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At the commencement of the public session, the Chair invited members of the public to speak.

A member of the public asked for an update on the status of the parish website and how much the cost of this website was per month; the Chair confirmed that an update would be given by the new clerk during the meeting and that the Council would look at how the parish may work together with another website run by a parishioner.

Clive Morris, previously Councillor at Bleadon Parish Council, welcomed the new clerk and councillors. He wished Mr Poole, previous clerk, well in his future and thanked him for his service. The Chair confirmed that thanks would be expressed in a tangible way to Mr Poole.

Prior to the formal meeting commencing District Councillor Terry Porter explained what the current position was with the District Council's proposed Core Strategy and future budgets. There will be another challenging few years ahead budget-wise with up to £7-8m to save again in the coming year. Planning is a real concern; North Somerset lost its recent court case. There was to be a briefing the following day with officers but anticipating having to build another 21,000 houses and a backlog of 1,200. NSC is awaiting further reports on ecology which will then go for assessment. There are proposals which are contrary to NSC Core Strategy; the inspectors are independent but under pressure from developers. There is also a great deal of work going on in respect of the Spatial Strategy to take us towards 2036 including B&NES, Bristol and NSC. More legal advice is being sought as planning is the area most people are concerned about. Councillor Hartree asked Cllr Porter whether NSC would revisit its strategy regarding empty properties. Cllr Porter confirmed that NSC gets charged for empty properties and he hopes there will be some imaginative solutions to the issue. He then departed from the meeting.

All were thanked by the Chairman for their contribution.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council that was held in the Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on Monday 12th October 2015 that commenced at 7.30 pm when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Mr I Gibson (Chairman) together with Councillors Mesdames I D Clarke, C Findlay, M Sheppard, C Gutsell, Mr S Hartree and the Parish Clerk Miss H Brinton.

In addition there were eight members of the public present including a reporter from the Weston Mercury together with District Councillor Mr Terry Porter.

277.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

None

277.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

277.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council that was held on Monday 14th September 2015

Resolved that Minutes of the Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council that was held on Monday 14th September 2015 as previously circulated be taken as read with the following corrections: "Darting Glass Vase" should read Dartington; the PCSO report had been received; the details regarding the questions to Mr Fowler not be included unless the questions relating to other prospective councillors also be included; the previous clerk to be asked as to the whereabouts of invoice 62; a query of the

277.4 Past Subject Matters - For the purpose of report only

- (1) Matters raised by Members of the Public 276
None of a specific nature
- (2) Churchyard Wall 276.6.4
Contact has been made with the Church Architect instructing him to prepare the necessary specification and to recommend contractors who might carry out the work
- (3) Footpath 276.8.c
Unable to provide a report at this time
- (4) Website 276.8.g

The new clerk has made contact with the new website providers, Webglu, and is arranging to visit to progress this matter. The clerk will check with the parish insurers regarding public liability in terms of slander/libel claims and will investigate whether it is necessary to have a .gov.uk domain name. She will report on the investigations in full at the next meeting on the issues as an agenda item to reopen the discussion.

- (5) Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety 276.8.h

Cllr Findlay reported that the group now had a full set of representatives. She commented on community safety in that there had been a spate of crimes with an attempted burglary. There have been attempts at dealing drugs to children in the park, garages have been broken into, criminal damage to cars, noticeboards and toilet rolls have been set alight and a young lad has been seriously assaulted by the group. The group is known to the police and the police know who the culprits are in respect of the drugs and assault. Cllr Findlay has contacted the police and will chase but all incidents must be reported to them to effect some action. Cllr Gibson reported that the back of the hall had been cleared so it is now less appealing for people to hand around.

Crimes are happening at other times; it is not just the Youth Club times. There is an effort to get the cctv up and running again with costs to be shared – approximately £200-£300.

The Youth Club will be asked to obtain quotations and submit to the Finance and Personnel Committee as a planned and costed item. Terms of use need to be agreed e.g. the share of responsibility

277.5 To elect the following Committees

a. Planning

Cllr Gibson proposed the all councillors be on this committee as it seems to be the most important issue. Cllr Hartree seconded the proposal. **Resolved that the Planning Committee consists of all councillors.**

b. Open Spaces

Proposed and seconded that Cllr I.D. Clarke is chair. **Resolved that Cllr I.D. Clarke be Chair and all councillors will be members of the committee.**

c. Finance and Personnel

Cllr S Hartree nominated as chair. **Resolved that Cllr S Hartree be Chair and Cllrs C Gutsell and I D Clarke be members.**

277.6 To agree brief holders for the following village responsibilities

- (a) Allotments

Resolved that Cllr M Sheppard be brief holder

- (b) Play Area

Resolved that Cllr C Findlay be brief holder

- (c) Churchyard

Resolved that Cllr I D Clarke be brief holder

- (d) Roads & Transport

Resolved that Cllr M Sheppard be brief holder

- (e) Footpaths & Bridleways

Resolved that Cllr C Findlay be brief holder

277.7 To propose Representatives to the following Village Organisations

- (a) Coronation Hall

Resolved that Cllrs ID Clarke and I Gibson be representatives

- (b) Youth Club

Resolved that Cllrs C Gutsell and C Findlay be representatives

- (c) ALCA

Resolved that Cllr I Gibson be representative

277.8 Resolutions

- (1) To formally confirm the appointment of Miss Hazel Brinton as Parish Clerk to Bleadon Parish Council with effect from the 1st October 2015 on SCP 26

