

# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

### District Councillor Terry Porter

He gave a brief report on the discussions that had been held with Highways relating to the A370. Intentions were to reduce to current speed limits from to 50 mph to 40 mph and from 40 mph to 30 mph. This would be in co-operation with Somerset County Council. As to the requested provision of traffic lights he stated that currently it was unlikely that any progress would be made which was due entirely to potential costs of some £180,000. He did however say that agreement had been reached whereby a traffic census would be carried out in May. He was advised that one resident had requested for safety reasons that a pedestrian traffic island put installed at the Bridge Garage end of the A370. This would allow pedestrians to cross the road with comparative safety. He left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

Councillor Porter was advised that a recently repaired pot hole located at the junction of the Catherine Inn and the A370 had re-appeared and was now worse than before.

## MINUTES

**Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held by way of Zoom on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.** The meeting commenced at **7.15 pm**. The following business was transacted.

### PRESENT

**Chairman Gill Williams with Councillors Ann Davies Kirsten Hemmingway Andy Scarisbrick David Sharman Rob Tyson Mary Sheppard and the Parish Clerk Bruce Poole**

In addition District Councillor Terry Porter was present and at various times there were some three members of the public present for all or part of the meeting.

**339.1 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.** (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Cllr I D Clarke.

**339.2 Declarations of interests**

None

**339.3 To approve and sign as a correct record the deferred Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th November 2020 as amended and the Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

The Clerk was asked in light of the unavoidable necessity to re-issue joining instructions could he be sure everyone had been notified. He said that all of the people on the circulation lists had been so advised.

**Resolved** that the deferred **Minutes** as amended of the **Virtual Meeting** of the **Parish Council** held on **Monday 16th November 2020** (delayed due to a technical fault) now be taken as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman

**Resolved** that the **Minutes** of the **Virtual Meeting** of the **Parish Council** held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020** be taken as read agreed to be an accurate record of what took place and signed as such by the **Chairman**.

#### **339.4 Matters for report information purposes only.**

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|------|---|------------|
| (1)  | Dropped Pavement  | 338.4.1    |
| (2)  | Emergency Exit – Coronation Hall  | 338.4.2    |
| (3)  | WI Bench  | 338.4.3    |
| (4)  | Remedial repairs – Church Boundary Wall   | 338.4.5    |
|      | Work in progress  |            |
| (5)  | Hedge Cutting   | 337.4.xi   |
|      | Cllr. Sheppard confirmed as yet the hedges had not been cut due to wet weather      |            |
| (6)  | Corporate Multi-Pay Card  | 338.4.7    |
|      | Work in progress  |            |
| (7)  | Poppy Appeal  | 338.4.8    |
| (8)  | Youth Club Lease  | 338.4.13   |
|      | Matters concluded   |            |
| (9)  | Planning Working Group  | 337.6.15   |
|      | Confirmed that initial conversations had been had by way of the telephone that day. |            |
| (10) | A370 – Traffic Lights   | 338.7.5    |
|      | See commencement of the meeting and in particular Cllr. Porter’s report             |            |
| (11) | Church Wall Remedial Repairs  | 338.7.6    |
| (12) | Shelter – Celtic Way  | 338.7.7    |
|      | Work in progress  |            |
| (13) | Working Groups – Future Projects  | 338.7.8    |
|      | Groups yet to convene although some names have to date been put forward             |            |
| (14) | Bleadon Village News – Distribution Areas   | 338.9.m.i  |
|      | The requested information has yet to be provided                                    |            |
| (15) | Overhanging vegetation – Catherine Inn  | 338.9.m.ii |
|      | A request for the work to be undertaken has been issued                             |            |

