

# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall, Bleadon, which commenced at 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors Steve Hartree (Chairman), Mary Sheppard (Vice Chairman), David Chinn, Richard Dobson and Kathy Strong.

Clerk: Maria Bird

District Cllr Terry Porter.

PCSO Alisha Mitchell

Thirty six members of the public were present.

**297.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

There were no apologies for non-attendance.

**297.2 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda**

No declarations were received

**297.3 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

**It was unanimously resolved** to approve the minutes. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as being a correct record of the meeting.

**297.4 To invite public participation** – The Chairman reminded members of the Public and Parishioners that this is the only opportunity during the meeting to speak regarding items on the agenda or any other items.

i) Members of the public

Parishioner asked if the Parish Council was for or against the planning application 17/P/1351/O. Chairman highlighted this will be discussed in Agenda item 297.8. It was asked how parishioners can collectively do more than to object to the application on the North Somerset Council website. The Chairman highlighted that Parishioners have the opportunity to attend the North Somerset

Planning Committee meeting and in the public session of that meeting, usually one or two representatives of parishioners normally have the opportunity to address the North Somerset Planning Committee.

A Parishioner asked about North Somerset Core Strategy / Settlement Boundary and Bleadon regarded as an Infill Village. The Chairman asked Cllr Porter to provide an update on the Core Strategy. Cllr Porter provided an update on the core strategy and highlighted that remitted policies only provide limited weight and there is currently not a settlement boundary at this present time for Bleadon.

Parishioners highlighted the following concerns for the planning application 17/P/1351/O; vehicle access and parking of vehicles is currently an issue on Purn Way and new dwellings will increase traffic; the sewage system is currently at capacity and additional dwellings will add further pressure to the system; the field has no proper drainage and make current flooding in this part of the village worse and currently there is difficulty in getting doctor appointments and primary school age children into local schools.

Both Cllr Porter and the Chairman informed parishioners to make individual representatives on the North Somerset Planning website and objections / comments to be based on planning reasons.

The Chairman assured Parishioners that when Parish Councillors consider 17/P/1351/O planning application later in the agenda (297.8) the Parishioners views and concerns made will be taken into account.

A Parishioner requested an update regarding the maintenance and repairs of the Churchyard Wall. The Chairman highlighted this will be discussed in section 297.12 of the agenda.

A Parishioner requested that we consider a response to the evening closure of the Accident & Emergency Department at Weston General Hospital. The Chairman highlighted that if an item is not on the agenda this cannot be discussed. The Chairman requested the Clerk to add this onto the next agenda.

ii) District Councillor

Cllr Porter highlighted that the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel at North Somerset Council have raised concerns over the closure of Weston Hospital A&E Department.

Cllr Porter gave an update regarding the shooting noise complaints from Accommodation Road, which is being investigated.

Cllr Porter highlighted that due to another accident on Bridge Road he has raised concerns with North Somerset Council Highways. The Chairman highlighted that Bleadon Parish Councillors will continue to push for improvements.

Cllr Porter gave an update regarding the local bus service.

iii) The Police

PCSO Alisha Mitchell presented the Police report from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017. She stated that 15 calls had been received from the parish and two crimes were recorded. The two recorded crimes were for criminal damage.

PCSO Alisha Mitchell highlighted that the majority of the 15 calls were for road related incidences.

With the warmer weather and lighter evenings, PCSO Alisha Mitchell asked residents to be vigilant and ensure windows and doors are locked and secured. If Parishioners see anybody acting suspiciously or in an antisocial manner, please contact them on 101.

If Parishioners would like to get in contact with the PCSO team, PCSO Alisha Mitchell informed parishioners to go onto the website [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) and click on your area or type in the postcode and the relevant contact details will appear.

**297.5 To receive the Clerk's report.**

Defibrillator cover has been replaced and meeting to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July with South West Ambulance to register the defibrillator.

BT removal of the telephone boxes spans across the country, and it is a 2 year project which started a year ago. At this time we do not know when the telephone box in Bleadon will be removed.

The next meeting with Marshalls is to be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

The Clerk received two email communications from residents regarding the noise from the shooting taking place along Accommodation Road. Emails were shared with Parish Councillors and Cllr Porter. Cllr Porter provided an update in section 297.4.

The Clerk has booked three training courses 'Clerk the Knowledge, Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3.

North Somerset Council has advised that no one has called for an election so the Parish Council can proceed to fill the vacancy created by Clare Gustell by co-option.

The PCC are meeting at the end of July. Once PCC representatives are confirmed, a meeting will be held with the Parish Councillors to discuss the Health & Safety Policy for St Peter and St Paul Churchyard.

