



MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOMS AT 7pm ON MONDAY 5th APRIL 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors: Kirsten Hemingway (Chairman), Huw Boyce, Ann Davies, Sara Garrett, Graham Getty, Mary Sheppard and Gill Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Locum Clerk)
WARD COUNCILLOR: Cllr Porter
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Nine

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

i) **Members of the public**

A resident brought up a couple of issues in relation to inconsiderate parking. The bottom of Mulberry Lane junction with Coronation Road and Junction of Shiplate Road and Coronation Road next to New Bay Cottage (particularly on a Friday / Saturday night) which leads to blocked visibility around the bend and vehicles having to move to the other side of the road potentially meeting oncoming traffic.

A resident spoke against the planning application 23/P/0140/FUL - Land off Bleadon Road opposite junction to Chestnut Lane, Bleadon Road with concerns about the forward location of the barn, noise and light pollution. Concern was also raised about the size increase of the application. A resident spoke in support of the planning application and how important it is to support local agriculture.

A Councillor spoke in support of the current bus drivers who have to navigate the country lanes.

ii) **Ward Councillor's report**

Cllr Porter commented on the issue with parking throughout the Parish and various Hutton issues. He spoke in support of the new on demand bus service and encourage members of the public to use the service. He reported that the initial trial had gone well although they were expecting initial teething troubles as it is rolled out across North Somerset.

He mentioned the sad news of the neighbouring Clerk passing and the designation of agricultural vs brownfield sites.

Cllr Hemingway opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

The meeting was convened.

363.1. To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies were received from District Councillor Mike Solomon

363.2. Declarations of interests

Declarations of interests were received from Cllr Sheppard in relation to agenda item 363.15 planning application 23/P/0140/FUL - Land off Bleadon Road opposite junction to Chestnut Lane Bleadon Rd as a landowner.

363.3. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 13th of March.

Resolved: To approve the minutes of 13th of March 2023 with the following amendments

362.7 (i) Addition of 'Hall' to Coronation Committee.
362.15 & 362.16 removal of page numbers
362.18 correction to the Regilding EMR to £16,043

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (with 1 abstention due to absence)

The minutes of the meetings to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

363.4. To discuss the grant application received from the Coronation Group.

Resolved: To agree a £50 contribution for hall hire and a £250 contribution for entertainment on the proviso that the Clerk sees evidence that the event is covered by insurance.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

Resolved: To agree that the picnic lunch may be held in the carpark on the proviso that the Clerk sees evidence that a risk assessment is carried out. The Clerk to support the group with a risk assessment if required.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

363.5. To receive the Clerks report/Exchange of information: Please note that the Council is unable to make any formal decision under this item.

i) Parish Council drop in on a Wednesday morning from 10am until 12 at the Café.

It has been agreed that the Parish Council may hold a drop in every Wednesday morning between 10am and 12 at the café for Councillors / members of the public to speak to the Clerk.

ii) 2020/2021, 2021/2022 AGAR Challenges

Whilst the decision letter for the first objector had been received then there were further questions raised in relation to the second objector which had resulted in a delay to the 2nd decision letter. With the Councils permission the Clerk would be giving the external auditor permission to use the evidence gathered from the responses agreed at the last Parish Council Meeting to further inform the responses to the second objector.

Once the decision letters have been finalised there is a 21-day period for the complainants to appeal the decision. Once this is over and if there have been no challenges the AGAR and associated report will be signed off and sent through with their invoice.

iii) Coronation Hall Meeting and Waste Collection

The Clerk attended the last Coronation Hall meeting to discuss the current situation in relation to the ownership and therefore maintenance of the Coronation Hall.

The waste collections were discussed and the Clerk along with members of the Coronation Hall Committee then met North Somerset. The collections moving forward will be a separate 240l black wheelie bin for dog waste which will be collected on a Wednesday. The remaining waste will be deposited as previously agreed in the two 360l wheelie bins. There was discussion in relation to the green waste bins which are only used by the Parish Council – separate agenda item to approve annual collection.

iv) Old School Lane Street Light

This has now been fixed the new colour had been noted by parishioners which is due to the fact it is now LED.

v) **Regilding of the Clock**

There will be a delay to this project for the following reasons:

- Concern that the faculty notice was not displayed correctly. Clarification being sought from the diocese.
- The Reverend is on sabbatical for the next 3 months and Diocese has requested that the work is not undertaken until his return.
- Requirement for insurance purposes of a risk assessment, method statement and programme of works all of which must be agreed by both insurance companies, the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Reverend.

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

- ALCA e-learning on nimble £14 each**
- Breakthrough communications training £30**
- Various finance training £30**

The training above was noted.

363.7. To agree the following expenditure.

- £305 for new defibrillator battery**

Resolved: To approve the purchase of a new defibrillator battery for £305.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- Annual fee of £150 to current grass cutting contractor for additional strimming around bench**

A volunteer has kindly agreed to strim the area which will be reviewed in three 3 months.

- £85 for the Annual Independent Play Inspection Report.**

Resolved: To agree £85 for the Annual Independent Play Inspection Report.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- £55 to join the National Allotment Society.**

Resolved: To agree an annual fee of £55 to join the National Allotment Society.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- £110 for the for the green waste collection.**

The Clerk updated the Council that it was actually £55 a bin so it would be a cost of £110.

Resolved: To agree an annual cost of £110 to empty the green waste bins located at the Coronation Halls.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- £495 + travel expenses to Rialtas for end of year close down service.**

Resolved: To agree a £495 + travel expenses to Rialtas for end of year close down service.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

363.8. To agree who will undertake the following annual visual inspections for budgeting purposes.

- i) **Benches Cllr Clarke and Shepherd**
- ii) **Dog bins – Cllr Boyce**
- iii) **Grit bins Cllr Clarke & Shepherd**
- iv) **Litter bins – Cllr Davies**
- v) **Noticeboards – Village Ranger**
- vi) **Bus Shelters – Cllr Garrett**
- vii) **Plant Tubs & Poly Tunnel - Cllr Getty**

Resolved: The Councillors / Ranger named above to complete the annual visual inspections and return them to the Clerk.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

363.9. To agree that the Grass Contractor leaves an uncut area in the churchyard from May until October to create an Animal Corridor (page 11).

Resolved: To agree that the Grass Contractor leaves an uncut area in the churchyard from May until October to create an Animal Corridor on the proviso that the PCC do the first cut in October.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

363.10. To agree a location for the Coronation Tree (page 11).

Deferred to allow the Clerk to speak to the landowner of the Purn bus stop area to see if it would be possible to plant a productive tree in this location.

Standing orders were suspended to allow a resident to speak.

A suggestion was raised that the tree could be located opposite the WI Chat bench in the field the other side of the Ryne 30 ft from ditch. Concern was raised that this would mean that members of the public would be unable to pick any produce.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

363.11. To note the data breach complaint lodged against the Parish Council.

The data breach complaint against the Parish Council and the Clerks response were noted.

363.12. To authorise bills for payment for April.

Resolved: To authorise the payments for April. Cllr Clarke and Cllr Williams to authorise the payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

363.13. To note the Parish Council's end of March budget position and bank reconciliations.

The Clerk tabled end of March bank reconciliations and informed the meeting that whilst this was the current budget due to the incorrect placement of some items that the final budget position would not look the same as presented at this meeting. It was hoped this would be completed for the Annual Parish Meeting.

363.14. To note the Governments Permitted Development Rights Consultation Permitted development rights consultation and agree a response.

Cllr Hemingway to read and her thoughts to be emailed round to Councillors.

363.15. To note and comment upon planning application 23/P/0140/FUL - Land off Bleadon Road opposite junction to Chestnut Lane Bleadon Rd. Extension to existing agricultural building to create additional hay and machinery storage.

Cllr Clarke reported on the site visit. The Councillors who met were unable to find any reasons for objection. However, there were concerns about the aesthetics of the building.

A discussion ensued in relation to supporting agricultural development in a rural area although concern was raised in relation to the increase in the size of the building, aesthetics, increase in traffic, light pollution and noise.

Resolved: To not object to this application but ask for conditions for more screening, improvement to the access of the driveway and ensure the barn is sympathetic within the rural setting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (4 in favour, 3 abstention)

363.16. To note planning decision 22/P/0157/FUL - Land at Wick Wharf, Fakeham Road, Bleadon. Erection of an agricultural building. WITHDRAWN

The Clerk informed the meeting that the following application had been decided since the agenda had been published.

23/P/0283/FUH 3, Shiplate Road Bleadon North Somerset BS24 0NG. Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed erection of a single-storey rear extension, replacement of existing bay window to the front elevation with a new box bay window and creation of additional hardstanding to allow access for EV charging. **APPROVED**

363.17. Date and Time of next meeting

Annual Meeting of the Parish Thursday 13th April 2023, 7:30pm at Jubilee Hall
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Thursday 11th May 2023, 7:30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50

.....Chairman

.....Date