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Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Miss Hanna Karle a local authority student from Hildesheim in Germany who was on a three month working exchange with Weston Town Council as part of the Weston/Hildesheim Twinning Association. The Chairman invited Hanna to address this meeting which she did by briefly explaining the local government system in Germany. At the conclusion of the address the Chairman made a small presentation to Hanna as a small memento of her visit to Bleadon Parish Council as shown in the following photograph.



L to R – Brian Gamble Hanna Karle Chairman Penny Skelley Clive Morris Mary Sheppard Graham Lockyer

Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on Monday 8th September 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Mrs P Skelley (Chairman) together with Mesdames P Robinson M E Sheppard Messrs B Gamble G Lockyer C Morris and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there were three members of the public present together with Miss Hanna Karle Mrs Kaml Kaushik who was standing in for Mrs Clare Issacs Parish Liaison Officer of North Somerset District Council and Mr Rob Thomson Project Manager of the Transport Development and Road Safety Strategic Projects Team of North Somerset District Council.

“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”

206.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Councillors R House and K Pyke

206.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
206.8.1	C Morris	Personal	Council Representative/Treasurer Coronation Hall
206.4.10	Mrs M Sheppard	Prejudicial	Sister of the applicant

206.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2008

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 14th July that had been duly circulated be taken as read and approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

7.45 pm Mr Rob Thomson arrived at the meeting.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order to allow Mr Thomson to speak and to embrace the members of the public present.

Mr Thomson showed the meeting the plans that had been drawn up in respect to the proposed road improvements on the A370 adjacent to Accommodation Road. A number of questions comments and suggestions were made to Mr Thompson who agreed to take them into consideration.

8.10 pm He then retired from the meeting.

The Chairman then re-instated Standing Orders.

206.4 Matters Arising

For the purpose of report only

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting
- (2) Collapsed Drain – Churchyard approach BP

Nothing to report

- (3) Custodial Trusteeship BP

See 206.8.1

- (4) 70us Shelter & Memorial Plaque BP

The clerk confirmed that he was waiting to install the plaque in the shelter

- (5) Archiving of Records BP

The Clerk confirmed that the minutes had now been installed with Somerset Records in Taunton. Copy of the schedule attached to the Minute Book.

- (6) Trees at Wonderstone BP
- The clerk advised the meeting what steps he had taken to ascertain why tree work was being carried out in the village. He confirmed that he had not as yet had an indication from the proposed contractors when work was to commence in Shiplate Road.
- (7) Legend Board PS
- Mrs Penny Skelley Chairman explained to the meeting what the present position was with regard to this matter.
- (8) Gratuity – Investment Account BP
- The clerks advised the meeting that he was now waiting from the Nationwide Building Society to be told that they completed the identification process.
- (9) Lloyds Bank Ltd – Bank Mandate BP
- Matter still progressing albeit slowly.
- (10) John Shirley & Co – Outstanding Advertising Dues BP
- Noted that the matter had now been concluded and would now be removed from the agenda.
- (11) Outstanding Planning Applications – 06/1971 & 06/1972 BP
- The Clerk had been informed by North Somerset that they intended to take action to secure a response from the applicant.
- (12) Council owned property BP
- The Clerk informed the meeting what this progress had been achieved to date.
- (13) A370 Purn Local Safety Scheme BG
- See commencement of the meeting.
- (14) Resignation of Mr Malcolm Perry BP
- The Council were reminded that a successor was still sought.
- (15) Memorial Tree PS
- The Chairman Mrs Penny Skelley provided an update on this matter.
- (16) Dog Bye Laws BP
- Nothing to report
- (17) Allotment No 8 – Lower Half – Shared ownership BP
- Matter now concluded
- (18) Blocked Drain – Accommodation Road BP
- Nothing to report
- (19) RoSPA Report – Repair Schedule KP
- To be followed with Councillor Pyke on his return from holiday

It was agreed that discussion on this matter should be deferred to the end of the meeting.

206.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of June

(51)*	SLCC Enterprises	National Conference 2008	180.00	31.50
(52)*	Connaught	Emptying of Dog Bins	8.00	1.40
(53)*	BT	Broadband	19.56	3.42
(54)*	Staff	Salaries – July 2008	1311.57	
(55)*	John Shirley & Co	Professional Fees	85.00	14.87
(56)*	Mr J Hurcombe	Expenses – July 2008	24.50	4.28
(57)*	Bridge Garage	Petrol	10.30	1.80
(58)	Monster Play	Installation of Escapade Unit	6,635.00	1161.13
(59)*	Staples	Stationery	67.85	11.87
(60)*	Fountain	Supply of Bark	96.39	16.87
(61)*	Spratt Plant Hire	Excavation – Bleadon Village Play Area	500.00	87.50
(62)	Fountain	Supply of Bark	273.50	47.86
(63)	Staff	Salaries – August 2008	1229.50	
(64)	Strutt & Parker	Allotment Rent 26/03/08-29/09/08	72.50	
(65)	NALC	“Place Matters” Conference – London 20/21 Nov	335.00	58.63
(66)	Mr J Hurcombe	Expenses – August 2008	26.65	4.69
(67)	Connaught	Emptying of Dog Bins	8.00	1.40
(68)	Mazars	Annual Audit Fee	400.00	70.00
(69)	UofG	Degree Course £905.00 – by D/D	301.66	
(70)	Hall Committee	Hall Hire – Historical Society	15.00	

Resolved that those items marked with an asterisk be approved retrospectively having been dealt with under previously agreed delegated powers.

