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PUBLIC

Mr Michael Russell

Gave a short address regarding his professional background and details of the campaign he had been undertaking with respect to “the decimation of Shiplate Wood”. He hoped that if and when planning applications were received in respect to this area the Parish Council would be extremely diligent in its response. He then departed from the meeting.

Cllr. Terry Porter

Reported on a number of issues which were in the main based on the recent North Somerset Consultation document. He was asked a number of questions to which he responded. One of which was the high cost of parking on the sea front. The response was that the charges were consistent with other seaside resorts and the receipts were ring fenced for highway works. He then departed from the meeting.

M/s Jo Crane

She raised a number of questions which she confirmed were contained within two recent sent e-mails. The Clerk stated that it was clear that the meetings were being recorded he was not therefore prepared to provide answers “off the cuff”. He indicated that some answers would evolve as the meeting proceeded but the others he would set out in a written answer.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2022 at The Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon that commenced at 7.00 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT

Chairman Gill Williams with Councillors Mrs I D Clarke Ann Davies Huw Boyce Sara Garrett Graham Getty Kirsten Hemingway Mary Sheppard and the Parish Clerk Bruce Poole

In addition there was four members of the public present.

353.1 To elect a Chairman

Cllr. Kirsten Hemmingway was duly elected

353.2 To receive a declaration of office from the Chairman

The Declaration of Office as Chairman was duly made.

353.3 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.

Cllr. Rob Tyson

353.4 Declarations of Interests

None

353.5 To elect a Vice Chairman

Cllr. G Williams was so elected

353.6 To elect members to the following committees

(a) Personnel Committee

Cllrs. Mrs I D Clarke S Garrett G Getty and Kirsten Hemmingway (As Council Chairman

- (b)Hearing Committee
- (b) Appeals Committee
Deferred and to be actioned if and when required.

- 353.7 To appoint representatives to:**
- (a) Youth Club
Cllr. Huw Boyce
 - (b) Coronation Halls Management Committee
Cllrs. A Davies and M Sheppard
 - (c) ALCA
Cllrs. Mrs I D Clarke (Non Zoom) G Getty
 - (c) Neighbourhood Plan Group
Cllrs. H Boyce S Garrett and G Williams
 - (e) Bleadon in Bloom
Cllr. K Hemmingway

- 353.8 To appoint members responsible for:**
- (a) Allotments and Churchyard
Cllr. M Sheppard
 - (b) Public Rights of Way and Footpaths
Cllrs. S Garrett & G Getty
 - (d) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety
Cllr. Ann Davies
 - (e) Roads and Transport
Cllr. G Getty & R Tyson
 - (f) Play Area
Cllr. S Garrett & G Williams
 - (g) Bleadon Village News
Cllrs. S Garrett & R Tyson
 - (h) Planning
Cllrs Mrs I D Clarke A Davies & M Sheppard
 - (h) Website
Cllr. G Getty

353.9 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th March

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 be taken as read and being a correct record approved as such and signed by the Chairman.

To approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 26th April 2022.

The Clerk asked for re-assurance that the decision emanating from that meeting was agreed in closed session.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 subject to the undermentioned amendment be taken as read and being a correct record where approved as such and signed by the Chairman.

the words “fossil fuels should be used in the future” to be struck out in favour of “fossil fuels should still be used until renewable energy is fully up to speed”.

353.10 Past Matters for report purposes only (See accompanying Clerk’s Report)

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| (1) Emergency Exit – Coronation Hall | 350.4.1 |
| Concluded | |
| (2) A370 Improvements | 347.7.3 |
| (3) Pavement - Breaking Up | 347.4.4 |
| (4) Church Clock – Re-Gilding | 350.9.1 |
| Work in hand. | |

The Clerk was asked by Cllr. Sheppard why matters appeared to have taken so long. The response included a step by step analysis of the actions taken.

- (5) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 350.9.m
A verbal report was given to the meeting by Cllr G Williams
- (6) Scheme of Delegation 350.7.1
Concluded
- (7) Road Calming – Bleadon Road 347.7.8
No progress to date
- (8) Working Party – Toilets & Coronation Hall Environs 350.7.7/9
It was noted that instructions had been for the erection of the Bin Store.
- (9) Tree & Bench Church South Porch 347.9.a
Completed
- (10) Village Gully Cleansing 347.9.d
No progress to date
- (11) Notice Board Poster Holders 347.9.i
Received
- (12) Research suitable audible equipment.
- (13) Amendment to the meeting pre-amble
Currently in hand
- (14) Scalpings
With Adrian
- (15) Planning Question – Mrs K Herivel
This matter needs to be revisited by the Planning Working Group

353.11 Chairman's announcements

None

353.12 Planning

To note new Planning Applications and North Somerset decisions on past considered applications.

