



# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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**Dear Councillor:**

**You are summoned to attend a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council, to be held at Coronation Hall, Coronation Road, Bleadon. BS24 0PG on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.00pm, when the following business will be transacted.**

*C P Bolt*

Parish Clerk & RFO

Before the meeting begins there will be a public participation session – *This session is open to the Public to present comments, observations, information, petitions or lead deputations and is the only time members of the public may participate. (Please note that the Council is unable to make formal decisions under this item LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b))*

- i) Members of the public.
- ii) Beat Managers Report
- iii) Ward Councillor's report.

## A G E N D A

383.1 To receive **Apologies for Absence** (LGA 1972 s85 (1)).

383.2 **Declarations of Interest** on any agenda items.

383.3 **To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (pages 5-8).

383.4 **Reports from Working Parties/Committees.**

- i) Open Spaces Working Group – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (pages 9-15)  
(Specific recommendations arising from the Open Spaces Working Group meeting are contained in the Report of the Parish Clerk – Agenda Item 383.10)

383.5 **Reports from Outside Bodies/Conferences/Training.**

- i) Report from Councillor Gower-Crane – address to North Somerset Executive (page 16)

383.6 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance.

- i) FREE Scribe Training <https://www.scribeaccounts.com/scribe-academy-training>

- ii) NALC virtual training <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-events/online-events>
- iii) ALCA training [Event Categories - Avon Local Councils' Association \(avonlca.org.uk\)](https://www.avonlca.org.uk/Event-Categories)

383.7 **Financial/Staffing Matters** (pages 17-19)

1. To authorise bills for payment for November.
2. To note the Parish Council's end of October bank balances and bank reconciliation and end of October net position.

383.8 To receive an **update report in respect of previous planning applications considered by the Council.**

383.9 **To consider and comment upon the following planning applications:**

[Application to determine if prior approval is required for the proposed installation of a 20m high lattice tower, 3no. antennas, 2no. 0.6m dishes, 1no. GPS Node, and 2no. ground-based equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto, to be situated within an 8x8m compound with 3m steel palisade fence.](#)

Land At Purn Farm Accomodation Road Bleadon BS24 0AP

Ref. No: 24/P/2145/TEA | Received: Fri 11 Oct 2024 | Validated: Fri 11 Oct 2024 | Status: Registered | Determination Deadline: Thu 05 Dec 2024

[Prior approval for change the use of agricultural shed space, formerly used for free range egg laying hens, to Class E commercial use](#)

Barns At Woodlands Farm Shiplate Road Bleadon

Ref. No: 24/P/2081/CRA | Received: Mon 07 Oct 2024 | Validated: Mon 07 Oct 2024 | Status: Registered | Determination Deadline: Mon 02 Dec 2024

[Proposed demolition of existing attached garage and removal of all existing chimneys. Erection of a two-storey front/side wraparound extension, single storey side extension, Canopy Car port and Detached two storey Garage/Gym with guest accommodation and study above. Raising of existing ridge level and creation of Half-Hipped roof to the front elevation, Replacement of existing rear canopy porch with new. Fenestration alterations to the North and East elevations including the removal, replacement and installation of windows and doors. Landscaping alterations including the extension of existing raised Patio, creation of multiple external stairways and hardstanding alterations to front driveway and parking.](#)

Truby Tor Roman Road Bleadon Weston-super-Mare BS24 0AB

Ref. No: 24/P/2080/FUH | Received: Mon 07 Oct 2024 | Validated: Wed 09 Oct 2024 | Status: Registered | Determination Deadline: Wed 04 Dec 2024

[Non material amendment to application 19/P/0835/OUT \(Outline application with details of access \(matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscaping are reserved\) for the demolition of all industrial buildings, plant and machinery, the erection of up to 42 dwellings and 500 sqm of flexible Use Class A2/B1/D1 floor space, open space, landscaping, new vehicle and pedestrian access, and associated works.\) to allow for an amendment to the wording of Condition 16 in relation to the Safe Route to School, to the following:- Condition 16: Prior to occupation of the final dwelling, the Safe Route to School \(along a public footpath route between the site and Oldmixon Primary School and Broadoak Academy Secondary School\) will be implanted in accordance with the approved details \(see plan ref: 203\) as submitted to the Authority on 1st October 2024.](#)

Bleadon Quarry Bridge Road Bleadon Weston-super-Mare BS24 0AU

Ref. No: 24/P/2066/NMA | Received: Wed 02 Oct 2024 | Validated: Wed 02 Oct 2024 | Status: Registered | Determination Deadline: Wed 30 Oct 2024

[2 x ash trees, 1 x elder, 1 x common hawthorn and 1 x dead elm tree - fell](#)

Bleadon Quarry Bridge Road Bleadon Weston-super-Mare BS24 0AU

Ref. No: 24/P/2067/TPO | Received: Wed 02 Oct 2024 | Validated: Fri 04 Oct 2024 | Status: Registered | Determination Deadline: Fri 29 Nov 2024

**Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural and equestrian including the erection of a stables/tack room/hay store and manure clamp.**

Land At Purn House Farm Purn Way Bleadon Weston-super-Mare BS24 0QE

Ref. No: 24/P/1968/FUL | Received: Mon 23 Sep 2024 | Validated: Wed 23 Oct 2024 | Status:

Registered | Determination Deadline: Wed 22 Jan 2025

**383.10 Report of the Parish Clerk (pages 20-26).**

**Decision Items**

1. Bins and Dog Bins – that the Council determines whether or not to reconfigure existing arrangements and purchase new bins.
2. Plug Plants for Planting Schemes – that the Council agrees to the purchase of plug plants in support of a Summer 2025 planting scheme.
3. Open Spaces Working Group – that the Council confirms arrangements for the chairing of the Open Spaces Working Group.
4. Consultation on Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting – that the Council considers its response to the consultation.
5. The Law Commission's Consultation Paper on Burial and Cremation – that the Council authorises the Clerk to respond to the consultation.
6. Allotments – Re-alignment of Plots – that the Council notes the action taken.

**Information Items/Correspondence Received**

1. Update in relation to North Somerset Council's 'Delivering Together' project.
2. Completion of iLCA qualification by the Parish Clerk.
3. Correspondence with Edenstone and North Somerset Council regarding footpaths.

**383.11 Date of the next meeting(s):**

- Parish Council Meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 7.00pm at Coronation Hall



# Avon and Somerset Police

## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

### October 1<sup>st</sup> till 31st 2024 Bleadon Neighbourhood Report

Calls Received – 9

Road related 5    Other 3    abandoned 999 1

Most crimes reported are isolated incidents which have occurred within dwellings and are unlikely to have any effect on the wider community.

