsell – concern expressed that draft minutes are not being supplied to Bleadon BOB prior to the meeting. The Chairman expressed concern at the content of an email sent to the clerk by “Bleadon BOB” and read the email out to the Council. It was noted by the Chair that once the parish website is operational, the minutes will be published thereon. Some councillors expressed support for the Clerk and others for the publication of draft minutes as soon as possible. It was proposed that the draft minutes first go to the Chair of the respective committee and Council as soon as possible; then a week prior to the next Council meeting the minutes will sent to councillors and made available to parishioners on the parish website. A majority agreed with this decision.

#### 279.16 Date of next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016