Resolved that Miss Hazel Brinton be appointed Parish Clerk on said terms

- (2) To formally resolve to pay the recently retired Parish Clerk Mr Bruce Poole the contractual gratuity in the sum of £4,935.00

Resolved that contractual gratuity be paid to Mr B Poole

277.9 Finance & Personnel Committee Report

- (1) To approve the following items of expenditure for the month**

(74)	SSE Lighting	Lighting Maintenance 2 nd Quarter	15.65	3.13
(75)	Strutt & Parker	Allotment Rent – 26/03/15 to 29/09/15	72.50	
(76)	Staff	Salaries & Expenses – September 15	1604.54	
(77)	Mr I Gibson	Presentation	30.00	
(78)	Intouch CRM	Email address set up	10.00	2.00
(79)	Mr I Findlay	Toilet rolls, toilet cleaner	32.95	
		Postage	16.40	
		Petrol for strimmer	5.60	
(80)	Mr I Findlay	Ranger Travel September	43.91	
(81)	Bin-it	Dog bin emptying Sept/Oct	82.77	
(82)	SLCC	Clerks manuals	122.80	

Resolved that the accounts as presented be paid with the exception of item 77 which is a duplicate of item 74a mistakenly left off September payments

277.10 Planning Committee Report

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2015 and to note the decisions thereto:-

(a) To consider the following planning application

15/1835/F G Whittington	Erection of a single storey side/rear extension Oakley 1 Roman Road Bleadon	The members had no objections to the proposals and therefore recommended approval
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(b) To receive an update on the following outstanding applications

15/167/O N Underhay	Outline permission for the erection of up to no 79 open market and affordable dwellings public open space and associated infrastructure. All matters reserved for subsequent approval except for means of access Land at Bleadon Hill Bleadon
	<p>It was agreed that as this application was considered to be a major application it would be reviewed by the full council. Parish Councillors in attendance were Mrs P J Skelley Council Chairman Mr Miles Orme Planning Committee Chairman supported by Mesdames I D Clark M E Sheppard Messrs R House C Morris K Pyke and the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole</p> <p>The Parish Council strongly objects to this proposed planning application on the following grounds :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The proposed development is outside the development boundary of both Bleadon Parish Council and that of Weston-super-Mare Town Council➤ It is in an AONB – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty➤ It is an SSSI – Scientific Site of Special Interest➤ The access to the land is extremely difficult with very poor visibility and on a road where it is almost impossible for two cars to pass➤ Inadequate public transport facilities which will only increase and be exacerbated by a further housing development➤ No immediate local facilities such as shops school doctor or indeed employment which will by necessity see a daily migration of vehicles and thus increase carbon pollution➤ There are no footpaths within the vicinity of this proposed development thus increasing the potential hazard for pedestrians➤ This proposal if allowed would destroy the current green belt lung between the community of Bleadon and that of Weston-super-mare which has always been clearly different in its individual identity.➤ The Hamlet of Hilcote would be badly effected by this unnecessary proposal➤ It is clearly overdevelopment of the site➤ There is no street lighting at present and further lighting from a development of this size would increase light pollution➤ Because of the current agricultural nature of the land it has a natural fall off which would be adversely effected by additional hard landscape areas which would then impact on a drainage system which is not currently fit for purpose➤ Any proposed development would destroy the much valued fauna and flora currently situated in and on this agricultural land➤ Due to the proposed development location it would be highly visible and therefore detract from the current views of the Mendip Hills➤ The developer states that this development will help towards the much needed housing in the locality. Bleadon already has an approved application for 49 houses on a Brown Field Site and it is not therefore necessary to take much valued agricultural land.➤ Site of an ancient burial ground➤ Church Commissioners covenant on part of the land which states only 5 properties per acre are permitted to be built. This proposed development far exceeds that restriction➤

15/1108/F T French	Removal of condition No 7 planning permission 14/P/0253/F (Erection of a detached dwelling to replace mobile home) compliance with code no 3 no longer required New Dwelling at Conker Cottage Purn Farm Bridgwater Road	Resolved that this application should be called in
15/1529/F	Change of Use from mixed use of residential (C3) and retail (A1) to 1 no residential dwelling (C3) Bleadon Hill Golf Club Haywood Park Roman Road Bleadon	The Parish Council expressed its disappointment how this development over a period of years has crept from a Club House to a residential dwelling – something it has always been convinced this was the end-game by the applicant
15/1571/ PDA J Wadebridge	Prior notification for erection of agricultural building for the storage of fodder machinery and agricultural equipment Blackstones (Barn North-West of Coombe Farm) Fakeham Road off Bridgwater Road Bleadon	Prior approval not required

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Open Spaces Committee Report

(1) To receive reports from the following brief holders

(a) Allotments

Cllr Sheppard advised that Upper 6 had been given over to Mr Thorne by Mr Dance. She further advised that the water was now on mains but a meter reading needed to be taken. Allotment holders are to be notified by the clerk that they will be charged for water use in the future.