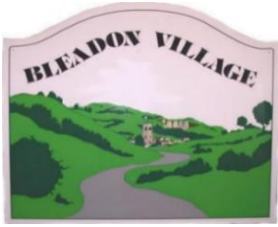
For awareness the only crime in the village was a Road related his month



Email: [8338@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:8338@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

#### Police Priorities/Action Undertaken/Advice/Upcoming events:

Please also see attached link for our street safe website [Report feeling unsafe in public spaces \(StreetSafe\) | Avon and Somerset Police](#). This is a great way to report areas you feel unsafe, this maybe inadequate lighting problems with any other issues , this is not a way of reporting please still use 101/999 or online



# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CORONATION HALL AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillors Mary Sheppard (Chairman), ID Clarke, Jo Gower-Crane, Ann Davies, Andy Scarisbrick (Vice-chairman) and Steve Sugg.
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk)
<b>WARD COUNCILLORS:</b>	None
<b>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:</b>	Five

Before the meeting was convened, members of the public were invited to speak.

i) **Members of the public**

None.

ii) **Beat Manager's Report**

The written report forming part of the agenda papers was noted.

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iii) **Ward Councillors' report**

None

**Cllr Sheppard opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.**

**The meeting was convened.**

**382.1 To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

Apologies were noted from District Councillors Porter and Solomon.

**382.2 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**382.3 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

**Resolved:** To approve the Parish Council minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**382.4 Reports from Working Parties/Committees**

Councillors considered the notes of the Open Spaces Working Group meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. It was noted that issues requiring resolution were contained in the Clerk's report.

### **382.5 Reports from Outside Bodies/Conferences/Training**

Cllr Gower-Crane provided feedback from the recent ALCA AGM.

### **382.6 Training and Events**

The availability of Scribe, ALCA and NALC training events was noted.

### **382.7 Financial/Staffing Matters**

#### **i) To authorise bills for payment for October.**

**Resolved:** To authorise the payments for October of £4,709.20.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

(Councillors ID Clarke, Ann Davies and Andy Scarisbrick were duly authorised to action the online payments)

#### **ii) To note the Parish Council's end of September budget position, bank balances and bank reconciliations.**

The Parish Council's end of September position, bank balances and bank reconciliations were noted. It was further noted that Unity Bank had reassessed charges in respect of the Council's current account and additional fees would now be levied.

#### **iii) Quarter 2 Outturn Report.**

The Council received a cost centre report providing details of spend to date and projected spend to the end of the financial year. It was noted that the Council was expected to underspend its budget and, therefore, no corrective action was required.

**Resolved:** To note the Quarter 2 position.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

#### **iv) Conclusion of Audit – AGAR 2023/24.**

The Council noted that the External Auditor had confirmed on 9<sup>th</sup> September that the audit had been concluded. Notice to this effect had been published in accordance with the required regulations.

**Resolved:** To note the conclusion of the audit in relation to the AGAR 2023/24.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

### **382.8 Report of the Parish Clerk**

#### **1. Parish Clock Plaque**

Councillors considered the costs associated with both oak and brass plaque designs. The oak option had the potential for a less onerous maintenance regime and was potentially less costly than a brass design.

The Clerk advised that only one company had been identified as being able to produce the required design in oak and, as a consequence, it was unlikely that the Council would be able to enter into a competitive procurement process. As such, the Council noted that – in progressing an oak option – they would be exercising their discretion under Financial Regulations to enter into an arrangement with a single supplier based upon the specialist nature of the work/product required.

Concern was expressed regarding the font type and text size if reproduced in oak and the Clerk undertook to try and secure a sample prior to any order being placed.

**Resolved:**

- i) That an oak plaque be purchased at an indicative cost of £750. In doing so, the Council recognised that it may be in a 'single supplier' situation and that the Clerk would be unlikely to be able to conduct a competitive procurement process.
- ii) That the final design of the plaque be delegated to the Clerk, subject to:  
Consultation with Councillor Davies regarding the wording of the plaque and list of donors;  
Consultation with all Councillors in relation to font type and size.
- iii) That the Clerk be further authorised to make arrangements regarding the installation of the plaque, subject to the costs of installation not exceeding £250.

**The resolutions were correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

## **2. Planting Scheme - Laybys**

Councillors considered a proposed bulb planting scheme in relation to the two laybys on Roman Road. Given the location of the laybys within the Mendip Hills AONB, Councillors favoured a scheme utilising native species of daffodil, grape hyacinth and wild garlic. It was noted that the budget for planting schemes had a projected surplus of £500.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk be authorised to implement a bulb planting scheme at the two laybys in Roman Road, based upon the use of native species, subject to the costs being contained within the current approved budget for planting schemes.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

## **3. Double Yellow Lines – Intersection of Celtic Way, Coronation Road and Shiplate Road**

Councillors noted that in order for North Somerset Council to consider the merits of proposing a Traffic Regulation Order for double yellow lines, photographic evidence of dangerous parking would need to be provided. In producing a photographic evidence log, Councillors were advised that in any interactions with the public they should be clear that images would only be used for this one specific purpose and would not be used in connection with any enforcement activities.

(Standing Orders were temporarily suspended to allow members of the public to speak in respect of this item).

**Resolved:** That Councillor Sugg (supported by other Councillors) record incidents of conflict between road users in the vicinity of Celtic Way/Coronation Road/Shiplate Road and the outcome of this exercise be reported to a future meeting of the Council.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

## **4. Car Parking Barrier**

Councillors considered a range of options to address the poor state of repair of the car parking barrier. It was considered that repainting with a specialist paint was the most appropriate option. It was further noted that the works would require preparation of the metalwork to enable the paint to properly bond and that this was reflected within the proposed budget costs.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk be authorised to make arrangements for the repainting of the car parking barrier, subject to the costs of this work not exceeding £500.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

### 382.9 Update report in respect of previous planning applications.

Cllr Clarke provided an update report in respect of previous planning applications.

### 382.10 Planning Applications

#### Proposed change of use from agricultural land to holiday accommodation with the siting of 2no. static caravans and creation of hardstanding and access.

**Land To The South Of Bleadon Mill Bleadon**

**Ref. No: 24/P/1591/FUL | Received: Mon 05 Aug 2024 | Validated: Wed 04 Sep 2024 | Status: Registered**

**Resolved:** That the Council objects to the application for the following reasons:

- The development is outside the settlement boundary.
- Loss of agricultural land for food production which will further degrade the ability to respond to North Somerset Council's stated aims (in partnership with Bristol City Council and South Gloucestershire Council) to improve food security.
- Concerns about drainage and its proximity to the River Axe.
- Highways safety concerns including carparking allocations and the layby.
- The development is within Bat Zone C and there is insufficient detail provided regarding how the proposed development will seek to mitigate effects upon bats and other protected species.
- Its impact on the adjacent/overlapping nature conservation area (SNCI).
- Concern that neighbouring properties may be unaware of this application as site notices do not appear to have been displayed.