### 339.5 Chairman's Announcements

None

### 339.6 Planning

#### 1. To note the following applications received and the comments made by the Parish Council

Number	Application Details	Decision
20/P/0427/FUL	<i>Retrospective application for holiday let chalet with raised decking and canopy. – Westview Toll Road Bleadon</i>	
20/P1125/FUH	<i>Demolition of outhouse patio and single detached garage and proposed 3 storey rear extension – Newlands Shiplate Road Bleadon BS24 0NG – E334227N156931 <b>27/07/20</b></i>	
20/P/1139/FUL	<i>Construction of a two storey dwelling – Land adjacent to the Lay-By to the East of Bridgwater Road. – <b>06/07/20</b></i>	
20/P/2096/FUL	<i>Retain existing dwelling demolition if existing workshop and outbuilding and erection of 2 no. new semi-detached dwellings with detached garages and associated external works around the site – Wallflower Cottage Coronation Road Bleadon - 26/10/20</i>	
20/P2371/FUL	<i>Erection of a holiday lodge and associated parking and amenity area – South Hill Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon BS24 0BD – 17/11/20</i>	
20/P/2628/FUL	<i>Retrospective application for holiday let chalet with raised decking and canopy – Westview Toll Road Bleadon – 07/12/20</i>	
20/P/2725/FUL	<i>Development of 3no dwellings and 3no detached garages – Land adj junction of Bridge Road or Coronation Road Bridge Road Bleadon – 28/12/20</i>	
20/P/2726/FUL	<i>Erection of 5no dwellings – Land North to A370 and South of Bleadon Road Bleadon – 28/12/20</i>	
20/P/2959/FUL	<i>Retrospective application for the erection of agricultural store building – Land to the South West of Bridgwater Road Bleadon – 28/12/20</i>	
20/P/2811/FUL	<i>Change of use from mixed agricultural and industrial use as a caravan park for static and touring caravans. Land at Wayacre Drove Accommodation Road Bleadon – <b>18/01/21</b></i> <i><b>The Council recommended refusal due to a plethora of local similar adjacent sites which was producing an imbalance that was impacting on the rural nature of the village. Traffic was another concern due to excess speeds on the approaches to the site</b></i>	
20/P/3032/FUL	<i>Proposed demolition of existing redundant stables and erection of a single storey holiday unit – Mulberry House Roman Road Bleadon- <b>18/01/21</b></i> <i><b>The Council recommended that the application be held in abeyance until a Bat Survey that was produced in the correct time period of the year was submitted by the applicant.</b></i>	

A discussion then ensued as to a minimum of councillors who should carry out visits in order to process submitted planning applications It was generally agreed that until the Working Group produced their findings at least two Councillors should undertake such site visits for the interim period.

### 339.7 Resolutions

- (1) **To Resolve to appoint one persons to fill the current Parish Council vacancy.**

Not required

- (2) **To Resolve to note the Internal Auditor’s Report and the recommendations.**

Noted. It was also noted that in response the Clerk had produced a report which set out the positive steps that have or would be taken in order to follow up on the recommendations.

- (3) **To Receive a Budget versus Spend for the Nine Months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

**Received**

- (4) **To Resolve to set a Precept for the financial period 2021/22.**

The Clerk produced comparable figures that indicated what the percentage increase and sum of money would be over the previous year at the level of every £1,000 between £50,000 and £65,000 the latter sum being the total budget requirement. He also stressed the need to consider at the very minimum a small increase each year to take into account the inflation rate and cost of living increases.

**Resolved** that the Parish Council request in terms of money for the 2021-2022 Precept would be £50,000 the same figure as last year.

It was noted that due to variances of the Band D figure from last to this year it would reflect in a slight increase going from £90.48 per annum to £92.00 per annum an increase of some £1.52 for the year a percentage increase of 1.7%.

The Clerk reminded members that they had agreed in principle at the December Meeting that any difference between the approved 2021-2022 Budget and the finally agreed Precept requirement would be taken from Reserves. It was noted that resulting figure would therefore be £16,237.00 and that it would be drawn down from Special Contingency EMR.

- (5) **To Resolve to adopt the Revised Financial Regulations.**

**Resolved** to adopt the revised Financial Regulations using the standard Model provided by NALC subject to the Clerk checking the small number of legal references.

