

JUBILEE NOTES

14 Jun 21 Min 343.7. 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**" [This was stated to be a BPC project, where were the recommendations officially minuted and published to residents?](#)

12 Jul 21 Min 344.5 "Chairman's Announcements The Chairman took the opportunity of thanking Cllr. Kirsten Hemingway and her fellow Bloomers for the excellent work achieved in readiness for the inspection visit on the 5th July. She also reported on the **outcome of the recent village gathering to discuss how Bleadon might celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**"

12 Jul 21 Min 344.7.3. "To consider what steps are to now be implemented with regard to the proposal of ReGilding the Church Clock especially noting the likely costs and where the funding will be sourced. Resolved in principal that the **re-gilding of the Church Clock** would be undertaken and in time for it to be part of the Parish Council's celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. Resolved that immediate steps would be taken to **source ways of funding the expected insitu charge of £12,000**. However in the event that insufficient funds were realised **any shortfall would be underwritten by the balance of the Covid-Grant**" [In Feb 22 resolved to use the Contingency EMR, see below?](#)

13 Sept 21 Min 354.4.11 "Queen's Platinum Jubilee Chairman Gill explained the problems around the attempt to hold a **meeting on the 7th September** and what was being organised for a reinstated meeting. Discussion was also had with the **proposed procedure in lighting and securing a Beacon.**"

13 Dec 21 Min 347.4.7 "7) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Noted that the **next "interested groups" would be held on the 17th January**" [Where are the decisions of this meeting minuted?](#)

10 Jan 22 Min 348.4.5 "Queen's Platinum Jubilee 347.4.7 Work in progress"

14 Feb 22 Min 350.7.5 "To Resolve from which ERM should the transfer of a sum of money be taken to cover the ultimate 2021-2022 budget deficit. Resolved that EMR entitled "Special" in the sum £9,560.00 be used and that the **EMR entitled "Contingency" in the sum of £19,250.00 be used for any shortfall from the funding of the re-gilding of the Church Clock** [In July 21 resolved to use the Covid-Grant balance, see above?](#)

14 Feb 22 Min 350.7.7 " To note a quote received for the proposed external painting of the Coronation Hall in the sum £2,450 excluding materials. Resolved **that due to the absence of any further quotes and the time restrictions imposed by the Platinum Jubilee dates** that the quotation of £2,450 be accepted once the cost of materials is known and deemed acceptable."

14 Feb Min 350.9.f "Bleadon Village News Cllrs. S Garrett and R Tyson gave a verbal update following their meeting with Ellie. Following a negotiated deduction in printing costs it was noted that a single magazine came out at .62 pence. **Agreed for the next two issues (Platinum Jubilee) an additional 400 copies would be produced and delivered as far as possible on Bleadon Hill.**" [Bleadon Hill is outside of the parish, is this a permitted and acceptable use of resident taxes?](#)

14 Feb 22 Min 350.9 (l) Clock Re-Gilding Cllr. A Davies indicated that she had up graded the **flyer** and ask for support to see that it was widely distributed within the village. She also gave details of a **potential sponsored Abseil** down the Church Tower. (m) Platinum Jubilee A **further scheduled meeting was due in the next few days.** [Where are the decisions of this meeting minuted?](#)

14 Feb 22 Min 350.9.m "Platinum Jubilee A further scheduled meeting was due in the next few days."

14 Mar 22 Min 351.9.l "Platinum Jubilee Working Party The Chairman verbally advised the meeting of the various planned events that were taking place on the Jubilee weekend."

BPC Newsletter #121 (Mar 2022)

Page 7 BPC request for donations for regilding the church clock in time for the Platinum Jubilee in June 22

Page 12 Bleadon in Bloom "SOMERSET COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDING Well done to Kirsten for securing some funding for the village which we will be using for our Jubilee projects."

Insert for sponsored abseil for clock regilding fundraising.

09 May 22 Min 353.10 " (See accompanying Clerk's Report [[not published to residents](#)]) ...(4) Church Clock – Re-Gilding 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 A **verbal report** was given to the meeting by Cllr G Williams" [Where are these actions publicly recorded?](#)

09 May 22 Min 353.15 (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

13 Jun 22 Min 354.4 "Chairman's announcements She congratulated everyone who had been involved in the planning and the executing of the Village Platinum Jubilee Celebrations." [What groups, and individuals, were involved in the planning and execution of the celebrations, where was this minuted?](#)

13 Jun 22 Min 354.8 "(35) Church PCC 50% – Queens Jubilee Booklet £70.50* (* Agreed that this matter should be followed up before settling the payment) [Which two councillors approved/authorised this payment?](#) (46) Mr K Pyke Jubilee Celebration Costs 327.45** (** - no explanation given?)

13 Jun 22 Min 354.9 "(g) Bleadon Village News • Platinum Jubilee Issue due in two weeks hence ... (m) Platinum Jubilee Working Party • Cllr. G Williams gave a fulsome report on all the activities that had taken place. Apart from the rain on Sunday lunchtime all the events proceeded as planned. She publicly thanked all those in the community who had been part of the planning of the village events."