The Clerk confirmed she had received a complaint for the overgrown verge, trees and bushes on the South Side of the Croquet Field on Bleadon Road. The Clerk has reported this to North Somerset Council (NSC). NSC confirmed that it has already received its first cut and they will monitor the site.

The Clerk highlighted that an email had been received in regards to Planning Application 17/P/1351/O which was shared with all Parish Councillors.

The Village Ranger highlighted that rubbish has been dumped at the picnic area at the top of Roman Road. The Clerk will report this to North Somerset Council.

District Cllr Porter and the PCSO left the meeting.

#### **297.6 Exchange of information between Councillors.**

Cllr Chinn highlighted concerns from Parishioners of the breach of planning down on the River Axe reported to the environment agency and NSC last autumn. Updates regarding investigations are requested. Cllr Chinn has provided the relevant information to Cllr Porter this evening and has requested an update from him at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Chinn past on his thanks to all volunteers that participated in the Village Plant-Up. Cllr Chinn would like to encourage Parishioners who live near a planter or tub to continue to water the plants, especially in the severely hot weather. The Chairman extended his thanks to all volunteers with special thanks to Cllr Chinn for organising the event. Cllr Strong and Cllr Chinn will write a thank you letter from the Parish Council to all volunteers for inclusion in the Bleadon Village News.

Cllr Dobson highlighted that request to write an article for Bleadon Village News from the last meeting has been actioned.

Cllr Dobson highlighted an action from the last meeting to meet with North Somerset Council to discuss the request of a signage stating 'No left turn for HGV'. This was actioned and discussion evolved into a potential solution. A proposal and estimate from North Somerset Council is expected to be received and then content to be discussed in a future Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Dobson highlighted that the WI are interested in working with the Parish Council regarding road safety.

The Chairman received a complaint from a Parishioner regarding excessive noise on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The incident was reported to North Somerset Council by Parishioners. The Chairman highlighted that this is not the first complaint received from Parishioners regarding noise in the village. The Chairman will write an article for Bleadon Village News regarding noise nuisance in the village.

#### **297.7 To nominate Councillors to review the following policies and to report back in the September Parish Council Meeting:-**

- i) Bullying & Harassment

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Chinn and Cllr Sheppard to review this policy.

- ii) Communications Strategy

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Dobson and Cllr Strong to review this policy.

iii) Complaints Procedure

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Sheppard to review this policy.

iv) Councillor Code of Conduct

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Chinn to review this policy.

v) Financial Regulations

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Hartree to review this policy.

vi) Grant Awarding Policy and Application Form

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Chinn and Cllr Strong to review this policy.

vii) Grievance and Discipline Procedure

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Chinn and Cllr Strong to review this policy.

viii) Press and Media Policy

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Dobson and Cllr Strong to review this policy.

ix) Procurement Policy

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Hartree to review this policy.

x) Publication Scheme

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Dobson to review this policy.

xi) Social Media Strategy

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Dobson and Cllr Strong to review this policy.

xii) Standing Orders

**It was unanimously resolved** to appoint Cllr Hartree to review this policy.

**To consider the following planning application**

17/P/1138/O. Land adjacent to Bridgwater Road Weston-Super-Mare. Outline application for the erection of up to 70 dwellings with associated public open space. All matters reserved for subsequent approval except highway and pedestrian access.

**It was unanimously resolved to** object to this application on the same grounds as W-S-M Town Council.

17/P/1351/O Land off Purn Way, Bleadon, BS24 0QF Outline application for residential development of up to 16 dwellings and access with all other matters reserved for subsequent approval.

**It was resolved to** object to this application (4 in favour, 1 abstention), for all reasons mentioned in the meeting by Parishioners and Councillors:-

- i. The number of proposed dwellings is too high a density.
- ii. Current village infrastructure is not fit to support this size of housing development.
- iii. Roads in the immediate vicinity are currently inadequate and this would result in an increase of traffic.
- iv. Parking of vehicles is currently an issue on Purn Way for residents and visitors to the meeting rooms at the Post Office. The new dwellings will provide an increase in number of cars adding additional pressure on the roads.
- v. Road junctions are currently at best hazardous and at worse dangerous at Devils Bridge Anchor Inn and Bridge Road with the A370 and additional traffic will add pressure on these roads and systems that is already broken.
- iv. Sewerage system is currently at capacity and additional dwellings will add additional pressure to the system.
- v. Potential increase in flooding to the bottom of the village as the field has no proper drainage.
- vi. Sustainability – to consider that there are no schools or doctors and only one Post Office store in Bleadon.
- vii. There have been some Archaeology finds close by to this site and request of an archaeological survey to be considered.
- viii. Bleadon is an Infill village and this development is outside the Settlement Boundary.