The Council further acknowledged that a number of residents in the vicinity of the development had submitted further detailed objections to the development which cited additional concerns.

(Standing Orders were temporarily suspended to allow members of the public to speak in respect of this item).

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

#### Request to discharge condition number 6 (construction method statement) on application 24/P/0513/FUH

**Bridleway Roman Road Bleadon North Somerset BS24 0AD**

**Ref. No: 24/P/1954/AOC | Received: Fri 20 Sep 2024 | Validated: Fri 20 Sep 2024 | Status: Registered**

**Resolved:** That the Council supports the request to discharge the condition.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)**

### 382.11 Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7:00pm (Coronation Hall, Bleadon)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm

.....Chairman

.....Date



## Open Spaces Working Group Notes

24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6.00pm

Action points are in ***bold italics***

**Report Author:** Parish Clerk

**Present:** Councillors ID Clarke and Mary Sheppard (Co-chairs), Andy Scarisbrick and Steve Sugg.

### Apologies for absence

Robin Flavell.

### Declarations of Interest

None.

### Notes of Meeting Held on 26th September 2024

It was noted that issues arising from the notes of the previous meeting would be addressed as part of substantive agenda items.

### Purchase of Plugs for 2025 Planting Scheme

The Clerk advised that staging had been erected in the polytunnel. Installation of shading and a watering system would be the next stages in making the polytunnel suitable for supporting the bringing on of plants from seed/plugs for next year. An offer had been received from a local company to enable the Council to 'piggy back' on a volume purchase of plug plants. This was likely to be the most cost effective means of purchasing plants but an early decision would be required. Councillors noted that approximately 600 plants had been used for the 2024 summer planting scheme and that any acquisition for 2025 would need to allow for losses during the growing period. Councillors favoured a multi-colour planting scheme which included begonias and drought tolerant plants – recognising the challenges associated with watering. It was noted that there would need to be further consideration of the location and type of pots but at this stage it was appropriate ***for the Clerk to seek to secure a variety of up to 750 plug plants by the most economically advantageous means.***

### Jubilee Gardens Planting Scheme

It was noted that the Bleadon Horticultural Society had indicated a potential willingness to financially and practically support a planting scheme in Jubilee Gardens. The nature of this offer had not been progressed. Cllr Clarke clarified that the Working Group had already agreed to a course of action in relation to the design of a planting scheme and expressed disquiet at a change at this stage. In response to questions, Cllr Scarisbrick confirmed that the suggestion from the Horticultural Society was understood to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the society. As a consequence, it was considered that the suggestion should be explored. ***The Clerk was asked to contact the Bleadon Horticultural Society to find out further details and report back.***

## Parish Clock Update

Councillors noted that the dial had been reinstalled and a number of positive comments had been received. The Clerk advised that – further to the decision of Council – he had managed to secure a small sample of the plaque writing and that this should be available for inspection over the coming week.

## Provision of Play Equipment

The Clerk advised that he had discussed with Cllr Gower-Crane the possibility of including a ‘tick box’ type survey of play equipment in the next edition of Parish News. The intention was to include some photos/images of different types of play equipment which could be ‘voted’ upon in a centre page pull out which could be dropped back to the Parish Council. The types of equipment would include – as a minimum – the following:

- ‘Witches hat’
- See saw
- Basket swing
- Play panels
- Spinners

The Clerk advised that he had also approached play providers regarding the possibility of siting gym type equipment on Pea Green. The gym equipment would be aimed more at adults and older children. One play provider had helpfully produced a 3D image and councillors felt it would be useful if this could also be shared and views sought. ***The Clerk was requested to liaise with Cllr Gower-Crane regarding inclusion of play/gym equipment options within Parish News.***

## Project and Maintenance Schedule

Councillors discussed the Project and Maintenance Schedule with the following issues arising:

Car Parking barrier. It was confirmed that the paint colour should match that of the play area fence panel – ***the Clerk to order the paint for the car parking barrier*** on this basis.

Emptying of dog bins – it was confirmed that the current contract provided for the emptying of (3 specific) bins twice a week until the end of October. ***Councillors requested a report be submitted to the next meeting of Council with a view to re-organising/increasing the capacity of bins and the potential continuation of emptying bins two times per week.***

Noticeboards – the Clerk confirmed that the noticeboards had been dispatched and Councillors confirmed their preference for siting of the noticeboards in respect of locations relating to Bleadon Mill and The Veale.

Maintenance Tasks/Minor Projects						
21/10/2024						
<b>Benches</b>						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Replace bench at Celtic Way	Done		30/06/2024	Ground anchor installed		No further action
Renovate bench at Purn Way	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Pressure washed	1st coat of stain complete	Monitor
Renovate bench - footpath (Purn)	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Pressure washed	Awaiting staining	Monitor
Renovate bench - The Veale	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Pressure washed	Awaiting staining	Monitor
Renovate bench - Roman Road Lay-by	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Pressure washed	Awaiting staining	Monitor
Renovate bench - WI	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Pressure washed	1st coat of stain complete	Monitor
Determine future of bench adjacent to church	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024			Monitor
<b>Drains</b>						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Three blocked drains - bend in Coronation Road	Done	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed - actioned by JAR	No further action
Gulleys blocked with vegetation - extended section of A370	Done	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	Rejected by NSC	No further action
Blocked drain - Birch Avenue	Done	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	Rejected by NSC - not adopted highway	No further action
Silting up of rhyne - Bridge Road	Done		31/05/2024	Discussed with IDB	Sufficient capacity in system	No further action
Blocked drains - Queens Arms	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	Added to priority list	Monitor
Blocked drain - Bleadon Road/A370	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Blocked drain - junction Roman Road/Celtic Way	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Drain and gulleys blocked -half way up Celtic Way	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Blocked drain - intersection Celtic Way/Coronation Road/Shiplate	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	Added to priority list	Monitor
Blocked drains - Opposite Queens Arms	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	Added to priority list	Monitor
Gully blocked - Shiplate Road (East of Birch Avenue)	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Two blocked drains - top end of Coronation Road	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Blocked gully - Bridge Road/A370	Working on it	10/09/2024	24/10/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Build up of pennycress in rhyne	Working on it	07/10/2024	07/11/2024	Report to IDB		Monitor

