

# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Session

### District Councillor Terry Porter

He provided the meeting with an apology for absence from District Councillor Mike Solomon who was self-isolating currently in Portugal. He had investigated the removal of a hedge on the A370 and although the perpetrator was at fault it had been deemed subsequently by North Somerset as being an eventual improvement. As to the felling of the Trees at Shiplate only the Forestry Commission had ultimate authority and in their view the action was permissible. Councillors did once again express their dismay at to what appeared a wholesale removal far beyond what could be considered reasonable given the evidence of Ash disease. He apologised for the apparent delay in getting any progress on the A370 improvements but he could confirm that progress albeit slowly was being made. The likelihood of the necessary collapsed bank repairs was now scheduled for September. After a couple of questions from Councillors he departed from the meeting.

## MINUTES

**Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.** The meeting commenced at **7.23 pm** when the following business was transacted.

### PRESENT

**Chairman Gill Williams with Councillors Huw Boyce I D Clarke Ann Davies Kirsten Hemingway Mary Sheppard Rob Tyson and the Parish Clerk Bruce Poole**

After the departure of the District Councillor there was on e member of the public present.

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

Cllr A Scarisbrick – the reasons were noted.

**343.2 Declarations of interests**

None

**343.3 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council that was held virtually on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 that had been previously circulated be taken as read agreed as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

#### 343.4 Past Matters for report purposes

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| (1)  | Public Session   | 342        |
|      | (a) Tree felling at Woodlands Farm   |            |
|      | Members are aware of the circulated correspondence relating to this subject matter.  |            |
|      | (b) Damaged Bank Bleadon Road  |            |
|      | Remains outstanding  |            |
| (2)  | Dropped Pavement   | 342.10.1   |
|      | Currently being investigated with North Somerset as to the delay   |            |
| (3)  | Emergency Exit – Coronation Hall   | 342.10.2   |
|      | Please see Agenda Item 343.7.8   |            |
| (4)  | Corporate Multi-Pay Card   | 342.10.5   |
|      | Work in progress   |            |
| (5)  | Planning Working Group   | 342.10.7   |
|      | Please see Agenda Item 343.7.7   |            |
| (6)  | A370 Improvements  | 342.10.8   |
| (7)  | Pavement – surface breaking up   | 342.10.9   |
|      | No progress as yet   |            |
| (8)  | Church Clock – Re-Gilding  | 342.10.11  |
|      | Work in progress in regards to quotations one being received to date in the sum of £10,000 plus  |            |
| (9)  | Additional Dog Bins & Water Butts  | 342.10.12  |
|      | Ready to proceed with the proposed siting of the dog bin which the Village Ranger is intending to embrace in his current monthly price structure. As to the water butts the Clerk received an e-mail earlier in the day setting out a suggested programme. |            |
| (10) | Internal Audit   | 342.13.1.  |
|      | Please see Agenda Item 343.7.4   |            |
| (11) | Public Right of Inspection period  | 342.13.1.d |
|      | Required notice now posted on the Web Site and Notice Board  |            |
| (12) | Re-appointment of Internal Auditor   | 342.13.9   |
|      | Confirmed and a note of 2021/22 charges has been received  |            |
| (13) | APM Draft Minutes  | 342.13.11  |
|      | Concluded  |            |
| (14) | Purchase of the replacement of 2 no round picnic tables  | 342.13.12  |
|      | Awaiting delivery  |            |
| (15) | Purchase of 2 no 4 Wheeled Euro Bins   | 342.13.13  |
|      | Now in situ. Currently waiting upon North Somerset to advise as to collection and costs. A green waste charge of £10.00 has been paid  |            |

19.43 The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order to allow Mrs Paterson Chairman of the Coronation Halls Management to speak. The discussion centred around the provision of water butts the proposed location of same the provision of 2 No Euro Bins and the external compound.

19.52 The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders.

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| (16) | Tree work – Celtic Way   | 342.13.14 |
|      | It was confirmed that appropriate tree order had been secured by the Tree Surgeon who had been appointed to carry out the work |           |

Cllr. K Hemmingway gave a verbal report more specifically about the IDB's (Internal Drainage Board) approach to the Bleadon Road Rhyne and the presence of Floating Penny Wort.

### 343.5 Chairman's Report.

She was sorry to hear of the recent resignation of Cllr David Sharman through ill health and it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be issued by the Parish Council. She also made mention of the wonderful work that had been undertaken by the Bloomers in the past week or so. She understood that two members had donated over 2500 plants between them. The Tubs were looking extremely good as was the siting of a second "Chat" Bench recently donated by Roger and Val Hart.

### 343.6 Planning Applications

#### 1. Current Applications

20/P/2614/FUL	<i>Change of use of land from pasture to site for timber lodges for year round holiday use in association with the existing holiday park – Land at Purn Holiday Park Bridgwater Road Bleadon – 14/12/20 <u>The Parish Council recommends refusal for the following reasons – To close to the river – the lake previously formed part of the river years ago and has now been separated by a bank – would have a detrimental affect t on the wild life – and is over-development</u></i>	Refused 20/05/20
20/P/2959/FUL	<i>Retrospective application for the erection of agricultural store building – Land to the South West of Bridgwater Road Bleadon – 28/12/20</i>	
21/P/0545/FUH	<i>Erection of composite timber decking to rear of house incorporating steps down to the back garden – Mendip Croft Celtic Way Bleadon BS24 ONA – 07/04/21- <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended the application</u></i>	Approved 20/04/21
21/P/0759/FUH	<i>Proposed single storey side extension to provide residential annexe – Bridleway Roman Road Bleadon BS24 OAD – 30/04/21 - <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended the application</u></i>	
21/P/0786/FUL	<i>Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings erection of 2 No's Two storey dwellings detached garages and associated works. – Wallflower House 30 Coronation Road Bleadon BS24 OPG (20/P/2085/FUL &amp; 20/P/2096/FUL) – 04/05/21- <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended approval</u></i>	
21/P/0791/FUH	<i>Proposed erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension and a new front porch – 7 Council Houses Bridgwater Road Bleadon BS24 OBG – 30/04/21 - <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended the application</u></i>	Approved 25/05/21
21/P/0845/FUH	<i>Replacement of balcony on the first floor East elevation and creation of balcony on first floor South Elevation – Wonderstone Cottage Shiplate Road Bleadon BS24 ONX – 04/05/21 - <u>The Council had no objections and therefore recommended the application</u></i>	Approved 25/05/21
21/P/1166/FUL	<i>Application to vary condition 3 attached to planning permission 20/P/1918/FUH (proposed erection of a two storey rear extension to link the main dwelling to the detached rear garage; First floor above the garage and erection of a dormer to the front elevation)to allow for condition to be amended to allow for two obscured glass roof windows into the back of the roof that faces north east – 20 The Veale Bleadon - 31/05/21 – <u>The Parish Council had no objections and therefore recommended approval of this application. Del</u></i>	
21/P/1183/TPO	<i>G1 – 4 x Beech – Lift Crown over garden by 6m 2m clearance over garage – Heathgates Hillside Road Bleadon BS24 OAA – <u>No objections</u></i>	Approved 07/06/21

21/P/1558/TPO

T1 - Monterey Cypress - Remove 2 partially failed limbs, 3m from ground on W side of tree. T2 - Ash - Remove 4 dead limbs. T3 - Poplar - Remove dead top section, approx. 3m of stem. T4 - Poplar - Remove major deadwood. T5 - Poplar - Fell due cavity at 1m from ground on S side of stem. T6 - Poplar - dead - fell. T7 - Ash - Fell - poor vitality. T8 - Pine - remove major deadwood. T9 - Ash - Remove major deadwood. T10 - Pine - Remove major deadwood. T11 - Monterey Cypress - Remove partially failed branch at 15m from ground. T12 - Monterey Cypress - Remove partially failed branches throughout crown. T13 - Monterey Cypress - Remove dead top section, approx. 5m of stem. T14 - Monterey Cypress - fell due areas of decay and woodworm. T15 - Poplar - reduce to previous points. T16 - Poplar - Crown reduce up to 2.5m. T17 - Monterey Cypress - Remove 2 partially failed limbs from top of crown, reduce 2 hazard beam limbs on S and N laterals of tree crown - 1 Roman Road Bleadon BS24 0AB - 28/06/21