- (6) **To Resolve to secure the IBabs Administration system as advised in a Quotation dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and a subsequent circulated Webinar such expenditure to be secured through the Small Business Grant.**

**Resolved** that the Clerk should proceed with the proposed acquisition of the Ibabs Administration system as per the quote of the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 the funding being drawn down from the Small Business Grant

### 339.8 Finance

(125)	Zoom	Monthly Subscription – December	11.99	2.40
(126)	Opus	Street Lighting	12.57	.63
(127)	Taylor & Thorne	Newsletter 116 – Printing	790.00	

(128)	Webglu	Website Updates – November	105.00	21.00
(129)	Mr B Poole	Home Working – December	26.00	
(130)	Mr B Poole	Salary – December	1,435.72	
(131)	PATA Payroll	Payroll Services – Oct/Dec 20	23.25	
(132)	Mr M Howe	Grass Cutting Contract 2020	4,000.00	
(133)	3G	Mobile – November	14.82	2.96
(134)	SSE	Public Toilets	47.98	2.39
(135)	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Donation	50.00	
(136)	Mrs Faye Thomas	Toilet Cleansing – December	125.00	
(137)	Viking	Stationery	45.43	9.09
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(139)	Mr A Leonard	Village Services	504.00	
(140)	Mr B Robinson	Church Clock	25.00	
(141)	Mrs B Bowen	Internal Audit Fee	275.00	
	Postage	15.85		
(142)	Opus Energy	Street Lighting	<u>13.24</u>	<u>.66</u>
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Authorised by Councillors D Sharman and A Scarisbrick

### 339.9 Matters raised for information purposes only from Portfolio Holders

(a) Allotments and Churchyard

Noted that the whole of Plot Lower 6 seems not to have recently been cultivated.

(b) Public Rights of Way and Footpaths

Cllr. Hemingway confirmed that after discussions with various parties that a number of previously blocked up bridleways were now clear and passable by horse riders

(c) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety

Cllr. Davies confirmed that PC Michael Benfield the local PCSO had made contact with her and had provided some very useful guidance. She had also spoken to a number of present and past volunteers and in due course would report back with a proposed strategy.

(e) Roads and Transport

Cllr. Sheppard reported on a village pavement that was breaking up and this becoming a potential trip hazard.

(f) Play Area

It was confirmed that the area was not required to be locked up at this present time.

(g) Bleadon Village News

A Spring Edition is anticipated.

(h) Youth Club

Reported that the Clerk was waiting upon receiving the final engrossment in order that it might be formally signed.

(i) Coronation Halls Management Committee

Because of the apparent lack of cultivation Cllr. Hemingway asked if the two tubs at the front of the Hall could be moved across the road where one of the residents agreed that they would be willing to oversee its maintenance. Subject to the Hall Management Committee not objecting that proposed action would be implemented.

(j) ALCA

Noted that the Clerk would be attending a group meeting of Town and Parish Clerks in the morning.

(k) Neighbourhood Plan Group

It was noted that a general meeting of the steering committee had recently taken place.

(l) Bleadon in Bloom

Cllr. Hemingway was asked as to what the colour theme would be for this oncoming season to which she responded by saying it would be predominantly in the NHS colours. By necessity the subject of re-wilding will have to held back.

(m) Parish Councillors

(i) Cllr. Sheppard

1. Light by the Well not functioning
2. Re-gilding of the Church Clock

(n) Parish Clerk

The Clerk raised the subject of correspondence recently received from both Mrs Penny Robinson and Mr Les Masters.

### 339.10 Correspondence and E-Mails

(1)	Mrs B Bowen	Internal Auditor	BP
(2)	North Somerset	Deputy Monitoring Officer	BP
(3)	North Somerset	Draft Libraries Strategy	*
(4)	North Somerset	Public Space Protection Order – Consultation	*
(5)	Mr C Morris	Planning Objection	BP
(6)	North Somerset	Planning Application List (s)	*
(7)	Mrs D Hunter	Planning Objection	*
(8)	Mr L Masters	Road Improvements on the A370	*

### 339.11 Date and Time of next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021