Roads						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Overgrown vegetation - intersection Celtic Way and Coronation Road	Done	09/09/2024	09/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Vegetation removed by owner	No further action
Pothole - adjacent to Bus Shelter - Celtic Way	Done	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Does not meet intervention threshold	No further action
Heavily rutted verge area - Purn Way	Done	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Rejected - not part of highway	No further action
Poor road surface/no road signs -Birch Avenue/Shiplate	Done	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Does not meet intervention threshold	No further action
Grit bin overturned - Roman Road	Done	21/09/2024	21/10/2024	Reported to NSC	Moved back into position	No further action
30mph sign knocked down - Celtic Way	Done	30/07/2024	30/10/2024	Reported to NSC	New sign not correctly aligned	Monitor
Poor road surface/no road signs - Purn Way opposite dog bin	Done	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Does not meet intervention threshold	Escalate
Poor road surface/no road signs -Old School Lane/Shiplate	Done	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Does not meet intervention threshold	Escalate
Poor road surface/no road signs - Mulberry Lane/Coronation Road	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Escalate
Overgrown vegetation - intersection of Shiplate Road and Coronation Road	Working on it	09/09/2024	09/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Vegetation not yet removed	Monitor
Pedestrian sign requires realigning - Bridge Road	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Weight restriction sign requires realignment - Bridge Road	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Grit bin requires refilling - Purn Way/Bleaden Road	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Poor road surface/faded signs - Celtic Way/Coronation Road/Shiplate	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Poor road surface/no road signs - Rectory Lane/Coronation Road	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Pothole - adjacent to noticeboard (Purn Way)	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Poor road surface -Purn Way (East of Farm Shop)	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Speed limit sign leaning - A370/Bleaden Road	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Poor road surface - Purn Way (past PROW)	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Poor road surface/no road signs - Bridge Road/A370	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Pothole - Coronation Road (Opposite Church)	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Contractor instructed	Monitor
Horse Warning sign knocked down	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Road signs obscured by vegetation - Roman Road approach to Celtic Way	Working on it	21/09/2024	21/12/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC to send letter to householder	Monitor
Faded road signs - approaches to bridge on Accommodation Road	Working on it	21/09/2024	21/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Faded road signs - approaches to bend on Accommodation Road	Working on it	21/09/2024	21/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Poor road conditions - Shiplate Road	Working on it	10/09/2024	31/03/2025	Reported to NSC	Preliminary work planned 2025	Monitor
30 mph road sign at top of Celtic Way needs realigning	Working on it	03/09/2024	03/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Completed by contractor	Monitor
Yellow lines at bottom of Celtic Way	Working on it	14/10/2024	31/03/2025	Reported to NSC	Survey required	Escalate
Heavy rutting along Roman Road	Not Started	10/09/2024	31/03/2025	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Instal mirror opposite Mulberry Lane	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025			Escalate
Instal mirror opposite Chestnut Lane	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025			Escalate
Instal mirror opposite Barton Way	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025			Escalate
20mph speed zone	Stuck		31/03/2025	Negligible public response	Awaiting action	Escalate
Traffic/cycle calming - Mulberry Lane	Stuck		31/03/2025	Discussed with Edenstone		Escalate

Paths and footways						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Slippery surface - South Hill	Done	09/09/2024	09/10/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC investigated - signs to be erected	No further action
Overgrown Diocesan site	Done	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to Diocese	Letter of thanks	No further action
Moss and uneven surface - Shiplate Road (East of Birch Avenue)	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Moss and uneven surface - Shiplate Road (West of Birch Avenue)	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	NSC Contractor instructed	Monitor
Lack of tarmac surface - Shiplate Road (Section opposite School Lane)	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Uncut verge area - The Veale	Working on it	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Monitor
Broken gate post - Purn Way footpath	Stuck	10/09/2024	10/12/2024	Reported to NSC	Awaiting action	Escalate
Streetlights						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Streetlight covered in vegetation - Parish Pump	Done	03/09/2024	03/10/2024	Reported to NSC	Chased - multiple times - complete	No further action
Replacement lamp - Old School Lane	Done		01/06/2024	Contractor invoice awaited	Chased	Monitor
Streetlight not working - Tenterk Close	Working on it	15/10/2024	15/11/2024	Reported to NSC		Monitor
Replacement lamp - The Veale	Stuck	26/09/2024	31/12/2024	Contractor has not actioned	Chased - multiple times	Escalate
Play area						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Additional play bark	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by JAR	4+ cubic metres added	No further action
Fit finger guards on gates	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by JAR		No further action
Remove wooden fence	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by JAR		No further action
Fill void by goal area	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by JAR		No further action
Secure picnic bench with ground anchor	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by PC		No further action
Additional sand for play pit	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by PC	400kg added	No further action
Renovate two benches - play area	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Pressure washed	One stained (1st coat)	No further action
Renovate picnic table - play area	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Pressure washed		Monitor
Replace plaque on bench	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Stored	Fell off bench	Monitor
Concrete in loose post - trim trail	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024			Monitor
New signage	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025			Monitor
Wash/oil trim trail	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025			Monitor
Wash/oil goal area	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025			Monitor
Replace rotten woodwork - multi unit	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Depends upon plans for play area	Monitor
Paint metalwork - multi unit	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Depends upon plans for play area	Monitor
Replace nuts under swing seats	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Depends upon plans for play area	Monitor
Wash/oil multi-unit	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Depends upon plans for play area	Monitor
Wash/oil climbing frame	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Depends upon plans for play area	Monitor
Wash/oil swing seats	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Depends upon plans for play area	Monitor
Fix/replace damaged fence panels	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025			Monitor
Instal rubber mats beneath swings	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Depends upon plans for play area	Monitor
Grass seed eroded areas	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025			Monitor
Replace fixing to climbing set	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Depends upon plans for play area	Monitor
Cut back sycamore tree	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/12/2024		Funding not yet agreed	Escalate

<b>Allotments</b>						
<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Reported</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
Extension of watering system	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by PC	No further complaints	No further action
Replace main gate	Done		01/08/2024	50% funding from Church commissioners		No further action
Establish 'community' composting area	Done		01/08/2024	Put to allotment holders	Insufficient support	No further action
Cut back 'abandoned' plots	Working on it	26/09/2024	31/10/2024	Plots trimmed	Burning authorised	Monitor
Erect staging in polytunnel	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Approved by Council		Monitor
Instal watering system/shading - polyunnel	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Approved by Council		Monitor
New signage	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/12/2024	Approved by Council		Monitor
Realign fencing Plots 10 and 11	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/10/2024			Monitor
<b>Car Park</b>						
<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Reported</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
Put up disabled parking signs	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by PC		No further action
Remove planters - Pea Green	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by JAR		No further action
Remove vegetation around play area	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by JAR		No further action
Remove telegraph pole	Done	26/09/2024	31/03/2025	Ofcom/Openreach approached	CEO Openreach has approved works	Monitor
Address parking barriers	Working on it	14/10/2024	31/03/2025	Two procurement processes to-date	Scheduled for October Council	Monitor
Pressure wash/sand to paving area	Working on it	26/09/2024	31/03/2025	Part washed		Monitor
Loose coping stones (new) - Coronation Hall	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024		Arising from use of scooters	Monitor
Loose coping stones - Jubilee Gardens	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024			Monitor
<b>Churchyard</b>						
<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Reported</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
Undertake memorial inspections	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by PC	Faculty/church approvals secured	No further action
Crack in wall (Old School Lane)	Done	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Discussed with stone mason - no concerns	Tell-tale fitted	No further action
Cut back trees	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024		Faculty to be considered	Monitor
Instal gabions to rear of headstones	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Trial gabion installed	Assistance needed	Monitor
Remove vegetation to walls	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Discussed with contractor	Damaged section of wall identified	Monitor
Remove vegetation - graves	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Undertaken by JAR	Ongoing - discussed with new contractor	Monitor
Resin adhesive to crosss	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Supplies purchased	Assistance needed	Monitor
Cut back wilding area	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024		Requires discussion with PCC	Monitor