<p>21/P/0527/OUT</p>	<p><i>Outline application for the erection of 14 dwellings with access for approval and appearance scale and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval- Land off Purn Way Bleadon BS24 0QF (17/P/1351/OUT & 18/P/5035/OUT) - 30/04/21 – Despite having approved the previous application the Council recognised the current objections of the residents and therefore recommended refusal on the grounds that it was (a) outside the settlement boundary (b) insufficient and inadequate vehicular access thus increasing a potential risk to pedestrians (c) infringing the West Mendip Way and (d) that the area was susceptible to flooding and abounds a SSSI</i></p> <p><u>AMENDED</u></p> <p><i>Outline application for the erection of 14no. dwellings, with access and layout for approval and appearance, scale and landscaping reserved for subsequent approval on land off Purn Way, Bleadon BS24 0Q</i></p> <p><i>While retaining our concerns regarding the building outside the settlement boundary we recognise the inevitability of this development and therefore we reluctantly support this application.</i></p>	
<p>21/P/1891/AOC</p>	<p><i>Discharge of condition 8 (sound insulation/attenuation measures) and 9 (drainage) on application 20/P/1139/FUL – Land adjacent to the Lay-by to the east of Bridgwater Road Bleadon- 26/07/21- Cllr Davies indicated that she had investigated all of the documents and could see nothing that would prevent the Council from support the requests. The Council had no objections.</i></p> <p><i>Construction of a two-storey dwelling – Land adjacent to the Lay-By to the East of Bridgwater Road. – 06/07/20</i></p> <p><i>The Parish Council has previously recommended refusal of this application and saw no reason to change their view and therefore recommended refusal– by e-mail 01/020</i></p>	

21/P/3372/FUL	<p>Erection of a single storey dwelling and formation of access within the grounds of Badgers Gate – Badgers Gate Birch Avenue Bleadon</p> <p>The Parish Council is concerned the present proposal to sever garden land within the existing garden curtilage of Badgers Gate is inappropriate development being squeezed into the existing gardens. The Parish Council, neighbours and residents have identified the following concerns, which are contrary to the local plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed development by virtue of its size and mass is out of character with the existing street scene and surrounding area. 2. The plot size for both the new and existing properties will not be the same as the other existing properties within the street scene. 3. The gardens for both the new and proposed development are disproportionately small for the size of the properties. In particular the proposed bungalow's garden is dominated by an access road and parking provision. 4. The proposed development will lead to the loss of the established street scene of Birch Avenue by its prominence and dominating appearance. 5. The size of the proposed development and its immediate proximity will cause noise and disturbance to existing neighbours mainly due to closeness to the proposed development. This is incongruous with the street scene being detached bungalows on spacious plots, which minimises neighbour disturbance, in particular, the parking proposals for the new development. Immediate neighbours are also concerned about high degrees of overlooking which they would not have experienced before due to the character of the existing street scene 6. Birch Avenue is a private road - therefore, the residents pay for the required maintenance as and when required. A recurring problem is that a large area of the road floods and frequently not only with water but with sewerage – a concerning health hazard. Residents have photo proof of this unsightly problem. As the proposed bungalow's garden is dominated by an access road and parking provision there will be less drainage area, which is very likely to impact on this particular problem. <p>Wildlife - Local residents have seen the following protected species within the curtilage of the proposed development site: Badgers (Garden) Bats (exiting the roof space of Badgers Gate) Great Crested Newts (dry stone walls)</p> <p>There is a legal duty to protect these species. The current proposal does not offer any mitigation for protected species and therefore the proposal appears to be contrary to DM8 of the local plan.</p> <p>Trees - The proposed development will lead to a loss of a number of very tall woodland trees (which are listed as shrubs in the planning statement). Residents are concerned this significant loss of tree cover will impact on immediate wildlife and be detrimental to the existing street scene as you look south in Birch Avenue towards the hill.</p> <p><i>For the reasons listed above Bleadon Parish Council object to this application</i></p>	
21/P/3433/FUL	<p>Change of use land to campsite (to allow the campsite to operate Independently of the Camping and Caravanning rules) – Land at Gorselands Roman Road Bleadon BS24 0AD</p> <p>The Council was concerned that there appeared to be no evidence of letters or posters being dispatched to the local residents</p>	24/03/22
22/P/0031/MMA	<p>Minor material amendment to planning permission 20/P/2371/FUL (erection of a holiday lodge and associated parking and amenity area) to allow for rotation of building from the position of the original approval. – South Hill Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon BS24 0BD</p> <p>The Council had no objections</p>	03/03/22
22/P/0100/FUH	<p>Proposed erection of a dormer to the front (east elevation) to create bed/dressing room – Lacona Hilcote Bleadon BS24 9JR</p> <p>The Council had no objections</p>	
22/P/0157/FUL	<p>Erection of an agricultural building – Land at Wick Wharf Fakeham Road Bleadon</p>	
22/P/0210//FUH	<p>Demolition of existing single storey side extension/workshop and single storey rear extension. Proposed erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension. – 15 The Veale Bleadon BS24 0NW</p> <p>The Council had no objections</p>	Approved 23/03/22