17/P/1426/F 5 Tenterk Close, Bleadon Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 0PJ  
Removal of condition No. 4 on application 16/P/2594/F (Single storey rear extension) to remove the need for an archaeological investigation.

**It was unanimously resolved to** object to the planning application in view of the historical site and based on the archaeologist report from North Somerset Council.

17/P/1484/F Land adjoining Edgehill, Celtic Way, Bleadon, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 0NA. Erection of a two storey dwelling and a single storey detached garage following the demolition of existing stable building.

**It was unanimously resolved** not to object to the planning application.

17/P/1487/F Shiplate Manor Cottage, Shiplate Road, Bleadon, BS26 2XA  
Erection of a summer house.

**It was unanimously resolved** not to object to the planning application.

17/P/1502/F Land at Purn Holiday Village, Bridgwater Road, Bleadon, BS24 0AN  
Proposed change of use of land from camp site to the siting of 90no. static and touring caravans.

**It was unanimously resolved** not to object to the planning application but for the developer to be asked to contribute to the levy for the general improvement of traffic issues likely to be caused by the development particularly at the junction of the A370.

17/P/1515/F Purn Holiday Village, Bridgwater Road, Bleadon, Weston-super Mare, BS24 0AN  
Construction of an Equipment store.

**It was unanimously resolved** not to object to the planning application.

**297.9**

**To note the following planning decision**

17/P/0195/F Purn Farm, Bridgwater Road, Bleadon, BS24 0AN  
Change of use of 3no. bed and breakfast bedrooms, communal kitchenette and WC facilities (Class C1) on first floor level to use as 1no. one bedroom, self-contained flat (C3 use). **GRANTED**

The decision was noted.

**297.10**

**To consider the process for the Parish Council signatories and closure for Nationwide Building Society**

**It was unanimously resolved** for the Clerk to write to the three current signatories regarding this matter.

**297.11**

**To review and consider supporting and promoting Road Safety Week in November 2017**

**It was unanimously resolved** to support the Road Safety Week in November 2017. It was agreed to discuss the donation value at a future Parish Council meeting.

**297.12**

**To consider the arrangements in regards to the maintenance of the Churchyard.**

The Clerk highlighted that the PCC are meeting at the end of July. Once PCC representatives are confirmed, a meeting will be held with the Parish Councillors to discuss the Health & Safety Policy for St Peter and St Paul Churchyard.

**It was resolved** to discuss all matters with the PCC including work that has been undertaken on the Churchyard Wall. It was suggested by the Chairman after the PCC meeting for the Clerk to write a short report.

Cllr Sheppard requested that the tender for the grass cutting for Churchyard to be actioned. The Chairman recommended waiting until after the Health &

Safety Policy meeting with Parish Councillors and the PCC before going out to tender.

**297.13 To discuss the email received from Quentin Alder Architects regarding the condition of the South Boundary Wall in the Churchyard.**

**It was unanimously resolved** to discuss at the forthcoming meeting between the PCC representatives and Parish Councillors. If required, local residents will be contacted after this meeting.

**297.14 To consider the relocation of the storage container containing the BROW equipment, to behind the Youth Club.**

Cllr Sheppard highlighted that she had measured the container and it is 6 feet 6 inches by 6 feet 4 inches in size.

Cllr Chinn read the relevant section of an email from the Youth Club stating reasons why the container should not to be located behind the building.

**It was unanimously resolved** not to position the storage container behind the Youth Club.

It was suggested to position it at the original proposal of behind the Coronation Hall on the soil area (Jubilee Garden).

Cllr Chinn highlighted that the ground would need to be cleared and levelled before the storage container could be positioned at this location.

Cllr Chinn suggested that vandal proof paint may wish to be considered and a colour more suitable to its surroundings be used.

**297.15 To consider whether the Parish Council wish to take out a £100 subscription for Planning Local – Planning resources for local councils.**

**It was unanimously resolved** to take out the £100 subscription for Planning Local – Planning resources for local councils.

**297.16 To consider the grant application received from CONTACTUS**

**It was unanimously resolved** to approve the £100 grant application for ContactUs.

**297.17 To consider the position and costs for the concrete base for the TidyBear Novelty bin within the playground area.**

**It was unanimously resolved** to approve the costs for the concrete base and install / secure the bin.

Cllr Sheppard requested to get the bin installed before the start of the school summer holidays.

