

BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall, Bleadon at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 28th March, 2018 when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors Steven Hartree (Chairman), Mary Sheppard (vice-Chairman), Ray Blezard.

Clerk: Marian Barber

Two members of the public were present.

307.1 To Receive any Apologies for Non-Attendance.

None received.

307.2 To Receive any Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items.

No declarations were received.

307.3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2018.

The minutes were **approved**.

307.4 To Note the Resignation of a Councillor.

Cllr David Chinn submitted a letter of resignation due to work and family commitments. He praised the work of the council to date and stated the high regard he has for his fellow councillors in their voluntary work. He looks forward to volunteering as a member of the community and will continue to support the council as time allows. He hopes to be able to stand for election again at some time in the future.

The Parish Council accepted the resignation with regret.

AGREED that the Chairman would write to Mr Chinn thanking him for his contribution to the parish and gratefully accepting his offer of volunteer support in the future.

307.4.1 To Note the Resignation of a Councillor.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of resignation from another Councillor. Cllr Richard Dobson expressed sincere regret on resigning from the Parish Council. He re-joined the Parish Council last year following the departure of a number of Councillors and Parish Clerk, with the intention of helping to strengthen the Parish Council. His reasons for resigning relate to issues around public behaviour at meetings and the continual anti-Parish-Council narrative that runs on the local social media website.

Richard thanked the many people in Bleadon who have provided positive encouragement, and apologised to them for having to end his involvement with the Parish Council.

The Parish Council accepted the resignation with regret.

AGREED that the Chairman would write to Mr Dobson thanking him for his contribution to the parish and gratefully accepting his offer of support on various issues in the future.

The Chairman noted that these resignations brought the Parish Council down to three

members only. Three is the minimum number of Councillors for a meeting to be quorate.

307.5 To Note a Planning Decision.

18/P/2057/FUH – Shiplatt House Farm Cottage, Bleadon – Granted.
Decision **noted**.

307.6 To Consider Planning Application Received

18/P/2513/MMA – Shiplatt Manor Cottage, Shiplatt Road. Application to remove condition No.2 on application 16/P/1940/F to allow changes to roof. Councillors noted that it was difficult to comment as the conditions were not described fully on the planning website. However, the council had had no objection to the original application and we content that the condition was within the scope of the original application.
Agreed - no objection.

307.7 To Approve Items of Expenditure and Income.

Expenditure

Chq	Payee	Details	Net £	VAT £
DD	Vodafone	Mobile phone	14.63	2.92
300773	GB Sports	Playground Inspection March	15.00	3.00
300774	TaylorThorne	600 Parish Meeting leaflets	95.00	0
300774	TaylorThorne	2 notices for Play Area	30.00	6.00
300775	Clerk	Salary March	715.60	0
300775	Clerk	Expenses March mileage	19.35	0
		Home working	17.33	0
		3 reams paper	8.33	1.67
		2 x XL printer ink	53.32	10.66
		Certificate frames	13.33	2.67
300776		Cheque cancelled		
300777	HMRC	PAYE/NI		336.94
300778	Ranger	Salary March		312.00
DD	NEST	Clerk's pension	20.18	

Income

Pay in slip	Ch/cash/BACS	Details	Amount £
000064	cheque	Nationwide – account closed	35105.88