22/P/0280/FUH	Proposed erection of a single storey extension to the west elevation to provide new kitchen /dining area with a small lobby in the North East corner of the extension to provide a link to the existing triple garage. <u>The Council had no objections</u>	18/05/22
22/P/0352/AOC	Discharge of Condition No.8 (Arboriculture Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan) on application 12/P/1856/F – Land Off Bleadon Road Bleadon <u>The Council had no objections</u>	
22/P/0735/FUH	Proposed erection of a side Garage and a first-floor wrap around extension on stepped property – Magnolia House Bridgwater Road Bleadon BS24 0AG <u>The Council had no objections</u>	23/05/2022
22/P/1026/MAA	Prior approval for the removal of the existing steel deck and the installation of a new deck built from pre-cast concrete cills to bridge – Bridge at Middle Drove Accommodation Road Bleadon. <u>The Council had no objections but requested that the proposed work be undertaken when there is least damage to fauna flora and water course</u>	16/05/22

353.13 Resolutions

1. To receive a Financial Statement (unaudited) for the year 31st March 2022

Tabled and document noted. It was pointed out by the clerk that because of some additional unbudgeted expenditure and an agreed deficit budget the General Reserves were seriously depleted. Steps should be taken to reduce some of the unused Ear Marked Reserves.

(a) To receive the Internal Auditor's Report and note its contents

Noted that the year-end internal auditor's visit would be in last week of May and therefore the expected report would be held over until the June Meeting as would be items b & c.

(b) To approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)

(c) To approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2)

(d) To set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights

It was noted that the dates would be the 13th June to the 22nd July 2022

2. To review the Parish Council's Corporate Policies.

Cllr. A Davies indicated that she had read through the majority of the policies and although they were in the main fit for purpose she did have a few minor amendments to suggest. Agreed to defer confirmation until the June Meeting.

3. To review the Parish Council's Banking arrangements

Any two councillors from nine to authorise/sign together with the Parish Clerk for administrations purposes only.

4. To review the Parish Council's Asset Register

Agreed that Cllrs. Mrs I D Clarke M Sheppard together with the Parish Clerk would form the Working Group to finalise the Asset listing

5. To review the Council's Insurance Policy.

Deferred until the receipt of the renewable papers

6. To confirm that Mr B Poole continues to act in the capacity of RFO – Responsible Financial Officer

Confirmed

7. To re-affirm the acceptance of the Audit and Account Regulations 2015 as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

Re-affirmed

8. To review the Parish Council's Publication Scheme and confirm the Parish Council's Qualified Persona under Section 36 of The Freedom of Information Act 2000 be the Parish Clerk.

9. Reviewed

10.. To confirm the re-appointment of Mrs Bridget Bowen as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor.

Confirmed

11. To resolve that Parish Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Parish Clerk.

Resolved to delegate to the Parish Clerk

12. To receive the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and note any actions required as a result.

It was noted that due to one report being unavailable it had not been possible to produce the Minutes for confirmation.

Resolved that in future the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Report) would be produced as a booklet and to be included in the Bleadon Village News.

13. To agree the 2021-22 level of financial support to be given to Bleadon Youth Club in respect to the annual contribution towards their lighting costs.

Resolved to provide the sum of £200.00

14. Contactus

Resolved that due to it previously being a very successful initiative that it should be resurrected with Cllr. R Tyson taking the lead. Representatives on the Steering Group would comprise of Two Parish Councillors Two Hall Management Members and Two Youth Club.

15. Grant application – Training Equipment

Resolved that Cllrs. A Davies S Garrett & G Williams would form the Working Group

353.14 Financial

1. To note the following items of expenditure for the months of April/May

(214)	PATA Payroll	Payroll Services	28.85	
(215)	GB Sports & Leisure	Play Area Report – Mar	25.00	5.00
(216)	Opus E energy	Street Lighting – Feb	12.42	0.62
(217)	R Flavell	Bleadon in Bloom	4.16	0.83
(217)	R Flavell	Bleadon in Bloom	10.00	
(218)	B Poole	Salary – Mar	1721.62	
(219)	PATA Payroll	Charges – Jan/Mar	28.85	
(220)	Ward Tree Surgeons	Church/Coronation Road	310.00	62.00
(221)	Adrian Services	Contract – Mar	620.00	
(222)	Adrian Services	Ladies Toilets	290.00	
(223)	Adrian Services	Gents Toilets	330.00	
(224)	HG3	Feb 22	14.82	2.96
(225)	SLCC	Management in Action	395.00	59.20
(226)	Blue Spot	Toilet Cleaning – Mar	216.66	