(b) Churchyard

No report received

(c) Footpaths & Bridleways

It was reported that the gate on the footpath through the allotment needs a new spring. The village ranger will be asked to fit.

(d) Roads & Transport

No report received

(e) Children's Playground

It was suggested that the sand pit be vacated of items and they be re-sited on the grass. Cllr Hartree advised that this will have to be costed and if it is within the budget, the request must go through the Finance and Personnel Committee and then full Council it is not within the budget.

(f) Newsletter

Cllr Findlay will put this together in the next few weeks and Keith Pyke will produce. It may be just a newsletter going forwards and not a magazine. Some are asking for it to be just on line but this is not inclusive of those without the internet.

(g) Website

This has been addressed under 277.4 number 4

(h) Neighbourhood Watch & Community Safety

Cllr Findlay expressed disappointment that there was no PCSO report available. Cllr Sheppard said that the PCSO will be patrolling on a nightly basis. Cllr Clarke asked whether the saddle stones can be replaced to stop people driving on the area formerly covered by them. The Open Spaces Committee will look into this.

A question was raised regarding the degradation of the new white lines in the car park and the clerk was asked to look into this asking Mr Bruce Poole of the outcome.

Cllr Clarke asked whether the new top of the wall could be treated to make it look in keeping with the rest. Cllr Gibson advised that it will weather in time.

The village plant up was discussed – this is in this year's budget. It was resolved that the plant up would take place on 24th October at a cost of £206

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Reports

(1) Coronation Hall

It was reported that the damp problem and carpentry work had been addressed that day. It was noted that £450 had been spent on new fire extinguishers. Cllr Clarke is to follow up the suggestion of donation from the family of a parishioner to the Village Hall.

(2) Youth Club

Cllr Findlay read out the report. It was queried as to whether the Youth Club had an up to date lease. The clerk was requested to ask the council solicitor and the former clerk as to the status of the lease.

(3) ALCA

Nothing to report

(4) District Councillors

Cllr Terry Porter had addressed the meeting in the public section

(5) Village Beat Officer

Cllr Findlay will follow up

(6) Review of Policing Priorities

Cllr Findlay felt these should change with the incidents taking place in the village

(7) Chairman

Cllr Gibson felt the presentation of minutes should change to be more user friendly as they are council minutes. In respect of conferences, he noted that he does not intend going unless they are of benefit to Bleadon Parish. He also noted that the defibrillator had now been paid for and felt that an appeal letter to local businesses was probably too late now. Cllr Hartree echoed this and felt that it was necessary to accept that the Parish Council had paid for the defibrillator.

Cllr Clarke proposed asking the WI for funding but it is understood that the WI have to have a specific request to raise funds for. Cllr Clarke will write a letter to the PCC to ask for a £100 contribution to the defibrillator.

It was agreed that the election of the Vice Chairman would be held over until next month's agenda

(8) The Clerk

Nothing to report

277.13 Correspondence

(1)	North Somerset	Register of Electors – Amendments September	C
(2)	Mrs P Skelley	Card of thanks	C
(3)	Police	Bleadon Police Report 10/08/15 – 14/09/15	C
(4)	North Somerset	Town and Parish Forum – 07/10/15	C
(5)	Village Ranger	Playground Inspections 03/08/15 to 07/09/15	HB
(6)	North Somerset	Remittance Advice – Precept 2 nd Half - £19,000	HB
(7)	North Somerset	Parish Incentive Scheme	C
(8)	North Somerset	Road Closure Canada Coombe	E
(9)	Avon and Somerset	Senior Siren magazine	E
(10)	North Somerset	Licence Application summary	E
(11)	North Somerset	Draft Corporate Plan	C/E
(12)	NALC	Improvement and Development Survey	E
(13)	Unity Trust Bank	Bank statement - September	BP
(14)	ALCA NS	Invitation to town and parish forum	IG
(15)	Healthwatch NS	Invitation to AGM	HB
(16)	Cruse Bereavement	Request for Support	C
(17)	NALC	DIS <i>Extra</i> Issue 869 05/10/2015	C
(18)	SLCC	Information pack and membership for clerk	HB
(19)	Unity Trust Bank	Mandate for change of signatories	HB

Additional items received after circulation of the agenda for information purposes

(20)	NSC	Parish incentive scheme	E
(21)	NSC	Invitation to Weston Carnival for Chairs	IG
(22)	Sedgemoor DC	LDF Newsletter Issue 22	E
(23)	NSC	Public Space Protection Order	E

277.14 Other Business referred to the Clerk

277.15 Date of next Meeting – 9th November 2015

Meeting closed at 21.50.