

# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the Meeting Mr Brian Thorne addressed the meeting in regards to a number of concerns he had namely flooding – cutting of the adjoining hedge and the inability to gain access to the recently refurbished notice board at the Post Office. It was recognised by Mr Thorne that his concerns had been relayed to the clerk several days prior to the meeting who had initially dealt with these during that time. The clerk confirmed that North Somerset had been advised of the first two problems and the unlocking system to the notice board was awaiting arrival from the contractor.

Thereafter PC Church addressed the meeting where he advised that some 5 villagers had attended his last village survey. He also advised that both he and the PCSO would soon be visiting the parish to encourage people not to park inconsiderately or action will be taken with persistent offenders. He also gave reference to presentations that were being made in the local villages on the question of internet safety. After answering a number of questions he then retired from the meeting.

**Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall Bleadon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 that commenced at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted.**

**PRESENT** Mrs P Skelley (Chairman) together with Mesdames P Robinson M E Sheppard Messrs R House C Morris M Perry K Pyke and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there were six members of the public present together with PC Church.

**“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”**

**200.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

Councillor Mr R Hicks and District Councillor Ian Peddlesden

**200.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

| Ref            | Councillor     | Type        | Relationship                                        |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 200.6/237<br>3 | Mrs M Sheppard | Prejudicial | Sister of the applicant                             |
| 200.8.1        | C Morris       | Personal    | Council Representative/Treasurer<br>Coronation Hall |
| 200.8.1        | K Pyke         | Personal    | Council Representative Coronation Hall              |

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| 200.8.2 | K Pyke | Personal | Council Representative Youth Club |
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**200.3** To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and of the Finance Committee of the same date.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 that had been duly circulated be taken as read and approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

**200.4** **Matters Arising**

**For the purpose of report only**

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting  
None
- (2) Collapsed Drain – Churchyard approach BP  
Nothing to report
- (3) 2008 Calendar BP  
It was reported that the income to date amounted to £335.00 equating to sales of 67 Calendars
- (4) Custodial Trusteeship BP  
Councillor Clive Morris reported that the Management Committee were expecting now to receive an early response from their legal adviser. He indicated that the Management Committee had asked a number of questions in addition to that concerning the matter of custodial trusteeship.
- (5) Projector/Lap Top BP  
It was noted that difficulties had been experienced in trying to fit the laptop to the mounting and as a result it was agreed that the clerk should make enquiries of PC World.
- (6) Bus Shelter & Memorial Plaque KP
- (7) Archiving of Records BP  
The clerk reported that these two matters were still on going.
- (8) Churchyard – Wrought Iron Fence PR  
Instructions had now been given
- (9) Churchyard Approach – Easement Valuation BP  
The clerk reported that a verbal agreement had been reached with the developer and Mrs Plowman of the District Valuer's Office. She was waiting for some written documentation from the developer before she was able to confirm the agreement in writing.
- (10) Mr M Howe – 2008/09 grass cutting contract BP
- (11) Coronation Hall Management Committee – Harvest Home 13/09/08 BP  
The clerk confirmed that the appropriate letters had been sent.
- (12) Avon & Somerset Police Authority BP
  - (i) Visit to Headquarters
  - (ii) Re-alignment of Bleadon/Hutton Beat?

PC Church at the beginning of the meeting informed the Council as to why the re-alignment was not feasible. He also confirmed that he was investigating the possibility of a visit to HQ.

## 200.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of January

|       |                 |                                    |         |       |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| (103) | SEC Lighting    | Lighting Maintenance               | 15.65   | 2.74  |
| (104) | Queens Arms     | Chairman's Allowance Payment       | 86.30   |       |
| (105) | Excel Arien     | Repair to Notice Board             | 250.00  | 43.75 |
| (106) | Mr Hurcombe     | Expenses                           | 32.85   | 5.74  |
| (107) | ALCA            | Seminar Costs – Mrs P Skelley      | 25.00   |       |
| (108) | Staples         | Stationery                         | 15.72   | 2.75  |
| (109) | Visions ICT Ltd | V2 Interactive Hosting and Support | 403.40  | 70.60 |
| (110) | Maxwell House   | Village News – Issue 75            | 645.00  |       |
| (111) | BT              | Broadband - 01/01/08-31/03/08      | 14.67   | 2.57  |
| (112) | Staff           | Salaries – December 2007           | 1413.65 |       |
| (113) | Mr B Poole      | Postage – December 2007            | 10.50   |       |
| (114) | EDF Energy      | Lighting 01/10/07 – 31/12/07       | 21.06   | 1.05  |
| (115) | Connaught       | Emptying of Dog Bins               | 8.00    | 1.40  |
| (116) | Mr J Hurcombe   | Travel & expenses – December       | 25.13   | 4.39  |
| (117) | NALC            | Conference Costs 2008              | 80.17   | 14.03 |
| (118) | Coronation Hall | Room Hire – Jan-Mar 2008           | 45.00   |       |

### Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid

The Clerk pointed out to the meeting that because NALC had changed their Conference dates the cost for such would impact on the Council finances for 07/08 in as much that it would embrace two Conference costs as opposed to the usual one.