307.7.1 Motions under Standing Order 10.a).ix 'to authorise the payment of monies up to £500'.

Motion 1 – to Approve Ranger expenses 1st to 8th March = £9.95.
Approved

Motion 2 – to Approve invoice for Toilet Cleaning in March = £125.
Approved

- 307.8 To Approve one Option for One-way Working in Coronation Hall Car Park**
 The plans for and costs of implementing one-way vehicle movements in the car park have been received from NSC. Two quotes were given for installing signage and painting direction arrows in the car park. £1,437.76 includes putting signs on new posts at both entrances whereas £905.13 has new posts at one end and signs on the existing fence/wall at the other.
AGREED to implement the option quoted at £905.13. Clerk to liaise with NSC Highways.
- 307.9 To Approve the Closure of the Car Park for the Royal Wedding Celebrations**
 A parishioner has planned an event to bring the village together to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on Saturday 19th May 2018. This will take place immediately after the Village Market ends. The car park is closed for the market and so the request is to continue the closure until later that evening. The parishioner organised a similar event successfully for the Queen's 90th birthday.
 The Councillors considered this request, taking into consideration the organisation of the Queen's 90th celebrations, and concluded that it was not appropriate to close the car park on this occasion. There were also concerns regarding the timings as stated in the email request.
NOT APPROVED.
- 307.10 To Approve a Grant for the Village to Celebrate the Royal Wedding**
 A grant of £300 is requested to pay for any costs and various entertainments during the day such as bouncy castle, a magician that wandered around the tables doing magic, a face painter and a lady doing glitter tattoos. A grant from the Parish Council would mean that these activities were available to the residents free of charge.
 The Councillors considered this request, taking into consideration the uncertainties regarding the costs and expenditure anticipated, and rejected the request.
NOT APPROVED.
- 307.11 To receive the Clerk's report.**
Actions from meeting 306 – 12 March 2018:
Three high-visibility vests ordered for use by people on council business.
Neighbourhood Plan: NSC unable to provide an officer to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. Nigel Cooper from Claverham Future has agreed to attend.
Visibility A370: Asked Huttons if taller vehicles could be parked further back. Sales Manager advised they are aware of the problem and endeavoured to manage this. More motorhomes had been on site recently due to a mechanical recall; this was now reducing. Sometimes vehicles that are nothing to do with Huttons are parked on the entranceway and Huttons put a notice on the windscreen asking them not to park there.
Public Toilets: locks on outside doors removed. Awaiting quote for new stopcock and standpipe. Toilet roll holders need replacing.
Churchyard tree survey: Awaiting conversation with Drinkwater Tree Services.
Dog bins: payment withheld pending conversation with Bin-it regarding bins not emptied. Understand that problems with vehicle breakdown, adverse weather and staff illness coincided. Bins are being emptied but still no contact with Bin-It office.
Noticeboards: PVC poster holders were ordered but delayed. Apparently there is a shortage of the PVC sheeting required. Order cancelled, research underway for alternative.
Footpaths & Bridleways – the missing stile from the field footpath to Roman Road near Hillside Road reported by email.

Roads & Transport – worn white lines near Purn Stores, by The Queen's Arms and on the A370 at Bridge Road reported. Also potholes at Purn Quarry / Accommodation Road and adjacent to the new patching recently provided. Reported broken reflector posts on Shiplate Road to NSC (this was reported last Spring as well).

Children's Playground: new signs ordered.

Annual Parish Meeting: leaflet printed – many thanks to Newsletter Distribution Team for delivering by 28th March. Team Leader has advised that one delivery area (including Shiplate Road) was not done due to holidays – **Councillors agreed** to deliver the remainder.

Standing Orders suspended. A member of the public asked whether the Bleadon Newsletter would be printed at all this year. The Chairman explained that the Editor had advised him that the Spring Edition would not be published but that any and all items should be carried over for the Summer Edition.

Standing Orders reinstated.

Other items:

Website: updated regularly. Web enquiry received asking for the council's postal address.

Fly-tipping: Roman Road layby - reported to NSC.

307.12 To Approve Rewording of Contract for Public Toilet Cleaning

The contract now states 'review in March and September' (rather than January and July) to fit in with the timing of changes to the number of cleans per week (Easter and October).

APPROVED.

307.13 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

AGREED that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7pm in the Coronation Hall.

307.14 To invite public participation

i) Members of the public. One parishioner asked to speak and was refused by the Chairman. The parishioner attended most Parish Council meetings and always raised points in the public session. The Chairman explained that he had consistently reminded the parishioner that items should be sent to the Clerk with one clear day's notice, and that the parishioner has consistently not done so. He explained that he would not give permission for that parishioner to speak this time. The parishioner said that the comments and questions were in response to what had been said in the meeting. The Clerk explained that it was the Chairman's prerogative to allow members of the public to speak. Normally this took place at the start of the meeting and so parishioners did not then have the opportunity to comment on items of business at the end of the meeting unless again permitted by the Chairman. (After the meeting had closed the parishioner raised the points with the Clerk and Councillors.)

A second parishioner asked about the PVC poster holders and asked that the noticeboards be replaced as it was the plastic screens that were opaque, not just the poster holders. The Chairman confirmed that there was a budget for replacement in the new financial year.

ii) District Councillor – no report.

ii) Police – no report.

The meeting closed at 6.29pm.

Chairman