Authorised by Cllrs Kirsten Hemmingway and Anne Davies

(1)	North Somerset	Rates – Public Toilets	464.07	
(2)	ALCA	2022-23 Annual Subscription	292.09	
(3)	S/S Peter & Paul PCC	Church Room Hire	100.00	
(4)	Rialtas	Alpha Software Annual Support	129.90	25.80
(5)	Taylor Thorn	Bleadon Village News – 121	1070.00	
(6)	Zoom (BP)	Room Hire	11.99	2.40
(7)	21CC	Beacon	490.00	
(8)	KC Construction **	Coronation Hall External Painting	2280.00	
(9)	HG3	Mobile Phone	14.82	2.96

(10)	UKPOS	Acrylic Sleeves	257.40	51.48
(11)	Mr B Poole	Clerk's Salary – Apr	1480.94	
(12)	SSE	Lighting – Public Toilets	27.24	1.36
(13)	Webglu	Website updates – Mar	60.00	12.00
(14)	Westcroft Eggs	Compost – Bleadon Bloomers	83.00	16.60
(15)	Opus Energy	Street Lighting	13.08	.65
Authorised by Cllrs Gill Williams & Mrs I D Clarke				
(16)	Aquablast	Toilets – Drain Clearing	125.00	25.00
(17)	Parish on Line	Subscription	81.00	16.20
(18/19)	GB Sports	Inspection - Mar/Apr	50.00	10.00
(20)	Blue Spot	Replace Dispenser	90.00	
(21)	Zoom	Room Hire	11.99	2.40
(22)	Britain in Bloom	Entry Costs	25.00	
(23)	AV Partsmaster	Hall Replacement Projector	557.00	111.40
(24)	Bleadon in Bloom	Barn Close Nurseries	53.25	
(25)	Bleadon in Bloom	Barn Close Nurseries	114.80	
(26)	Blue Spot	Toilet Cleaning – Apr	216.66	
(27)	Village Ranger	Project Services	212.00	

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After a full explanation of the background was given by the Parish Clerk to the members the Council recommended immediate payment. The Clerk suggested that when future works were required by the Hall Management Committee that it provides the Parish Council (Custodial Trustee) with a proposed works schedule prior to the Council seeking quotations.

353.15 To receive reports from the following for information purposes only:

- (a) Allotments and Churchyard

Resolved at the request of the Church PCC that the damaged Church Gate be removed.

A note of concern had been raised by one allotment holder whom had appeared not to be cultivating their plot at. A time when it had been offered to another.

- (b) Public Rights of Way and Footpaths

- (c) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety.

It was noted that PCSO Mike Benfield and two other colleagues attended the recent Village Market and stayed for coffee. This visit was much appreciated by those villagers' present. Cllr. A Davies reminded members of the video that was available by way of a link that would be on the Village Web Site.

- (d) Roads and Transport

(i) Pot Hole adjacent to the Catherines.

(ii) Defective light on the island between The Anchor and The Catherines.

- (e) Play Area

- (f) Bleadon Village News

A bumper edition was due to be published in June

- (g) Youth Club

- (h) Coronation Halls Management Committee

Cllr. M Sheppard advised the meeting of a number of improvements that had been carried out within the Halls. Improved lighting – upgraded sound system – loop reconnected – new projector.

- (i) ALCA

- (j) Neighbourhood Plan Group

- (k) Bleadon in Bloom

- (l) Platinum Jubilee Working Party

- (n) Councillors
Cllr. A Davies
Raised the issue of the Jubilee Garden and the immediate need to make it a little more presentable in readiness for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations weekend. **Agreed** that some temporary action would be undertaken to make it more colourful.
- (o) Parish Clerk
- (i) He advised the meeting of an e-mail from a resident in connection with a recent article that had been printed in the last issue of the Village News. He indicated that the matter was in hand.
- (ii) He had received a request from the Jubilee Organising Committee that the Car Park be closed to parking on the 5th June - **Agreed**

353.16 Correspondence

(1)	The Pension Regulator	Re-Enrolment	BP
(2)	Sovereign Housing Association	Planning – The Quarry	*
(3)	PKF Littlejohn Ltd	AGAR 201-22	BP
(4)	Information Commissioner	Renewal Certificate 21/03/22	BP
(5)	Guidance Document-	Gas Beacons	BP
(6)	North Somerset	Precept Remittance – 1 st Half	BP
(7)	North Somerset	Public Toilets – Charges & Credits	BP
(8)	Adrian’s Project Services	Revised Quote – Bin Store	*

333.17 Date and Time of next meeting of the Parish Council – Monday 13th June 2022