

BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk to the Parish Council
Bruce Poole
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Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** of **Bleadon Parish Council** that was held in The Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on **Monday 14th April 2014** at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted:

PRESENT Mrs P J Skelley (Chairman) together with the Clerk Mr B Poole.

The following Councillors were recorded as being present Mrs M Sheppard Mrs I D Clarke Messrs I Findlay R House C Morris M Orme and K Pyke

In addition there were some thirty seven members of the public present

APOLOGIES **Parish Councillor Steve Hartree** - District Councillors Elfan Ap Rees and Terry Porter

MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2013 were read by the Parish Clerk Mr Poole and thereafter approved and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Government has changed the rules relating to how they give the Council Tax Grant to District Councils which has had a knock on effect as to how the Parish Council receives the Precept. It is highly likely that this form of grant will disappear in the future. With all this in mind the Parish Council decided to fix the Precept at the same level as last year albeit producing a deficit budget.

The Coronation Hall and the Jubilee Hall has had the best publicity ever recently appearing in an article in the "Somerset Life" magazine where it was promoting the Village Market detailing its ups and downs over the past year. Well done to the Hall Management Committee and its many volunteers. It is probably one of the village's greatest assets.

The Youth Club continues to thrive the number of young attending is up with the club operating on two nights per week. Last year a Ball Wall was installed in the Children's Play Area – a hit with the but initially created some safety problems. Warning signs were put up but to no avail hazards remained. RoSPA was called in to inspect and make recommendations. The solution was to relocate the Ball Wall - cut the tops off at an angle and place them in front of the birch trees. The problem seems to have been resolved and with the on-going programme of improvements all is well in the Play Park. A new pic-nic table with easier access for wheelchairs and buggies is in place in time for the summer. No Smoking signs have now been placed on the entrance gates.

The Churchyard and wall are the responsibility of the Parish Council so we pay for the care and maintenance. The information from last year was that the wall was complete. The Parish Council however understands from the Diocesan Architect that more work is needed on the

older part of the wall and that the railings are past repair. The wall will be raised to the level with the part already repaired and finished in a similar manner. The large tree stump is to be “blasted” and the bank of soil removed. Estimates are currently being sought.

A reminder that this year’s Civic Service will take place on Sunday 17th May when all the village parishioners are invited.

Planning Site Meeting have continued to be undertaken and members of the public are continually encouraged to attend and speak in the public sessions of such meetings. Until very recently very little has been heard regarding the Marshalls Quarry site. Now the Parish Council understands that they have applied for outline planning permission to erect 53 Houses. Be assured the Parish Council will be to the fore in these discussions.

The Public Lavatories are the property of the Parish Council and our future budgets will include financing this village amenity.

Endless questions have been put to the Parish Council over the past three years relating to cancelled buses no timetables and certainly no forthcoming information from the bus operators. These complaints have been duly passed on to North Somerset District Council and the two District Councillors representing our ward.

A Village Rights of Way Volunteer Group has recently formed who are out in all winds and weathers to clear and re-surface footpaths mend fences and replace gates. The parish Council thanks the merry band.

The Allotments are in fine fettle with a waiting list of one. The work on the entrance gate is about to commence.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is extended throughout the village – the new yellow signs are up with the words “No Doorstep Trading in the Village” which is a better category than “zone”. The Community Police Officer for Bleadon is PC Dave Eastham.

The Annual Contactus Welcome Party sponsored by the Parish Council will be held on Friday June 23rd from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. It is hoped that the Clubs and Societies of the village will come and help welcome the new villagers and tell all that we have to offer in Bleadon.

The Summer plant up will take place on Saturday 10th May in the Coronation Hall Car Park and our source of plants are well within budget.

This report is a short resume of the work the Parish Council covers for this community. More details may be found on the web site and full council reports are found in the village news and on the notice boards. We meet on the second Monday of each month except for the month of August. Please come and see your volunteer team at work and please remember that we live in Bleadon as well as you do

Penny Skelley Chairman

PRESENTATIONS

The 2014/15 Precept - Mr B Poole – copy attached to the minute book and web site

Planning Applications in the Year. Mr M Orme – copy attached to the minute book.

Coronation Hall Management Committee Report – verbally presented by Mrs I D Clarke

OPEN FORUM

No questions were asked

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and to Mr & Mrs Gamble for organising the refreshments.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

It was noted that the following reports would be inserted into the next issue of the Village Newsletter.

Planning	Councillor Mr M Orme
Open Spaces	
Playground	Councillor K Pyke
Allotments	Councillor Mrs M Sheppard
Magazine	Councillor K Pyke
Churchyard	Councillor Mrs P J Skelley
Coronation Hall	Councillor Mrs I D Clarke
Youth Club	Councillor M Orme
Brownies	Councillor K Pyke
Footpaths	Councillor R House
Roads & Transport	Councillor I Findlay

The meeting finally concluded after the serving of refreshments at 9. 05 pm.

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