## 200.6 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

#### **06/1972 – 27/09/06**

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

#### **07/2229 – Target Date 19/10/07**

Erection of a single storey rear extension  
10 Pine Lea Bleadon

#### **07/2289 – Target Date 26/10/07**

Erection of a single storey summerhouse (retrospective)  
Padwells Celtic Way Bleadon

#### **07/2373 – Approved 19/12/07**

Outline application for 4 dwellings with associated B1 work units and associated access road with approval of details of access layout landscaping and scale. Alteration of part of adjacent Highway to White Gate Farm to a Private Driveway  
Field OS 9978 off Bleadon Road Bleadon

#### **07/2465 – Approved 21/12/07**

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 18 purpose built industrial units for B1/B8 existing use  
Purn Farm Industrial Estate Accommodation Road Bleadon

#### **07/2767**

Erection of detached garage following demolition of existing garage  
Windrush Roman Road Bleadon

#### **07/2881 – Approved 03/01/08**

Retrospective application for vehicular access onto Coronation Road  
Bleadon Rectory Coronation Road Bleadon

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

**07/3107**

Change of use from agricultural to include equestrian and erection of 4 blockwork stables (revision of 07/0853 to change materials)  
Bridleway Roman Road Bleadon

The Parish Council recommended approval of this revision

**07/3058**

Change of use from agricultural land to erection of a timber framed metal clad structure for shelter for donkeys and sheep and formation of a hard surfaced area (retrospective)  
Land to the west of Accommodation Road Bleadon

The Parish Council recommended approval of this application but requested that the construction be painted green

**07/3208**

Retrospective application for erection of stable block with walkway and store/generator room. Erection of Horse Walker. Store extension to existing stable block and change of roof pitch of existing block. Erection of a lunging pen. All for private use  
Wayacre Stables at land off Wayacre Drove Bleadon

The Parish Council recommended approval of this application so long as it was for personal use only

**(3) To consider and respond to the following planning appeal**

**APP/D0121/A/07/2054556/WF**

Outline planning application for erection of a bungalow with associated garage and 3 No parking spaces with all matters reserved for subsequent approval  
Land off Bridgwater Road Bleadon

**(4) Enforcement**

**07/0853/E**

U/A Advertisement  
Anchor Inn Bridgwater Road Bleadon

**07/0854/E**

U/A Advertisement  
Catherine Inn Bleadon Road Bleadon

**07/0858/E**

U/A Works  
Anchor Inn Bridgwater Road Bleadon

It was noted that these matters had now been concluded

Councillor Mrs Mary Sheppard retired from the meeting

**(5) Other**

**07/2373**

Whitegates Farm Bleadon

**Resolved** that the clerk should write to North Somerset to remind them that the Parish Council owned the grass verge immediately to the front of this proposed development.

**Resolved** that North Somerset should be asked to give consideration to naming this development in connection with "Bleadon Man" the ancient remains of which were discovered at Whitegates Farm.

It was suggested by Councillor Rob House that the name of Gibbs should be incorporated. Mr Guy Gibbs was the one person of five who had a DNA connection with "Bleadon Man" and who more closely resembled the reconstructed head.

Councillor Mrs Mary Sheppard returned to the meeting

**200.7 Open Spaces Committee**

**To receive reports from the brief holders**

- (1) Allotments
- (2) Churchyard
- (3) Footpaths & Bridleways

Nothing tangible to report

- (4) Roads & Transport

Councillor Clive Morris reported that a number of pot holes had appeared near to the "Welcome to North Somerset" sign. Clerk to report this problem to North Somerset.

- (5) Children's Playground

Nothing to report upon

- (6) Newsletter

Councillor Penny Robinson was congratulated on an excellent Christmas edition. Some discussion ensued on the question of cancelled advertisements. Printers to be contacted on this point to see if some changes to the present arrangement could be effected.