Resolved that the others listed other than invoice No 58 be paid.

It was noted that the Clerk was following up one or two matters in respect to the installation of the Escapade Unit and as such the account would not be paid until these matters were resolved to a satisfactory outcome.

206.6 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

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

08/1559

Extension and conversion of existing garage to create two storey dwelling. Erection of detached garage/office building
Gracelands Roman Road Bleadon

The Council recommended refusal on the basis that the proposed development was outside the “Village Fence”

08/1569 – Approved 05/09/08

Retrospective application for non-compliance with condition 9 of planning permission 0/1067 which restricts commercial use of site to allow angling and angling tuition at the existing lake
Shiplate Farm Shiplate Road Bleadon

08/1599

Erection of a 1.8 metre high retaining wall in the rear garden
Purn House Farm Purn Way Bleadon

The Council had no objection to this application

08/1713

Extension at side to provide elderly person's support accommodation
Charmaine Celtic Way Bleadon

The Council had no objection to this application

08/1756

Proposed loft conversion to include a dormer window to the front elevation (revision to
07/1535 to relocate the dormer)
Abington 3 Birch Avenue Bleadon

The Council had no objection to this application

08/1776

Erection of 2 areas of decking with balustrading to south east elevation (retrospective)
Catherines Inn Bleadon Road Bleadon.

The Council strongly deprecated organisations who proceed to carry out work prior to obtaining planning permission and therefore submitting a retrospective application as though it was "au fait accompli". The Parish Council was of the view that the area should be better screened to save the area overlooking an adjoining neighbour.

(3) Appeals

APP/DO121/A/08/2076855/WF

08/0654

Outline application for the erection of a dwelling with the access not reserved for subsequent approval
West View Toll Road Bleadon

(4) Enforcement

08/0455/E

Land to south of Padwells Celtic Way Bleadon
U/A formation of access

206.7

Open Spaces Committee

To receive reports from the brief holders

(1) Allotments

It was confirmed that the Parish Council had a waiting list of some six applicants. General discussion ensued as to whether further sites should be investigated in order to provide additional plots

(2) Churchyard

A recent concern was noted in respect to the practice of leaving the grass cuttings on the ground. The Clerk explained that it was a common practice.

Resolved to have the Cherry Tree pruned

Resolved to erect some screening (Hazle Hurdle) by the water tap and dustbin area

It was confirmed that the Parish Council has not in the past paid any water charges.

(3) Footpaths & Bridleways

(i) Impassable Footpath adjacent to the riverside AX

It was noted that this had been cleared and the original complainant had thanked the Council for their prompt action.

(4) Roads & Transport

See the discussion held at the beginning of the meeting with Mr Rob Thomson

(5) Children's Playground

To note the Playground Reports for the period 10/08/08 – 29/08/08 – Noted

Resolved to take the appropriate action to find a replacement for the missing gate lock

It was also noted that the clerk was currently in discussions with Monster Inc relating to a number of issues that arose during the installation of the equipment that were not to the Parish Council's satisfaction

(6) Newsletter

Noted that the proof was currently with the printers

206.8

To receive the following representative reports

(1) Coronation Hall

CM

Councillor Clive Morris reported that the deeper clean had taken place in August and at the same time the Jubilee Hall had been redecorated in a similar colour to that of the Coronation Hall.

He then explained what action he had taken in speaking to both Aon and their Corporate Director Mr Peter Lawrence in respect to the Insurance question. This was to establish whose name in fact should appear on the buildings insurance policy. The Clerk confirmed that he would follow up the matter personally with Mr Lawrence.

(2) Youth Club

KP

The clerk confirmed that he had written to the Youth Club to bring to their attention of the fact that in their recent annual accounts no reference had been made to the Parish Council's monetary donation/grant.

(3) ALCA

BG

Councillor Gamble confirmed his intention to attend the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

(4) District Councillors

(5) Parish Councillors

No report

(6) Village Beat Officer

SC

Councillor Graham Lockyer tabled PC Church's report (copy attached to the minute book). Councillor Lockyer then gave some reflections on the current location of Neighbourhood Watch areas in the Village. He agreed to front up further investigation to see whether or not the present gaps in the system could be filled.