Bus Stops						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Renovate bus stop - Church Rooms	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Pressure washed	Awaiting staining	Monitor
Cut back vegetation - Celtic Way	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024			Monitor
Planting schemes						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Remove redundant planters	Done		01/06/2024	Undertaken by JAR		No further action
Acquire plants/plant up	Done		01/06/2024	Undertaken by volunteers	Invoice awaited - main supplier	No further action
Establish watering schedule	Done		01/06/2024	Undertaken by volunteers		No further action
Bulb planting in lay-bys	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Approved by Council	Discussed with contractor	Monitor
Confirm arrangements for 2025	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024			Escalate
Agree scheme for Jubilee Gardens	Working on it	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Design required	Planting by BPC Contractors	Escalate
Defibrilators						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Replace pads at Coronation Hall	Done		01/07/2024			No further action
Defibrillator at The Veale	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025	Dependent upon noticeboard relocation	Matched funding less likely	Monitor
Dog bins/Bins						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Replace bin at Pea Green	Working on it	26/09/2024	31/03/2025	Approved by Council #v	Awaiting action	Monitor
Remove bin in Bleadon Road	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025	Can use NSC bin		Escalate
Replace remaining bins?	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025	New/larger bins - cap/reduce emptying		Escalate
Listed Monuments						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Protective coating to Parish Pump	Working on it	26/09/2024	31/03/2025	Scheme agreed with NSC	Specialist tools required	Monitor
War memorials - within Church	Stuck	26/09/2024	31/03/2025	Legal/funding position shared with PCC	Faculty to be considered	Monitor
Condition of Market Cross	Not Started	26/09/2024	31/03/2025		Steam clean prior to survey	Monitor
Fly Tipping						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Mattress adjacent to A370	Done	20/05/2024	24/05/2024	Reported to NSC	Contractor instructed	No further action
Toilets						
Name	Status	Date Reported	Due date	Action Taken	Note	Conclusion
Address vandalism (Summer 2024)	Done		01/08/2024	Undertaken by JAR	Reported to Police	No further action
Repair guttering	Not Started	26/09/2024	26/12/2024	Investigated - require relining	Possibly form part of wider works	Monitor

## Address to North Somerset Council Executive Committee

**Wednesday 16 October 2024 at 2:30pm**

Good afternoon, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak about rural communities, food and farming in relation to energy and housing.

North Somerset Council has called a Climate and Nature Emergency, and media has reported that coastal areas such as Weston could be underwater by 2030. Conversely, councillors have stated Weston is “*set to become the second biggest settlement in the West of England over the next decade*”, second to Bristol, and the Local Plan is prioritising land use for energy and housing. **How is council protecting the farmland needed to feed the residents? How is it supporting farmers as custodians of the land for future generations?**

Last December I asked this committee to protect and secure food production and farming in its Local Plan and across all its policies. Although I met with councillors, the republished draft local plan did not specifically quantify or protect farmland, with one policy indicating that, “*Farmers are encouraged to diversify their activities and supplement their income from enterprises other than normal food production*”, with several farms proposed for housing. This resulted in a resident requesting a Food Security Emergency in July. **An update on farming and food security would be appreciated.**

In July's press release council indicated a 60% housing increase beyond North Somerset's requirement, due to the government's NPPF. **How is council challenging this damaging target?** Council also stated that it wants “... *to create a Local Plan that also reflects the needs of our environment. Around 85 per cent of our land is at risk from flooding, part of the Mendip Hills landscape, high-quality Green Belt or protected in other ways for environmental or heritage reasons.*” **There was no statement or commitment to protecting rural communities, farming, food production or food security.**

In relation to maximising delivery in urban (not rural) areas, the recent NPPF consultation stated that, “*the new formula increases targets by more than 30% across our Mayoral Combined Authorities*”. Last month council showed interest in joining the West of England Combined Authority (as a LLP on Companies House?) under its regional mayor. This super-authority will be able to borrow money and levy constituent authorities, presumably whether residents directly benefit from the outcome or not, and presumably by increasing council tax. I believe that in joining WECA local democracy will be lost, causing land battles due to competing enforced priorities between rural North Somerset communities and urban combined authority partners, such as Bristol and Bath, that need land to build. **Considering the Localism Act, how does devolving services and increasing costs to parishes, whilst centralising policy and central government money to a mayoral super-region, benefit residents or farming? How does this fit with council's UK100 Countryside membership and global C40 Mayoral Cities?**

Last week Somerset Live reported Bath and Wiltshire's current land battle, quoting the leader of Wiltshire saying, “*Instead of fighting the government's planning reforms which unfairly increase the housing target for rural communities while letting London off the hook, they are instead calling for a more flexible 'regional cross boundary' approach*”. Bath's leader responded, “*Government requires neighbouring authorities to cooperate... This crude target doesn't recognise the unique circumstance of Bath's World Heritage Site status.*” **How is council protecting and enhancing North Somerset's rural heritage and culture, including farming and food production? Especially if some decisions will be made under a regional mayor, tasked with achieving other competing authority requirements.**

As you are aware, the government states that food is one of the 13 National Infrastructure Sectors, which if compromised, could result in significant loss of life or casualties – and that 68% of North Somerset land is enclosed farmland that is already at risk of flooding. Last week, the BBC reported that proposals for the sea-water cooling system at Hinkley Point C will see 44 tonnes of fish ingested and killed every year. The French state-owned EDF plan to offset this loss by flooding 1,500 acres of prime agricultural land between WSM and Clevedon, turning it into salt marshes, which may irrevocably poison the land. **What are councillors doing to protect our rural communities, farmers and food supply from Biodiversity Net Gain policy offsetting such as this?**

**In summary**, how will you, councillors, guarantee that energy, housing and BNG plans will not adversely affect agriculture land, or the associated rural community culture and heritage of local farming, food production and food security? How will you protect rural communities from the pressure of the NPPF, of joining WECA under its regional mayor or a duty to cooperate with neighbouring authority plans?

Thank you

NSC video recording at 34mins <https://youtu.be/PmH9M-M42VA?t=2050>

WEF Young Global Leaders – Davos & Starmer – Starmer & WECA – Deputy & Mayors – WECA & NSC App 1 – Global Covenant of Mayors



**Financial/Staffing Matters**  
**11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**1. Bills for Payment**

- 1.1 Bills for payment for November 2024 are attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The bills for payment schedule includes a sum of £776.39 which reflects estimated employer NI contributions which have not yet been collected by HMRC – employee NI contributions have been collected.

**Recommendations:**

- i) That the bills for payment for November 2024 are approved.
- ii) That Councillors Ann Davies, ID Clarke and/or Andy Scarisbrick be duly authorised to action the online payments.

**2. Bank Balance and Bank Reconciliation**

- 2.1 The Parish Council's end of October bank balances and bank reconciliation at the end of September are attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.2 A successful VAT reclaim in the amount of £3,013.15 has been made.

**Recommendation:**

That the Parish Council's end of October bank balances and bank reconciliation and end of October net position are noted.

**3. National Pay Award**

- 3.1 The National Pay Award has been agreed in respect of the 2024/25 financial year. The likely effect of this is an increase in salary costs of £697.30 in the current year.

**Bills for Payment**  
**15th October - 11th November 2024**

Supplier	Description	Cost Code	Minute	Payment	Power	Net	VAT	Total
HMRC	Income Tax/NI (Employee)	Salary & NI	378.6	DD	1	271.16	0.00	271.16
HMRC	Employer NI - April to October cumulative	Salary & NI	378.6	DD	1	776.39	0.00	776.39
NEST	Pension	Pension Provision	378.6	DD	1	101.50	0.00	101.50
YU Energy	Electricity Usage - Toilets	Utilities (Energy & Water)	378.6	DD	2	18.90	0.94	19.84
Lloyds Credit Card	Bank Charges	Bank Charges	378.6	DD	1	3.00	0.00	3.00
Acorn Workshops	Noticeboards	General Maintenance	380.8.4	BACS	1	5,420.00	1,084.00	6,504.00
Bleadon Coronation Halls	Broadband	IT & Mobile	378.6	BACS	1	298.00	0.00	298.00
Blue Spot Commercial Ltd	Toilets - Cleaning	Public Toilets	378.6	BACS	2	166.72	33.34	200.06
We Dig It SW Ltd	Grounds Maintenance works	Grounds Maintenance Contract	378.6	BACS	1	312.78	62.56	375.34
J.A.R.	Environmental services works and drain clearance	Environmental Services Contract	378.7	BACS	1	790.00	0.00	790.00
J.A.R.	Works to path adjacent to toilet block	Coronation Hall Environs - Phase 2	379.8.5	BACS	1	350.00	0.00	350.00
One Fifty	Hire of cherry picker	Reguiling of Church Clock	378.6	BACS	4	295.00	59.00	354.00
Timsbury Clocks	Parish Clock Restoration	Reguiling of Church Clock	378.6	BACS	4	3,380.00	0.00	3,380.00
Bleadon Coronation Halls	Wine for Contactus event	Social Activities and Events	378.6	BACS	1	66.00	0.00	66.00
Craig Bolt	Poppy Wreath and donation	Chairman's Allowance	378.6	BACS	1	50.00	0.00	50.00
Craig Bolt	Mileage	Travel/Mileage	378.6	BACS	1	32.40	0.00	32.40
Craig Bolt	Scaffold planks - polytunnel	General Maintenance	378.6	BACS	5	200.00	40.00	240.00
Craig Bolt	Wood for polytunnel	General Maintenance	378.6	BACS	5	69.41	13.88	83.29
Craig Bolt	Soap dispenser	General Maintenance	378.6	BACS	2	11.62	2.33	13.95
Craig Bolt	Bulbs for laybys	Parish Flora	378.6	BACS	1	249.82	49.97	299.79
Craig Bolt	Hire of pressure washer	General Maintenance	378.6	BACS	1	50.00	0.00	50.00
Craig Bolt	Plaque sample	Reguiling of Church Clock	378.6	BACS	4	9.99	0.00	9.99
Craig Bolt	Paint for car parking barrier	Coronation Hall Environs - Phase 2	378.6	BACS	1	137.37	27.47	164.84
Craig Bolt	Mobile Phone	IT & Mobile	378.6	BACS	1	3.32	0.67	3.99
Craig Bolt	Salary (includes 25 additional overtime hours)	Salary & NI	378.6	SO	1	1,640.89	0.00	1,640.89
Brian Robinson	Parish Council Clock Winding	Church Clock Maintenance	378.6	SO	4	25.00	0.00	25.00
						<b>£14,729.27</b>	<b>£1,374.16</b>	<b>£16,103.43</b>
<b>Notes (Powers)</b>								
1 - LGA 1972 S112								
2 - Public Health Act 1936 S87								
3 - LGA 1972 S142								
4 - Parish Councils Act 1957 S2								
5 - Allotments Act 1908 S23								

**Bleadon Parish Council**

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)*

<b>A</b>	<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/10/2024</b>		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024		121,973.97
	<b>ADD</b>		
	Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024		85,926.25
			207,900.22
	<b>SUBTRACT</b>		
	Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024		50,449.36
			<b>157,450.86</b>
<b>B</b>	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/10/2024	0.00	
	Bleadon Parish Council Current 31/10/2024	12,711.56	
	Bleadon Parish Council Deposit 31/10/2024	144,739.30	
			<b>157,450.86</b>
	Less unrepresented payments		
		157,450.86	
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
			<b>157,450.86</b>
	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>157,450.86</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		

## Report of the Parish Clerk & RFO

11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Decision Items

#### **1. Bins and Dog Bins**

- 1.1 The Parish Council is currently responsible for the provision and emptying of 5 dog bins and one general bin. The dog bins are at the locations indicated in the plan at Appendix 1. The general bin is adjacent to the toilet block.
- 1.2 The Council has previously authorised the replacement of the general bin (up to a maximum value of £600) and invited comments over the Summer regarding the placement of dog bins. Only one comment was received as part of this consultation. This was considered by the Open Spaces Working Group and the conclusion of the Group was that there was an existing dog bin relatively close to the proposed new location.
- 1.3 The current Environmental Services contract calls for the emptying of 3 specific bins twice a week over the Summer (these are referenced as 'B' bins on the plan at Appendix 1). In practice, the contractor has generally emptied all bins twice a week but has only charged for three. The emptying of bins twice per week effectively ended on 31<sup>st</sup> October. However, members of the Open Spaces Working Group have asked for this to continue pending further consideration by the Council.
- 1.4 The three dog bins which are the subject of emptying twice per week are in the following locations:
  - Purn Way
  - Bleadon Road
  - Allotment Lane
- 1.5 The Environmental Services contractor has advised that the dog bin in Purn Way does not always warrant emptying twice per week (based upon volume as opposed to smell) but that there is no consistent pattern. However, the dog bin at The Veale (which is not officially part of the contract for emptying twice per week) consistently requires emptying more regularly than once per week.
- 1.6 It is also the case that the dog bin in Bleadon Road is located only a few metres from the (one) general bin provided by North Somerset Council and it is permissible for bagged dog bin waste to be deposited in general waste bins (which happens frequently with the bin at Pea Green). The continuation of a dog bin at Bleadon Road would, therefore seem unnecessary.