BPC Newsletter #122 pages 11-14 (June 2022)

"Bleadon Celebrates Queen Elizabeth II by Gill Williams Jubilee Committee Chairman [[and former BPC Chair until May 2022](#)] - Bleadon Parish Council Platinum Jubilee Committee has been in operation since October 2021, so there was great excitement on Saturday 28 May

this year when, finally, a group of villagers began to decorate the village with hundreds of metres of homemade bunting.

Sunday 29 May 22 – “From the church down to the car park and along Bleadon Road fluttering red, white and blue triangles proclaimed the celebrations were about to begin and sure enough on Sunday 29 May, the first event, the Civic Church service was held. It was great to see the church so full, to hear representatives of various village groups reading the lessons and the prayers, the Brownie group charming everyone with their action song and to hear the rousing singing of 'I vow to thee my country' and two verses of the National Anthem helped us all to get the feeling of what we were celebrating. Members of the congregation were invited to come forward to build a crown of Sweet William flowers which remained at the chancel steps throughout the week of celebrations”

Monday 30 May 22 – “Villagers [[not parishioners or Bleadon Hill/Weston Town Council residents who received 400+ newsletters?](#)] arrived at the church to set up their floral arrangements for the week long Flower Festival. The walls of the nave were lined with beautiful flowers, mainly red, white and blue of course, depicting each arranger's concept to jubilee. The village WI provided a judge and she awarded Erin Jones the prize for the children's group, and Otty won the adult prize. Congratulations to both.

Tuesday 31 May 22 – “Tuesday provided an opportunity for the Bleadon Belles choir to lead the celebrations with a wonderful evening of music in the Coronation Hall. Conductor Naomi Davies led the rehearsal warm up for the 120 villagers [[only villagers attended?](#)] present with tongue twisting exercises for clarity in enunciation, and vocal exercises for tuning the voice. What followed was a great evening of singing, all the songs coming from the 70 years of the Queen's reign sung with real gusto culminating with a wonderful performance of ABBA's Thank You For The Music. Singing is a great activity for wellbeing and we certainly left the hall that evening with a real 'wellbeing' feeling”

Wednesday 01 June 22 - “Wednesday provided a break in celebration activities but we are going to meet again at the end of October for the village children [[not all children of the parish?](#)] to plant their named trees for the Queen's Green Canopy.

Thursday 02 June 22 – “On Thursday, we joined the national celebrations with the lighting of our Jubilee Beacon on Roman Road. It was a perfect summer evening, warm, no wind and of course with one of the most fantastic views in the country. It was really exciting to see villagers [[not all attendees?](#)] in family groups walking up Hellenge Hill and Roman Road many with their dogs to enjoy this national event. We had decided the beacon should be lit by a young villager [[not young parishioners?](#)], looking forward from this 70-year- reign and so, 10-year-old Rosie was chosen to undertake the task. She arrived with her parents in an open-topped car and, as she alighted, she was welcomed with the official Jubilee trumpet fanfare. She mounted the bench so she could read the official proclamation from a 'gold and jewelled book'. She did this beautifully and then came the moment, at exactly 9:45pm, to take the four-foot-long- match and light the beacon. It lit immediately and the flames illuminated the metal crown and the E II R emblem. All the adults and children present were then given sparklers to join in the celebrations and to observe other local beacons now visible from our wonderful vantage point. A really memorable evening.

Friday 03 June 22 – “We had another memorable and unusual event on Friday afternoon. As part of the Jubilee celebrations members of the Bleadon Players, led by Charlotte House,

performed a 'travelling play'. This was the story of Susan a baby born in Bleadon in the year of the Queen's Accession in 1952. We began the story in the church at her christening with a real baby being christened in the ancient font and on cue crying as the water was poured on his head. Yes it was a baby boy playing the part! The audience then moved to the Church Room to experience Susan's teenage years with 'attitude', to the Youth Club for her wedding reception, to the playground with her grandchild for chats with other mothers and finally we ended in the Coronation Hall at her 70th birthday party when we found out that 'Susan' was the name of the Queen's first corgi – a really fun event!

Saturday 04 June 22 – "Saturday provided us with another very different day, This time it was the Queen's Arms turn to provide the venue. The car park at 1.30pm suddenly turned into Crufts, when more than 50 dogs brought their families to enjoy a typical village dog show, The Best Smile, The Waggiest Tail, The Best Trick, The Most Look-a-like Dog and Owner were some of the fun classes and every dog went home with a rosette. The last time we had a village dog show, my little Berry went home with a Best In Show rosette. This time he could only manage one third place, Age is very unkind, even for dogs! The barbecue continued into the evening was enjoyed by everyone. Another great day and a real village event."

Sunday 05 June 22 – "The climax of the national celebrations was Sunday's The Big Lunch. It began rather disappointingly, with all the outdoor arrangements so long in the making, having to be cancelled because of the weather forecast, but with everybody turning to the job in hand, we were able to get all 224 villagers [not parishioners and visitors?] into the two village halls [Max capacity Coronation Hall is 120 & Jubilee Room is 60 makes 180 total capacity?] together with all their hampers, fabulous food and drink and decorations. Judging by the buzz of conversation and laughter everyone forgot the crowding and in typical British manner got on with the enjoyment. We were entertained by Eclectic Voices singing a specially written Jubilee Anthem and then all present were served with the nation competition winner's Jubilee Pudding, an orange and lemon based trifle with amaretti biscuits and white chocolate shards."