

# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Bleadon Parish Council Open Spaces Committee held in the Coronation Hall, Bleadon, which commenced at 7.30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 when the following business was transacted.

**Present:** Councillors ID Clarke (Chair), Morag Edwards, Claire Gutsell, Mary Sheppard and the clerk Tony Jay.

Three members of the public were present.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the following issues were raised:

1. The grass behind the water board pumping station in Bleadon Road has been cut.
2. The verge on the road by the croquet club has been reported to NSC, and work has been completed there.
3. Various pot holes have been marked, and should be repaired shortly.

**OS 14.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

There were no apologies for absence

**OS 14.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

No declarations were received.

**OS 14.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes. (3 in favour, 1 abstention).

The minutes were signed by the Chair as being a correct record of the meeting.

**OS 14.4 Exchange of information**

The following items were raised:

It was not known whether the loose stones outside the Coronation Hall had been repaired.

Agenda item for next full Council meeting - 'To discuss the replacement of the bus shelters in Roman Road and Celtic Way'.

The troughs have been paid for, and the cheque has been cashed, but the troughs have not been delivered yet. Cllr ID Clarke will give the Clerk details of the delivery location.

The rhyne at Bleadon Road / Bridge Road needs cleaning out urgently. The Clerk will contact the Drainage Board at Highbridge to request that this is done.

The Church wall was discussed. A site meeting took place on the previous Friday. Cllr Claire Gutsell has contacted the builders who will be carrying out the work to find out what the specification of the work is, but they will not reveal this. The architect, Quinton Alder needs to be asked to give this information. They also would not give any information regarding the price they have quoted. Cllr Gutsell will contact the architect.

The Clerk said that he had spoken to the diocese, who have confirmed that it is a closed churchyard and the Parish Council has the responsibility to maintain the Churchyard including the walls, even though they do not own them. Also, any work to the walls which has already been agreed would need an approval from the diocese before the work takes place.

The Parish Council's insurance company have confirmed that the Churchyard walls are not covered in the Parish Council's insurance policy. The walls could have been insured by the Parish Council, however this would only cover accidental damage, not routine wear and tear which is probably what has caused the section of wall to collapse recently.

Another issue to be considered is whether the wall is rebuilt to the original height, or to a lower height which would possibly be a cheaper option. The Clerk will consult with the diocese regarding this.

The Church clock was discussed, in particular it's insurance.

Agenda item for next full Council meeting - 'To consider offering to transfer the ownership of the Church clock from the Parish Council to the Church'.

**OS 14.5 To consider the remit of the Open Spaces Committee**

It was decided to adjourn this item to a future meeting.

**OS 14.6 To consider any items in the risk assessment which affect the Open Spaces Committee.**

Cllr ID Clarke has found an earlier copy of a risk assessment. She will forward this to Cllr Richard Dobson who has been working on the risk assessment.

**OS 14.7 To consider the play inspection report.**

The report had been previously circulated to Councillors and the Village

Ranger who has carried out all of the work identified in the report. The Village Ranger was thanked for doing this.

**OS 14.8 To approve the change of date for the monthly Parish Council meeting to the second Monday of each month.**

**It was resolved** to change the date back to the second Monday, as the Clerk will now be available on that date (Unanimous)

**OS 14.9 To consider the following:**

**1) Footpaths**

The Chair suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Cllr David Chinn said there are three areas identified to be considered for the Community Payback Scheme.

These are the area at the back of the Youth Club; a short length of Roman Road and a length of footpath from the river bridge to Accommodation Road.

Enquires are still being made with the Community Payback Scheme regarding insurance etc.

Standing orders were re-instated.

**2) Allotments**

A notice has been left at the allotment leased by the Somerset Autistic Society asking them to contact the Clerk as soon as possible. No reply has been received yet.

The Chair suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Cllr David Chinn said that another allotment holder has seen the Autistic Society plot being tended. She will speak to anyone seen at the plot.

Standing orders were re-instated.

**OS 14.10 The date of the next meeting.**

A meeting will be arranged for October 2016.

The meeting concluded at 8.04pm