(7) Village Plan

The Clerk confirmed that to his knowledge copies of the draft report had been sent to members of the Steering Committee. Councillor Mrs Mary Sheppard indicated that she had not as yet received a copy.

BP

(8) The Clerk

(i) Quality Council Re-Accreditation

The Clerk provided a copy of the re-accreditation criteria to each Councillor for information.

(ii) New Appointment – Manager – Institute of Local Council Management

The Chairman congratulated the clerk on his recent appointment by the SLCC of Manager to The Institute of Local Council Management and Secretary to The Board.

206.9

To receive and consider the following correspondence

(1)*	North Somerset	Streetscene – In formation Sheet – July 2008	C
(2)*	ALCA	Newsletter – Volume 6 Issue 8 – August 2008	C
		AGM Agenda & Minutes – 4 th October 2008	BG
		Legal Briefing – Corporate Manslaughter	C
		Legal Briefing – Good Practice – Co-option	C
		Quality Parish Council – Striving Towards Quality	C
(3)*	North Somerset	Standards Committee – 22/07/08	C
(4)*	NALC	DISExtra Issue 688 – 21/07/08	C
(5)*	North Somerset	Casual Vacancy	BP
(6)*	North Somerset	Community Safety & Drug Action Team – Leaflet	C
(7)*	North Somerset	“Life” Magazine – Issue 45 July 2008	C
(8)*	Mr R Thomson	E-Mail – A370	BP
(9)*	Community Action	Powering Up Communities	C
(10)*	North Somerset	Community Safety & Drug Action Team – Leaflet	C
(11)*	Smiths Gore	Church Commissioners – Trees in Shiplate	BP
(12)*	NALC	DISExtra Issue 689 – 04/08/08	C
(13)*	North Somerset	Insight 25/07/08	C
(14)*	Mr Mrs Britton	Flower Tubs	BP
(15)*	North Somerset	Life Magazine – Issue 46 August 2008	C
(16)*	English Rural	The Bulletin – Summer 2008	C
(17)*	BYC	Annual General Meeting Report	C
(18)*	John Shirley & Co	Ref: Mitchell	BP
(19)*	North Somerset	Destination Management Newsletter – Summer 2008	C
(20)*	AON	Aon Village Hall Scheme	BP
(21)*	NALC	DISExtra Issue 690 18/08/08	C
(22)	John Shirley & Co	Registration of Parish Council owned property	BP
(23)	HMR&C	Employer CD-Rom Revised Edition	BP
(24)	North Somerset	Local Area Agreement 2008-2011	C

Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda

(25)	NHS	North Somerset PCT Annual Public Meeting	C
(26)	North Somerset	Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document	C
(27)	North Somerset	Local Aggregate Levy Sustainable Fund Grants	KP
(28)	North Somerset	Streetscene Information Sheet – August 2008	C
(29)	NALC	DISExtra Issue 691 01/09/08	C
(30)	North Somerset	Zero Waste Challenge Week 2008	C
(31)	Police/Daily Press	Nominations for Awards	C
(32)	CPRE	Fieldwork – September 2008	C
(33)	Avon Wildlife Trust	Avon Biodiversity Review	C
(34)	Mr S Price (E-Mail)	Secondary School Places – Bleadon Village	BP
(35)	Clerks/Councils Direct	September 2008 – Issue 59	C
(36)	Somerset Archives	Archiving of Minutes	BP

(37)	ALCA	Newsletter Volume 6 Issue 9 September 2008	C
		Various Legal Briefings	C
		Election Day – Consultation	BP
		Agenda & Minutes – ALCA North Somerset Group – 22/09	BG
		Agenda & Minutes ALCA – 4 th October 2008	BG
(38)	North Somerset	Starting School – September 2009 – Poster	NB
(39)	Mr G Exall	Seeking an allotment	MS
(40)	North Somerset	Housing in Defined Villages (Policy H/7v) Draft Guidance Note	C
(41)	North Somerset	“Life” Magazine – Issue 47 September 2008	C
(42)	VANS Network	Newsletter – Issue 1 September 2008	C
(43)	North Somerset	Local Health & Social Care	C
(44)	Mazars	External Auditor’s certificate and opinion	BP
(45)	NALC	LCR – Volume 60 No 3 September 2008	C
(46)	SLCC	The Clerk – Vol 40 No 5 September 2008	C

206.10 Other business referred to the Clerk

- (1) To grant a licence to Miss T Sutton – Re Mobile Grocery Van – The Car Park

Resolved to give limited permission.

Clerk to set the precise details.

The Council also stressed that the limited permission granted was not meant to set any precedent.

- (2) To note the posting of the Notice – Conclusion of Annual Audit

Noted

- (3) To receive a copy of The Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2008

Received

206.11 Date of next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting Monday 13th October 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm.