

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 8th April 2013** at 7.30pm 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 Messrs B Gamble R House C Morris M Orme and K Pyke

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

APOLOGIES District Councillors Elfan Ap Rees and Terry Porter

MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23rd April 2012 were read by the Parish Clerk Mr Poole and thereafter approved and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We are very lucky here in Bleadon that we have so much to report about at the end of the year. Top of our list the Precept was our main concern plus the financial constraints budgets and cut-backs. Full details of which are reported here.

The main "spoke" in Bleadon's wheel is the Coronation Hall and Jubilee Room well managed by the Hall Committee and a team of volunteers. Visitors come from far and wide to the monthly markets. A summary and update of the Hall improvements are detailed in the magazine.

The Youth Club is active and intact with 36 attending each week. Newly painted with "splatters". I thank Miles and Keith for the hours they have devoted to this mecca for our young. Sadly the Guides folded last summer but the Brownies are at full strength and will be one of the star attractions at the May Fayre.

In the Play Area the new equipment is well used and a great asset. All the equipment and surrounds are constantly checked a place that is safe and a happy environment for our little ones. We are trying to source an affordable and appropriate solution that guides footballs in the right areas perhaps goal PILLARS are the answer?

A major project over the last year for the Parish Council was the Church Wall. This is now complete. Recently large amounts of soil have been removed from the church yard side abutting the old garage. None of this work has interrupted the integrity of the churchyard nor the graves.

The Parish Council has dedicated Planning Meetings and monthly at the start of each Parish Council Meetings. Site meetings which are my favourite when needed followed by a summary to North Somerset. These may be attended and plans seen by the public so that all details are known. The Marshalls' site being upmost in our minds. Last year seemed to be in abeyance. The Parish Council is kept in the picture by North Somerset and we will alert you as promised to any change.

North Somerset announced its intention to close all its Public Lavatories by April 2013 as part of a major reduction in budget. The Parish Council was determined to save this valued community asset and negotiated with North Somerset to take over the delivery of this service. An independent survey proved it was well used!! In readiness for the handover the lavatories have been painted inside and out new roofing a hand wash basin installed in total £2,500 spent. We secured a grant of £7,700 from North Somerset towards future maintenance plus £500 towards legal costs. The PCC offered the Parish Council a £100 grant towards maintenance. The challenge now facing the Parish Council is to ensure the future sustainability of this village asset.

Roads and Transport always a talking point but North Somerset has responded quickly to repairs to pot holes some are outstanding but will be completed in the new financial year. We understand there is to be a Flood Action team set up by North Somerset for immediate action and response to a problem. So in Bleadon after recent pumping out and jetting we may rest a little easier.

The bus route is a continuing concern in spite of the Parish Council's efforts the new bus provider is not serving The Veale we will try to rectify this in the future. The Allotments have had difficult year weather wise but are now in good order. It is hoped to upgrade the footpath during the coming year there is a waiting list of two.

Our Community Police Officer PC Steve Church is retiring we wish him well and thank him for his unstinting service to Bleadon. Thank you to PCSO Emma Wright. The police priorities are regularly updated and the police surgery continues each Tuesday afternoons. The Village Ranger Tony Derrick has kept the village ship-shape and we thank his wife Jane who has stood in for him occasionally. Andy Eddy although retired has implemented a volunteer working party for path clearing etc we leave this in his capable hands.

The summer plant up will take place on Saturday 4th May at 10.00 am in the car park. Anyone who owns a trowel please come and help. We have sourced a new supplier and we have accepted an offer from North Somerset of 150 free plants so we shall be well in budget. At this time there are three vacancies on the Parish Council as three councillors have recently stood down. Here I must mention Bryan Gamble the longest serving of the three and I thank him for his sterling work and commitment to Bleadon Parish Council. We shall be at full strength by May so the Council's work in progress will continue to be covered.

My report is based on the areas of the Parish Councils responsibility and the areas of work covered by your volunteer Councillors. We shall continue to serve this community to the best of our ability.

Thank you for your support.

PRESENTATIONS

The 2013/14 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 – copy attached to the minute book.

OPEN FORUM The following questions were asked.

1. When will the white lines be painted outside Newbay Cottage? – Noted that North Somerset had indicated within the 12/13 financial year.
2. When will the formal notice be posted relating to the forthcoming election? – Tomorrow with the clerk giving an outline as to why it had not been posted to date.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and to Mr & Mrs Keith Pyke and Mrs C 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 Mr C Morris
Youth Club	Councillor M Orme
Brownies	Councillor K Pyke
Footpaths	Councillor R House
Roads & Transport	Councillor B Gamble

The meeting finally concluded after the serving of refreshments at 8.55 pm.