1.7 Part of the reason for the emptying of bins twice per week related to volume. The other consideration was smell. The volume aspect may be addressed through the provision of larger bins. The general bin adjacent to the toilet is not overly large and a replacement (larger) bin has already been authorised. The existing dog bins are of different designs and sizes but are in the range of 35 litres capacity. It would be possible to purchase new and larger bins. Prices range from £150-200+ per bin dependent upon size/design. In addition to this, there would be costs associated with mounting options and labour. The pole upon which the dog bin in Purn Way is mounted will also need resetting.

1.8 As a way forward, it is suggested that:

- The general bin adjacent to the toilet block is replaced with a larger (black and gold) bin – this principle has already been authorised by the Council.
- That the general bin currently adjacent to the toilet block is fitted with a new liner and relocated to the large Roman Road layby with the schedule of emptying to be concurrent with litter picking of the layby.
- That the dog bin at Bleadon Road be removed and parishioners/others encouraged to use the general bin at the same location.
- That the four remaining dog bins be replaced with larger pole mounted bins of the type referenced in Appendix 2 – with Councillors determining the type and colour of the bins.
- That the Clerk is authorised to commit the Council to up to an additional 100 bin collections (equating to £600) per financial year as a means of managing any transitional arrangements.

1.9 The financial implications are two-fold – acquisition costs and ongoing emptying. The acquisition costs can be summarised as follows:

- New general bin - £600
- Replacement liner for existing bin - £150
- New dog bins - £800 (including mounting brackets)
- Labour for the above £200

As per the Quarter 2 monitoring report considered by Council at its previous meeting, there will be underspends in respect of a number of revenue budget cost centres. The above works could, therefore, be progressed without compromising the delivery of current services or planned projects.

1.10 The ongoing costs of emptying are a little more difficult to fully quantify at this stage. There will be theoretical savings of approximately £400 a year from the removal of the dog bin at Bleadon Road. However, these savings need to be set against fairly paying the contractor for continuing to empty relevant bins twice per week. What constitutes a 'relevant' bin will also depend upon whether the acquisition of larger bins results in a reduction in the frequency of emptying. It is, therefore, suggested that the Clerk is delegated authority to commit to additional bin emptying in the interim and that the position be

reviewed in readiness for the Summer of 2025. It is possible that the net effect of the changes will be broadly neutral. However, the Council has built in contingency provision (approximately £2,000) as part of its Contracted Services cost centre to address such issues.

**Recommendations:**

- i. That the Council agrees to the purchase of four replacement dog bins at a cost not exceeding £1,000.
- ii. That the dog bin at Bleadon Road be removed.
- iii. That the bin adjacent to the toilet block be refurbished and moved to the Roman Road. The cost of refurbishment/relocation to not exceed £200.
- iv. That the Clerk be authorised to commit the Council to up to an additional 100 bin collections (equating to £600) per financial year as a means of managing any transitional arrangements.
- v. That the Clerk be authorised to dispose of any redundant bins.

**2. Plug Plants for Planting Scheme**

- 2.1 The Council has previously agreed to works to the polytunnel to enable seeds/plug plants to be grown on as part of the Summer planting scheme for 2025. The Open Spaces Working Group has identified the need for up to 750 plug plants, with begonias as part of any future planting scheme. The Clerk is in the process of exploring options for the wholesale purchase of plug plants and the Council will receive an update report at its next meeting.

**Recommendation:**

That that the Council authorise the actions of the Clerk in securing plug plants for the 2025 summer planting scheme.

**3. Open Spaces Working Group – Chairing**

- 3.1 Councillor Clarke has tendered her resignation as a permanent member of the Open Spaces Working Group. In accordance with the previous decision of Council, Councillor Clarke will continue to receive future agendas of the Working Group.
- 3.2 Councillor Clarke and Councillor Sheppard shared a co-chairing arrangement partly in recognition of the breadth of issues falling under the Working Group. As a consequence, Council should consider and confirm future chairing arrangements.

**Recommendation:**

That the Council considers arrangements for the chairing of the Open Spaces Working Group.

#### **4. Consultation on Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting**

- 4.1 The Government has issued a consultation paper seeking views on proposals to allow remote attendance and proxy voting in Local Authority meetings. The deadline for responses is 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Details of the consultation can be found at [Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings)
- 4.2 The Council may wish to consider a response to the consultation document.

##### **Recommendation:**

That the Council considers its response to the consultation document.

#### **5. The Law Commission's Consultation Paper on Burial and Cremation**

- 5.1 The Law Commission is conducting a consultation in relation to Burial and Cremation. The deadline for responses is 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Details of the consultation can be found at [Burial and Cremation - Law Commission](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/burial-and-cremation-law-commission). The consultation largely relates to the functions of Burial Authorities and Local Authority Cemeteries. The Parish Council does not have duties in respect of either of these functions. However, there is a small part of the consultation which references the issue of the transfer of responsibilities in relation to closed churchyards. Despite this being an issue where there is some confusion in relation to process, maintenance standards, the fairness (or otherwise) of the financial consequences of transfer and potential conflict with Faculty Permissions, the Law Commission is not currently proposing any changes in relation to the issue of closed churchyards. This would seem to be a missed opportunity. As a consequence, the Council may wish to consider a response to the consultation document.

##### **Recommendation:**

That the Clerk be authorised to respond to the consultation paper, in consultation with Councillor Sheppard (lead for the churchyard) and Councillor Sugg (lead for memorials).

#### **6. Allotments – Re-alignment of Plots**

- 6.1 A tenant has vacated two heavily overgrown plots. The plots had at some point been sub-divided to create three plots running East to West. All other plots at the allotment site run North to South. In order to re-let the plots, it has been necessary to undertake some remedial action which has included the

removal of some items and the re-alignment of boundary fences. Both plots have been successfully re-let on this basis. The plots in question also share a boundary with the Council's polytunnel and work was previously authorised by Council to clear part of the polytunnel site to support the siting of water tanks. As a consequence, the works have been progressed in tandem and it is likely that the costs of the additional works will not exceed £100.