**2. Enforcement Cases**

21/00271/UAW – 24A Coronation Road Bleadon – Demolishing of boundary wall to create a wider access way. It was noted as a concern the fact that owner of the property had taken down part of the Parish Council’s Wall. A letter from the Parish Council has been sent to the property owner.

343.7

**Resolutions**

**1. To receive the Draft Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and to note the completion of the Clerk’s 2021 Appraisal and the following recommendation**

**(a) To resolve to increase the Clerk’s weekly working hours from 14 pw to 18 pw backdated to the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Resolved to accept the Draft Minutes of the Personnel Committee and to also approve their recommendation relating to the Parish Clerk’s working hours increase from 14 hours per week to 18 hours per week backdated to the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**2. To consider a suggestion from a Bleadon Resident: That the Council considers using some of the £10K COVID-19 grant money (currently £7,000) to urgently and directly inform residents of the Yellow Card system and associated reported COVID-19 vaccination side-effects e.g. via a special leaflet.**

Quite a lengthy discussion took place on this subject matter which at the conclusion it was:

Resolved not to take the suggested action although the Council Member’s recognised the value in broadcasting the Government’s Yellow Card System.

**3. To resolve to consider ways that Bleadon Parish Council might celebrate Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022**

Resolved that a Working Party would be set up forthwith for any interested councillors and/or members of the public to participate in order to deliberate on the subject matter and to subsequently make recommendations to the Parish

**4. To receive the Internal Auditor’s Report to (attached)**

- (a) the Internal Auditor and noted the proposed recommendations**
- (b) to the Parish Council noting the recommendations contained therein.**

Received and note the proposed recommendations

5. To resolve to adopt the following two policies:

- (a) Equality & Diversity
- (b) Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Resolved to adopt

6. To receive a verbal report regarding the presence of Japanese Knotweed in the Churchyard

The Clerk updated the meeting on what steps to date had been taken in order to eradicate the problem plant.

7. To receive a verbal report from the Planning Working Party and to note the recommendations thereto:

Resolved to note that a written report had been e-mailed to members prior to the meeting which sets out how the Parish Council might proceed in the future in answering as it is required to do received Planning Applications.

Resolved to note that once the Clerk had added any observations that he might have relating to future delegation powers a planning protocol would be presented to the Council for ratification.

8. To resolve to proceed with the Fire Officer's recommendations to upgrade the existing disabled access in the Coronation Hall and to note the following:

- (a) Quote A - £3,425.00
- (b) Quote B
- (c) Quote C

Resolved to note the disappointment of just receiving one quote but after an explanation what was planned it was agreed that K C Construction of Burnham-on-Sea would be instructed to carry out the proposed and necessary regulatory improvements.

**343.8 Financial**

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

(25)	Zoom Subscription	May 2021	11.99	2.40
(26)	Fountain Timber	2 No Round Picnic Tables	561.58	112.32
(27)	3G Mobile	May 2021	14.82	2.96
(28)	Webglu	Updates Maarch	120.00	24.00
(29)	Mr B Poole	Clerk's Salary (S/O)	1471.60	
(30)	Viking	Stationery	31.18	6.24
(31)	Came & Co	Annual Insurance Premium	2,536.76	
(33)	Parish On Line	Subscription	81.00	16.20
(34)	Opus Energy	Street Lighting	13.44	.67
(35)	Miss E Young	Issue 118	400.00	
(36)	Mr B Poole	Homeworking – May	26.00	
(37)	Blue Spot	Toilet Cleansing (S/O)	216.66	
(38)	Mr A Leonard	Village Ranger (S/O)	602.00	

(39)	Post Office	Parcel to Internal Auditor	15.85	
(40)	Post Office	Postage	27.12	
(41)	SLCC	National Conference	349.00	69.80
(42)	Westcroft Eggs	Supply of Compost	299.60	59.92
(43)	SSE	Public Toilets	40.11	2.00
(44)	Cartridge People	Stationery	72.50	14.50
(45)	ALCA	2021 Subscription	303.87	
(46)	Mr A Leonard	Stationery	<u>15.00</u>	
			7210.08	311.01

Approved by Cllrs. Clarke & Davies

(47)	Mrs B Bowen	Internal Audit Report 2021	275.00	
		Postage	15.85	
(48)	Webglu	Updates – May	52.50	10.50
(49)	Webglu	Website Hosting – NP	63.00	12.60
(50)	Webglu	Website Hosting – Jly/Sep	74.50	14.90
(51)	Zoom	Monthly Hosting Fee	11.99	2.40
(52)	Water Business	Public Toilets	85.95	
(53)	SLCC	CAB 12 <sup>th</sup> Edition	123.00	.80
(54)	North Somerset	Green Waste (BP)	10.00	
(55)	HG3	Mobile - May	14.82	2.96
(56)	GB Sports & Leisure	Inspection – Apr	15.00	3.00
(57)	GB Sports & Leisure	Inspection – May	15.00	3.00
(58)	Taylor Thorne	Village News - Issue 118	<u>790.00</u>	
			1546.61	50.16

**Resolved** to note the proposed expenditure and that Cllrs. Williams and Davies would be signing the requested cheques.

### 343.9 To receive reports from the following for information purposes only:

- (a) Allotments and Churchyard

Cllr. Sheppard mentioned the poor state of Plots Lower 7 & 8 especially as there was 5 people on the waiting list. The Chairman indicated that she in fact had walked through the allotment earlier that date and it looked as though someone was actually attending the offending plots.

**Resolved** that permission should be given to the occupant of Plot 2 Lower Lower Half to erect a Greenhouse.

The Clerk was asked to see that any brambles around the Church be cut back asap.

- (b) Public Rights of Way and Footpaths

A report was given regarding the overgrown footpath that comes off WMW towards Purn Way adjacent to the Village Shop.

- (c) Marshalls Liaison (*Subject matter to be removed from future agendas*)  
 (d) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety  
 (e) Roads and Transport

(f) Play Area

(g) Bleadon Village News

Noted that Issue 118 had been circulated over the weekend and that the Editor was to be congratulated on the income she had generated on the issue

(h) Youth Club

An explanation was given by the Clerk how the donations towards lighting had been handled to date.

(i) Coronation Halls Management Committee

(j) ALCA

Cllr. I D Clarke indicated that she would not be attending the meeting due to it being held virtually. The Clerk indicated that he would be attending.

(k) Neighbourhood Plan Group

(l) Bleadon in Bloom

Cllr. Hemmingway gave details of the proposed judging visit on the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

(m) Councillors

(n) Parish Clerk

Gave details of the proposed cost for the Waste Bin Compound to be undertaken by the Village Ranger in the sum of £690.00

### **343.10 Correspondence**

(1)	Mr John Penrose MP	Reference felling of trees	*
(2)	Mrs R Flavell	Japanese Knotweed	*
(3)	Cllr. H Boyce	Siting of a Caravan on South Hill	*
		Discharge of Water – Bungalows at School Lane	*
(4)	NS	Town & Parish Digest – May	BP
(5)	Various	Quotes for Clock Maintenance – ReGilding	BP
		Quotes for evidence of Japanese Knotweed	BP
(6)	Rialtas	June 2021 Newsletter	*
(7)	Mrs B Bowen	Internal Audit Report 2021	BP
(8)	Kaspersky	Monthly Report	*

### **343.11 Date and Time of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**