**297.18 To consider the request to run a competition for children within the parish to give the newly purchased TidyBear novelty bin within the playground area a name.**



**It was unanimously resolved** to support a competition for children under 10 years of age.

Cllr Strong to write an article for the next edition of the Bleadon Village News. Cllr Chinn to source and donate a suitable prize.

297.19

**Finance**

To approve items of expenditure

Chq	Payee	Details	Net	VAT
300675	Safety Green Ltd	Church Boundary Wall	£6450.00	£1290.00
300674	Alistair Gill	Village Ranger salary	£312.00	£0.00
300674	Alistair Gill	Village Ranger expenses: Mileage £27.95	£27.95	£0.00
300673	Zurich Management Services	Local Council Advisory Service (LCAS) Membership 2017 / 2018	£95.00	£19.00
300672	GB Sports	Playground inspection	£15.00	£3.00
300671	Glasdon	TidyBear Bin	£210.57	£42.11
300670	Faye Thomas	Public toilet cleaning	£225.00	£0.00
300669	Bin It	Dog bin emptying	£70.54	£14.11
300668	Anthony Jay	Clerk salary	£754.39	£0.00
300668	Anthony Jay	Clerks expenses: Home working allowance £17.33; Mileage £21.60	£38.93	£0.00
300667	Maria Bird	Clerk salary	£913.61	£0.00
300667	Maria Bird	Clerk expenses: Mileage £5.40; Home Working Allowance £17.33; Mobile Phone £4.99; Printer, Print Cartridges, Paper £87.41; Stamps and Envelopes £9.90	£109.63	£15.40
300666	HMRC	PAYE and NI	£427.20	£0.00
300665	ID Clarke	Cllr Expenses – Mileage; £27.00 Stationery £27.88; Garden bins £50.00; Garden equipment £62.62	£161.55	£5.95
300664	David Chinn	Cllr Expenses – Paper and ink cartridge	£23.73	£4.75
300663	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Annual Membership	£36.00	£0.00
300662	SSE Enterprise	Lighting Maintenance	£15.65	£3.13

**It was unanimously resolved** to approve the payments.

**297.20****To receive the following Open Spaces Committee reports:**

## (a) Allotments

All have been allocated.

## (b) Churchyard

Updates have been covered and discussed in sections 297.12 and 297.13 of the agenda.

## (c) Footpaths &amp; Bridleways

Cllr Chinn has made contact with North Somerset Council Footpath Officer, Adrian Woolacott. A meeting is to be held between NSC Footpath Officer and Cllr Chinn and Cllr Dobson.

Cllr Strong highlighted overgrown hedges on Shiplate Road. Cllr Strong to provide the Clerk with the precise location so North Somerset Council can be informed.

## (c) Roads &amp; Transport

Cllr Chinn and the Clerk confirmed that North Somerset Council Highways Team had been informed of the 'Give Way' Sign on the corner of Shiplate Road and Celtic Road had been knocked into the hedge by a vehicle and needed attention.

## (d) Children's Playground

The Clerk highlighted that the tree in the playground by the wooden 'goal posts' required trimming back. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quotation and discuss at a future Parish Council Meeting.

## (e) Newsletter

Next edition is due out at the end of July.

## (f) Website

No updates.

## (g) Neighbourhood Watch &amp; Community Safety

No updates.

**297.21****To receive the following brief holder's reports:**

## (1) Coronation Hall

Chairman read the Coronation Hall Management Committee report.

The Parish Council was requested to consider two points:-

- i. an introduction of a one way system in the hall car park.

- ii. a formation of a new pedestrian entrance to the area in front of the hall.

It was suggested for the Clerk to add these two requests onto the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda to allow Cllrs to consider this in detail.

(2) Youth Club

Cllr Chinn informed he had received an update from the Bleadon Youth Club management committee meeting held on Thursday 6 July which had addressed his questions. The correspondence will be shared with Cllrs and relevant items added onto future Parish Council Agendas for discussion.

(3) ALCA

The Chairman confirmed he attended the ALCA Annual General Meeting. A summary of discussions held at the meeting was provided by the Chairman.

(4) Chairman

No report.

**297.22 To receive a report from the Management Working Group**

Cllr Dobson provided an update of his and the Chairman's attendance at the 'Accommodating Housing Growth, Parish and Town Council briefing', held by North Somerset Council on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The Clerk to contact North Somerset Council representative to set up a meeting with Cllr Dobson to discuss in more detail the Neighbourhood Plan initiative.

**297.23 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting to be held on, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman highlighted that if Planning Applications are received a meeting may need to be called in August.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm