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Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on Monday 13 July 2009 that commenced at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Mrs P Skelley (Chairman) together with Mrs P Robinson Mrs I D Clarke Mrs M Sheppard Messrs B Gamble R House G Lockyer C Morris and K Pyke

Also in attendance was District Councillor T A Porter together with four members of the public.

The Chairman explained that The Clerk was unable to attend as he was leading on an Institute Conference in Cheltenham. She was pleased that Cllr Clive Morris had agreed to deputise in the Clerk's absence.

The Chairman went on to welcome District Councillor Terry Porter to the meeting who responded by saying that he was looking forward to being able to support Bleadon and the other villages in his area.

“Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race gender age sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”

215.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

The Clerk (Mr B Poole) attending Conference

215.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
215.8.1	Mr C Morris	Personal	Council Representative/Treasurer
215.8.1/2	Mr K Pyke	Personal	Council Representative

215.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st June 2009

Resolved that the **Minutes** of the **Meeting** of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on **Monday 1st June 2009** that had been duly circulated be taken as read and approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

215.4

Past Subject Matters

For the purpose of report only

It was noted that in an attempt to make the meeting even more efficient and create a little time saving, the Clerk will in the future produce a written report on Past Subject Matters. As councillors will know, there should not be 'Matters Arising' on a Parish Council Agenda thus preventing further debate on the subject matter and, more importantly, avoiding the possibility of making 'ultra vires' decisions. However, it is recognised that councillors do expect, and rightly so, some feedback on ongoing and uncompleted business.

It should be noted that if a further action/decision has to be made under these sub headings then it will be necessary to list it separately on the agenda for resolving.

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting
None
- (2) Bus Shelter & Memorial Plaque BP/PS
Arrangements are in hand to collect both plaques from the contractor. The Chairman will liaise with the families regarding an acceptable date for the 'official' ceremony.
- (3) Outstanding Planning Applications – 06/1971 & 06/1972 BP/TP
The Clerk had nothing further to report. It was stated by District Councillor T Porter has a Planning Meeting at North Somerset on 15 July whereupon he offered to investigate the delay and report back.
- (4) Council owned property BP
The negotiations in respect to the Churchyard approach is in the final throes of completion
- (5) Dog Control Orders BP
Nothing to report
- (6) Overhanging Bushes BP/RH
 - Purn Lane – Cllr House reported that this work has been completed.
 - Shiplate Road – Cllr House reported that due to holiday commitments this work remains in abeyance
- (7) Village Bus Stops/Bus Shelters BP
The clerk is waiting to receive suggested dates from North Somerset regarding the proposed site meeting.
- (8) Village Plan and draft strategy BP
The Finance Committee is due to review the Village Plan Strategy at their meeting on 17 August in order to consider the cost implications for the 2010/2011 financial period.
- (9) Church Gate – Remedial Repair BP
Councillor Pyke gave a synopsis of his conversation with Delta which had become rather heated. As a result Delta had declined to undertake the work and has refunded the advance payment made by the Parish Council.

- (10) Village Historical Society Meeting KP
It was agreed that the next meeting should take place in the autumn. Date to be confirmed
- (11) Insurance Claim – Bench Seat BP
Being currently processed by the Clerk
- (12) Plaque – Ian Peddlesden RIP BP
See 215.4 (2)
- (13) “Green Bags” PS
The Chairman presented the new artwork designed by Cllr Pyke which was approved by councillors provided it was printed in green. It was understood that the bags would be available in approximately 6 weeks from order.
- (14) Coronation Hall Trust Deed
Nothing to report
- (15) Mr and Mrs Heppenstall BP
Matter outstanding until the ‘bus stop’ meeting takes place. See 215.4 (7)
- (16) Roman Road Lay-by Scalpings BP/RH
Cllr House requested that the Clerk contacts Mr Andy Eddy (Mendip Hills Ranger) to arrange a date and that the scalping be ordered. Cllr House will then arrange for the site to be levelled prior to delivery
- (17) North Somerset – Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Development Plan Document BP/GL
Cllr Lockyer had reviewed the document and the Parish Council’s response has been lodged with North Somerset

215.5 To approve the following items of expenditure:

(43)	SLCC	Somerset Branch Meeting	15.00	
(44)	Coronation Hall	Hall Hire – Development Day	22.00	
(45)	Allianz Insurance	Endorsement Premium	81.62	
(46)	Bridge Garage	Ranger Travel	22.12	3.31
(47)	CPRE	Annual Subscription	29.00	
(48)	Staples	Stationery	105.96	15.89
(49)	SEC	Lighting Maintenance	15.65	2.35
(50)	Mr J Hurcombe	Expenses – Installation of Mushrooms	54.29	8.16
(51)	Fountain Timber	Replacement Bench Seat	183.23	27.48
(52)	CRM	In-touch Licence – June 2009	29.99	4.50
(53)	Mrs P Robinson	Travel Expenses	9.00	
(54)	Maxwell House	Village News No 81	695.00	
(55)	Staff	Salaries & Expenses – June	1334.09	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

215.6 Planning Committee

(1) To receive an update on the following considered applications

06/1971 – 27/09/06

Re-building and Re-roofing of building and use thereof as a single dwelling
Conker Cottage Purn Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon

District Councillor T Porter offered to investigate the delay and report back (see 215.4 (3))

06/1972 – 27/09/06

Use of site for the stationing of residential caravan
Caravan adjacent to Conker Cottage Purn Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon

District Councillor T Porter offered to investigate the delay and report back (see 215.4 (3))

09/0529 – Approved 20/05/09

Erection of a single storey extension
1 Riverside Cottages Bridgwater Road, Bleadon

09/0694 - Council Date 26/05/09 – Approved 17/06/09

Erection of hay barn
Land at Shiplate Slait Mearcombe Lane Bleadon

09/0718 – Council Date 26/05/09 – Approved 24/06/09

Erection of a single storey rear extension
Durlston Celtic Way Bleadon

09/0750 – Council Date 01/06/09 – Approved 25/06/09

Erection of front and rear first floor extensions – Loft conversion to include 2no dormers to front and rear elevations – erection of detached workshop/storage building
Roman Acre Celtic Way Bleadon

09/0955 – Council Date 06/07/09 - Target Date 30/07/09

Outline permission for the erection of a detached bungalow and detached garage including access and scale with appearance landscaping and layout reserved for subsequent approval
Land to the rear of 5 & 6 The Barton Bleadon BS24 0AS

The Parish Council has held a site visit and recommends Refusal on the following grounds:

- Proposed development is outside the Village Fence
- Access is somewhat narrow and steep
- Proposal is counter to North Somerset's proposed Core Strategy which says any new development will be restricted to agricultural use only.

District Councillor T Porter advised the Parish Council that the only relaxation for building outside the Settlement Boundary must be for Social or Affordable Housing. The Local Plan must be checked and the applicant must demonstrate a local need.

09/0966 – Council Date 13/07/09 - Target Date 31/07/09

Change of use of existing business units (B1 & B8) to 3mo holiday accommodation units
Lakeside Barns Shiplate Road Bleadon

(2) To consider and respond to the following planning applications

09/0998 – Council Date 20/07/09 Target Date 18/08/09

Erection of single storey front extension
Heathfield Shiplate Road Bleadon

Noted that a site meeting was due to be held on the 16th July

09/0999 – Council Date 20/07/09 Target Date 17/08/09

Erection of two storey rear extension (basement and ground floor level) two storey side extension (Ground floor with den over) and two storey front extension following demolition of existing garage
Mulberry House Roman Road Bleadon

Noted that a site meeting was due to be held on the 18th July

09/1048 Council Date 27/07/09 – Target Date 21/08/09

Erection of a 2 storey rear extension and alterations including a front porch
2 Queens Cottages Celtic Way Bleadon

Noted that a site meeting was due to be held on the 18th July

09/1049 – Council Date 27/07/09 – Target Date 21/08/09

Erection of front porch first floor rear extension and dormer in rear elevation
1 Queens Cottages Celtic Way Bleadon

Noted that a site meeting was due to be held on the 18th July

09/1073 – Council Date 27/07/09 – Target Date 26/08/09

Erection of single storey side extension
Bridleway Roman Road Bleadon

Noted that a site meeting was due to be held on the 18th July

(3) Appeals

(4) Enforcement

09/0276/E

Property immediately below Hill View Cottage Celtic Way Bleadon
U/A Works
No feedback from NSC

09/0425/E

Car Boot Field, Accommodation Road, Bleadon
U/A works/Change of Use
No feedback from NSC

215.7

Open Spaces Committee

To receive reports from the brief holders

(1) Allotments

It was reported that all was looking extremely good

(2) Churchyard

Nothing to report

(3) Footpaths & Bridleways

Cllr House requested the Clerk to write to Adrian Leonard regarding the fencing on the footpath behind The Grange

(4) Roads & Transport

a) The Clerk was asked to write to North Somerset pointing out that the gully at The Anchor was full of silt and needs emptying.

b) It was reported that ragwort seems to be out of control in the North Somerset area. District Councillor T Porter offered to enquire and report back about North Somerset's policy on the matter.

(5) Children's Playground

Slight damage has been reported to a birch tree. Annual RoSPA inspection has been carried out and the report awaited.

(6) Newsletter

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Penny Robinson on the quality of the magazine the latest edition of which has now been distributed.

(7) Neighbourhood Watch

It was noted that coverage of the last remaining area in the village is about to be finalised.

The Ringmaster e-mail facility is up and running again. The NHW scheme has encouraged residents to report more crimes to the Police or Crimestoppers.

215.8 To receive the following representative reports

- (1) Coronation Hall CM
- It was noted that The Hall Committee has placed an order with ME Services Bristol for the supply and installation of two 10kw Drugasar gas heaters to replace the existing electric night storage heaters in the Jubilee Room. Order value is approximately £4000
- (2) Youth Club KP
- It was reported that the AGM was postponed until 17 September. Uncertain if the Youth Club can remain open during the Summer as this will be dependent on North Somerset funding.
- (3) ALCA BG
- Nothing to report
- (4) Community Safety GL
- Neither PC Steve Church nor PCSO Emma Wright was able to attend the meeting for operational reasons.
- Cllr Graham Lockyer reported that some minor crimes have been reported such as the theft of diesel fuel from vehicles (private and commercial) and the theft of garden ornaments, shrubs and bay trees.
- Residents are reminded to secure doors and windows in the summer months as these make easy opportunities for thieves.
- (5) District Councillors
- District Councillor Terry Porter said that he was delighted to be one of the two District Councillors for Bleadon. He will represent Bleadon at Community and District level and will do all he can to help in relevant areas. He intends to come to every Parish Council meeting provided it does not clash with his other commitments.
- (6) Parish Councillors
- Five formal applications for the post of Village Ranger have been received together with two verbal indications of interest. Interviews will take place in late July with a view to making an appointment before the current Ranger (John Hurcombe) leaves for his holidays.
- (7) Village Beat Officer
- Nothing to report other than apologies from PC Steven Church and PCSO Emma Wright. see (4) above.
- (8) The Clerk
- The Councillors Training Day postponed from 2 July will now take place at 09.00am on Thursday 30 July in the Coronation Hall.

215.9 To receive and consider the following correspondence

- (1) North Somerset *"Life"* Magazine C
- (2) Mrs Collinge E-Mail – The Golf Course & Planning PR

(3)	North Somerset	Town and Parish Charter Working Group	C
(4)	North Somerset	11/06/09 Planning Workshop Notes	C
(5)	NALC-Legal Briefing	Good Race Relations – Gypsies & Irish Travellers	C
(6)	Allianz Insurance	Endorsement Documents	BP
(7)	Mr Scott Alford	Planning Portal	BP
(8)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 711 – 15/06/09	C
(9)	CPRE	“Fieldwork” June 2009	C
(10)	ALCA	Newsletter – Volume 7 Issue 6 – June 2009	C
		Getting VAT 126 claim right	BP
		Concessionary Travel – consultation	C
		Policy & Parliamentary Briefing	C
(11)	North Somerset NHS	Making North Somerset Healthier Exhibition – 16/07/09	C
(12)	HMRC	Tax Incentive Repayment - £75.00	BP
(13)	North Somerset	Declaration of Result of Poll – Terry Porter	BP
(14)	Bleadon Youth Club	Letter of thanks – Grant	BP
(15)	Bristol International	Planning Update – June 2009	C
(16)	Mrs T Collinge	E-Mail – Ref: Planning	BP
(17)	Mendip Hills	Speaker available for Parish Council Meeting	BP
(18)	John Shirley & Co	Registration of the Village Cross area x 2	BP
(19)	HMR&C	Employer Budget Pack 2009	BP
(20)	HMR&C	PAYE 2009 Seminars	BP
(21)	NALC	LCR – Summer 2009	C
(22)	Bristol International	Information Meeting – 15 th July 2009	C
(23)	Clerks & Councils	Direct Issue 64 July 2009	C
(24)	Ranger Application	01/09	BP
(25)	NALC	DISExtra – Issue 712 – 29/06/09	C
(26)	Bleadon Village News	Publication No 81	BP
(27)	Mendip Hills	8 Wild Walks Booklet	C
(28)	ALCA	Annual Report 2008-2009	C
		Agenda & Minutes – Annual General Meeting	C
		Communications Briefing – NALC’s Local Council Awards 2009	C
		Newsletter Volume 7 Issue 7 – July 2009	C
		Training Briefing T05-09	C
		Development Briefing – Local Authority Investments	C
		Policy & Parliamentary Briefing – Digital Report	C
		Agenda	C

215.10 Other business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To resolve to sign the Allotment Agreement for Plot Number 8 Upper – Lower Half

No action taken

- (2) To consider planning concerns at Purn Farm – see 215.6.4

Noted that the Parish Council is awaiting North Somerset’s response to the Clerk’s e-mail of 16 June 2009

- (2) To further consider a draft of the proposed Council Constitution (Charter) – (*Paper Attached*)

Councillor Graham Lockyer presented his paper. Councillors considered the paper and recommended that the Guiding Principles be amended as follows:

6. Always act in an unbiased, lawful and professional manner

9. Act with the highest integrity and honesty

Resolved to adopt the paper as presented subject the suggested amendments.

- (3) To make arrangements for the month of August when the Parish Council does not meet.

Resolved that Delegated Powers be given to the Chairman Vice Chairman and the Clerk to attend to urgent matters arising.

215.11

Date of next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th September 2009 commencing at 7.30 pm.

The Finance Committee will meet on 17 August (time/place to be advised)

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