**200.8 To receive the following representative reports**

- (1) Coronation Hall CM

See 200.4.4

- (2) Youth Club KP

**Resolved** that Mr Mark Howe be instructed to install the bicycle parking bars in the sum of £250.00

**Resolved** that further investigation be given to the installation of a wire less router in the Youth Club in order to achieve a broadband facility in the Coronation Hall

- (3) ALCA RH

Newsletter and various circulars in the pack

- (4) District Councillors

No report

- (5) Parish Councillors

Councillor Mrs Penny Robinson

Provided details of the next meeting of the Village Historical Society scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

- (6) Village Beat Officer AW

See commencement of the meeting

- (7) Village Plan BP

Councillor Pyke advised the meeting that the preliminary draft of the findings would now be circulated to all members of the steering group.

(8) Parish Clerk BP

“200<sup>th</sup> Meeting”

The Parish Clerk pointed out to the meeting that it was in fact the 200<sup>th</sup> Meeting that had clerked which spanned over nineteen years. He was thanked and congratulated by the Chairman Mrs Penny Skelley.

Annual Parish Meeting

**Resolved** that the theme for this years meeting would be Sustainability and Climate Change

**200.9**

**To receive and consider the following correspondence**

|      |                   |                                                        |    |
|------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (1)  | ERHA              | The Bulletin – Winter 2007/08                          | C  |
| (2)  | North Somerset    | Partnership Bulletin – Jly/Sep 07                      | C  |
| (3)  | Bristol Water     | Stakeholder letter                                     | C  |
| (4)  | HMR&C             | Online Details                                         | C  |
| (5)  | Mendip Hills AONB | “Echoes of Mendip”                                     | C  |
| (6)  | AONB              | 2008 Calendar                                          | C  |
| (7)  | North Somerset    | List of Chairmen/Parish Clerks                         | BP |
| (8)  | North Somerset    | Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) | C  |
| (9)  | North Somerset    | New Planning Application Forms – 01/01/08              | C  |
| (10) | North Somerset    | SAC – 19/12/07                                         | C  |
| (11) | NALC              | DISExtra – Issue 672 – 17/12/07                        | C  |
| (12) | CPRE              | Fieldwork – December 2007                              | C  |
| (13) | Community Action  | AGM Minutes 19/10/2007                                 | C  |
| (14) | North Somerset    | 2008/09 Precept Requirements                           | BP |
| (15) | North Somerset    | BRAMM – British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons | BP |
| (16) | Quartet           | Grant update report                                    | KP |
| (17) | Landscape         | & Amenity News Magazine – December 2007                | C  |
| (18) | North Somerset    | Streetscene information sheet – December 2007          | C  |
| (19) | North Somerset    | Review of Council’s Street Trading Scheme              | C  |
| (20) | NALC              | DISExtra Issue 673 – 07/01/07                          | C  |
| (21) | North Somerset    | Budget Strategy Consultation 2008/09 and 2009/10       | C  |
| (22) | Pear Technology   | Land Management Support                                | PS |
| (23) | ALCA              | Newsletter and Various briefing notes – January 2008   | C  |
|      |                   | North Somerset Group Meeting Minutes & Agenda 12/02/08 | C  |
| (24) | Coronation Hall   | Management – Booking form – Meetings 2008              | BP |
| (25) | Clerks & Councils | Direct January 2008 – Issue 55                         | C  |
| (26) | North Somerset    | Village Orderly Grant Application 2008/09              | BP |
| (27) |                   | Multi-Cultural Event – 20/01/08                        | C  |
| (28) |                   | Notice of Vacancy – Mr Justin Harvey-Bennett           | NB |

**Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda**

|      |                  |                                      |    |
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| (29) | Churchill School | Nomination for Partnership Governors | BP |
| (30) | Mr B Gamble      | Application for the casual vacancy   | BP |

**200.10**

**Other business referred to the Clerk**

- (1) Following the recommendations of the Finance Committee to agree a Parish Council Precept for 2008/09

**Resolved** that a precept figure of £34,875 be accepted for 2008/09.

This reflected a deficit budget of £1000 and an increase of £875 on the previous financial year.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 that had been duly circulated be taken as read and approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

(2) To note the resignation of Mr Justin Harvey-Bennett as a Parish Councillor

The procedures for the filling of the vacancy were noted

(3) To consider the future management of the Contactus Club

**Resolved** to continue to support and to provide practical assistance

200.11

**Date of next Meeting - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 – Parish Council Meeting commencing at 7.30 pm.**