**Recommendation:**

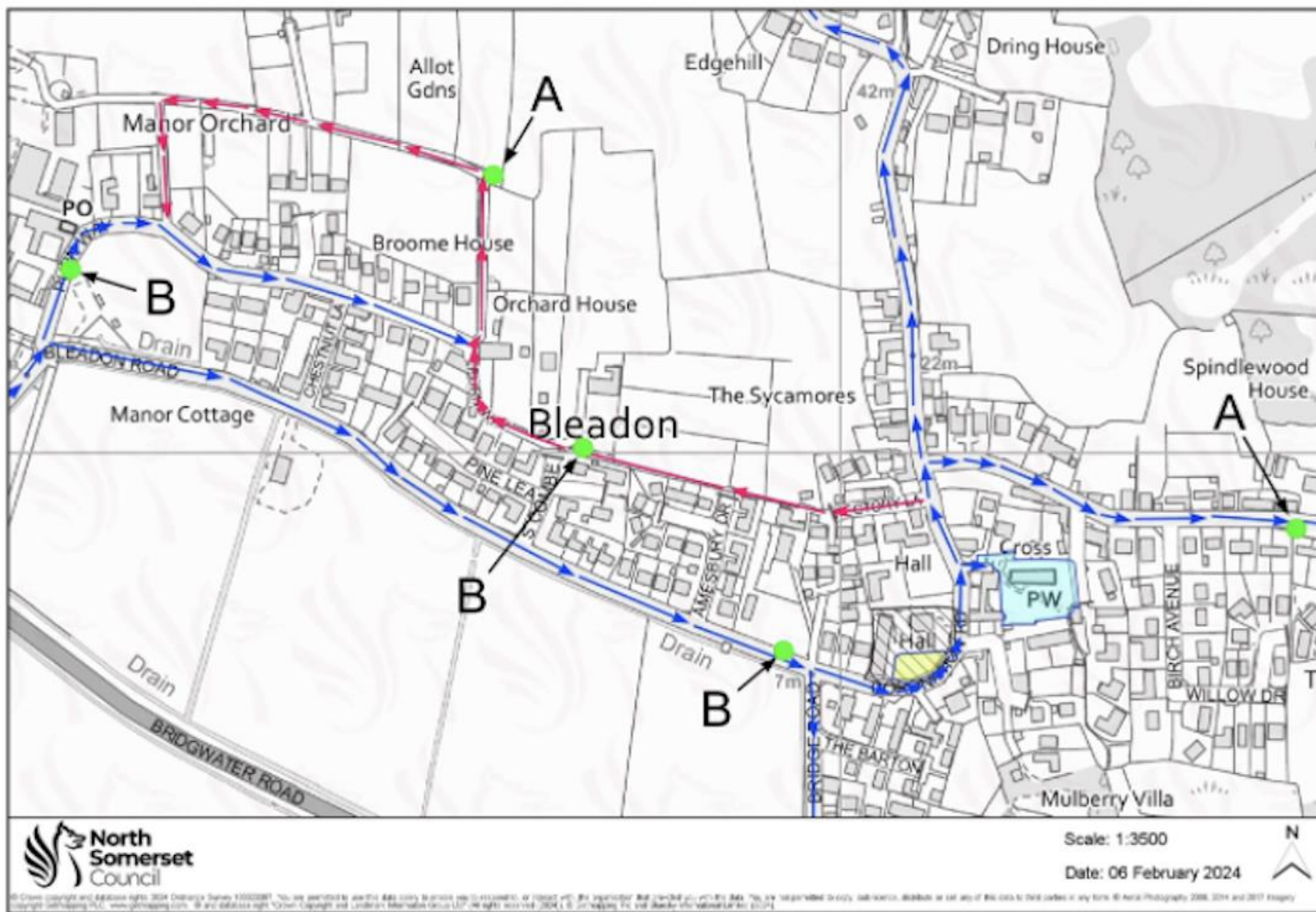
That the Council notes the action taken by the Clerk.

**Information Items/Correspondence Received**

1. Update in relation to North Somerset Council's 'Delivering Together' project.
2. Completion of iLCA qualification by the Parish Clerk.
3. Correspondence with Edenstone and North Somerset Council regarding footpaths.



Dog Bin Locations



## Appendix 2

### Dog Bin Options

Dog Bins					Appendix 2
Name	Size	Indicative Cost	Colours	Image	Link
Rydal	40l	£135	Black, Red or Green		<a href="https://www.kingfisherdirect.co.uk/dog-poo-bin-40-litres?utm_term=&amp;utm_campaign=Performance+Max-+Over/Near/Index+%5B300%5D+MM&amp;utm_source=adwords&amp;utm_medium=ppc&amp;hsa_acc=1689393911&amp;hsa_cam=20530456951&amp;hsa_grp=&amp;hsa_ad=&amp;hsa_src=x&amp;hsa_tgt=&amp;hsa_kw=&amp;hsa_mt=&amp;hsa_net=adwords&amp;hsa_ver=3&amp;gad_source=1&amp;gbrad=0AAAAADyPRL8eyUtMHuqY">https://www.kingfisherdirect.co.uk/dog-poo-bin-40-litres?utm_term=&amp;utm_campaign=Performance+Max-+Over/Near/Index+%5B300%5D+MM&amp;utm_source=adwords&amp;utm_medium=ppc&amp;hsa_acc=1689393911&amp;hsa_cam=20530456951&amp;hsa_grp=&amp;hsa_ad=&amp;hsa_src=x&amp;hsa_tgt=&amp;hsa_kw=&amp;hsa_mt=&amp;hsa_net=adwords&amp;hsa_ver=3&amp;gad_source=1&amp;gbrad=0AAAAADyPRL8eyUtMHuqY</a>
Retriever	50l	£235	Red or Green		<a href="https://uk.glasdon.com/litter-bins/dog-waste-bins/retriever-50-tm-dog-waste-bin">https://uk.glasdon.com/litter-bins/dog-waste-bins/retriever-50-tm-dog-waste-bin</a>
Wybone	56l	£150	Red or Green		<a href="https://wybone.co.uk/product/dog-waste-bin-with-lift-up-lid/">https://wybone.co.uk/product/dog-waste-bin-with-lift-up-lid/</a>
Regent	50l	£166	Any Colour		<a href="https://www.roadware.co.uk/regent-50-litre-dog-waste-bin-post-wall-mount/">https://www.roadware.co.uk/regent-50-litre-dog-waste-bin-post-wall-mount/</a>