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Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting attending members congregated on the Mulberry Roadside of the Churchyard in order to inspect the wall. It was noted that Church Architect Mr Quentin Alder had made four options which were subsequently discussed within the main meeting.

Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee that was held in the **Youth Club Building Coronation Road Bleadon** following the pre-meeting at the **Churchyard Wall** on **Thursday 27th March 2014** that commenced at **2.30pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillors I D Clarke (Chairman) P Skelley (Ex-Officio) together Messrs I Findlay Mr K Pyke and the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole

OS8.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillors Mrs M Sheppard Messrs R House M Orme and C Morris

OS8.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

OS8.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee held on Thursday 26th November 2013.

Resolved that the **Minutes of the Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee** that was held on **Thursday 26th November 2013** as circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Committee Chairman.

OS8.4 Past Subject Matters – For the purpose of report only

None

OS8.5 To discuss the next appropriate action in respect to the Church Wall

It was noted that the Church Architect Mr Quentin Alder made the following four options

1. Reinstate the railings – this would involve either extending each rail by welding on a new section or cutting them down to a level and welding on a new bottom rail with standards supported on the coping at centres and reinstating and repairing the existing stone coping.

2. Provide and fix new metal railings together with repairs and reinstatement of the stone coping. Retain the change in level of soil with a timber board and pegs.

3. Grade back the level of the soil – this could conflict with the existing graves and would reduce the usable area of the churchyard. The coping would still need to be repaired and reinstated and there could be a safety issue with a slope leading down to a change of level.

4. Remove the copings and build up the wall by 750 mm to the eastern end and approximately 400 mm at the western end with a hen and chicken stone finish to the top. This is similar to the other sections of the existing wall. There is a question of safety without a full height barrier at the change of level.

Resolved that Option 4 should be pursued and asked the Clerk to proceed to obtain the necessary quotations

OS8.6 To re-consider future Dog Bin Emptying in the village

No tangible action was decided upon and it was hoped that answers posed to North Somerset District Council would soon be answered

OS8.7 To receive a verbal update on the outcome of North Somerset’s deliberations in respect to the proposed re-direction of footpaths on South Hill Bleadon and in the light of that verbal report to consider and discuss the questions raised by Mr Chris Butler in his several e-mails.

Councillor Findlay provided the meeting with a verbal up date on the current position where it was noted that The Planning Inspectorate would soon be examining the evidence in regards to Parts of Footpath AX 6/12 Part of the Footpath AX 6/15 and Footpath AX 6/14 South Hill Farm Bleadon – Public Diversion Order No 5 2013.

Discussion was also had on the voluntary work being undertaken by Andy Eddy and his team whereupon it was confirmed that all potential works were risk examined before the work was undertaken. Likewise should any training be needed it would be under written by the Parish Council.

OS8.8 Planting of Poppy Seeds

It was agreed that the Bleadon WI offer to participate was most welcome.

OS8.9 Other Business Referred to the Clerk

None

OS8.10 Date of next Meeting - TBA