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Minutes of the meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall, Bleadon, which commenced at 7.30pm on Monday 10th October 2016 when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors Claire Gutsell (Chair), I D Clarke (Vice Chair), David Chinn, Morag Edwards, Peter Gibbon, Steve Hartree, Mary Sheppard and the clerk Tony Jay.

District Cllr Terry Porter.

Seventeen members of the public were present.

288.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

There were no apologies for absence.

288.2 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

288.3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2016.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

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

288.4 To invite public participation

i) District Councillor

The Wentworth Drive planning hearing is taking place at Weston Football Club on 8th and 9th November. This will be a round table discussion.

The Bleadon Hill hearing is now set for 12th December for six days at the Council chamber.

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The new recycling contract has been granted. A green wheelie bin will be available

for purchase for a one off fee of £20. People will need to register for this on line. If applications are received after the cut-off date of 18th December then the costs will be £25.

The recent developments regarding the core strategy were explained.

ii) The Police

The Chair read the Police report:

Calls from the Parish received = 19 Village crimes recorded = 7

During the above period, 19 calls were made to police by residents of the parish and 7 crimes were recorded.

The recorded crimes are:

- 4 Thefts
- 1 Burglary- non dwelling
- 1 Harassment incident
- 1 Criminal damage

Action Undertaken

We are increasing our evening patrols in the parish to deter rural crime, provide reassurance and make residents feel safe and be safe.

ii) Members of the public

Members of the public spoke regarding traffic issues in Bleadon. The main concerns are the speed of traffic through the village, especially outside the park area; the congestion caused by lorries in Bridge Road where there is no footpath and the difficulties turning right at the three junctions onto the A370.

The Women's Institute are about to launch a campaign regarding the traffic issues in the village, and would like the Parish Council's support in regard to this campaign.

The Clerk stated that he has spoken to the NSC Highways Department and read an email which he had previously circulated:

- The traffic lights at the junction of Coronation Rd and the A370 are being designed in the current financial year. At present there are no funds to install them.
- The NSC Councillors will consider whether they wish to include the installation of the traffic lights in their 2017/18 budget. If they do then conceivably the lights may be installed in a years' time. However, if the District Councillors do not vote this way then there will be no funding for the lights UNLESS:
- S106 money is received to fund them. This means that if major housing development takes place in the area then the builders will have to pay s106 money for local projects. These lights could be funded using s106 money.
- The accident that took place a few years ago by the Anchor was 'driver error' so that meant that no changes to the junction were deemed necessary then.

- No decisions will be made in regard to the recent fatal accident on the A370 until the full accident report is received.

The Clerk explained that a change in the speed limit could be considered, however this would cost the Parish Council tens of thousands of pounds. Traffic calming measures would need to be introduced such as speed humps and chicanes. The Council Tax precept would have to rise dramatically to fund this.

Cllr Porter commented that the junctions on the A370 have been deemed to be safe by the Police as they meet with all of the national requirements. Therefore the Police would not support a change in the speed limit on that section of road. He also confirmed that a change to the speed limit in the village would be very expensive, and the Parish Council would have to foot the bill. NSC is being faced with demands for highway improvement from all towns and village, and there are simply no funds available to pay for them.

Issues regarding Marshall's yard were discussed. Cllr Porter will make enquiries into this and find out if they are operating within the restrictions imposed upon them. He said that the Police now do not have the resources to regularly carry out speed checks anymore.

It was reported that the majority of speeding in the village was committed by local residents, and so the village needs to 'put its own house in order first'.

The recent fatal accident on the A370 was discussed, along with the safety issues at the Bridge Road junction.

There will be an agenda item for the next meeting 'To consider whether the Parish Council wish to support a campaign regarding traffic issues in the village'.

Cllr Porter will chase up Bleadon's request for the loan of one of the NSC owned speed indicator devices.

There will be an agenda item for the next meeting 'To consider whether the Parish Council wish to purchase its own speed indication device'.

288.5 To receive the Clerk's report

The Coronation Hall's rebuild cost has been reassessed following the recent improvement work, and the cost has now risen by £70,000. The Parish Council's insurance company has been informed of this and the premium will be increased. It is not yet known by how much.

The Clerk works for three Parish Councils. Wraxall and Failand PC have volunteered to pay all costs relating to meetings, training, conferences etc. and will invoice both Bleadon and Wembdon PCs for their share at the end of the financial year.

Microshade has now returned all files they held, and will continue to provide internet security at a cost of £3 per month.

There has been no response received regarding the advertisement for a reserve toilet cleaner. The Clerk knows a professional cleaner from Weston super Mare who would be prepared to be 'reserve cleaner' at the cost of £25 per clean. The Clerk was asked to confirm this arrangement with her.

The Village Ranger's report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

288.6 Exchange of information between Councillors.

The Chair gave an update regarding the churchyard walls. The architect has met with the structural engineer. Backfilling work will take place whilst the fallen wall is being rebuilt. Three quotes for the work should be available for the next Council meeting. Discussions will be taking place with the owners of the adjoining property regarding the works, and also with the PCC.

Richard Dobson has agreed to be part of the churchyard working group. The Clerk will also chase a response from the diocese regarding the documentation they hold regarding the closure of the churchyard. When the documents are received then NSC will be approached and asked if they will take over the responsibility for maintaining the churchyard.

Some carrier bags containing gas canisters have been found by the viewpoint by the golf course. This has been reported to the Police.

288.7 To consider the arrangements for the authorising of the payment of invoices

It was unanimously resolved to pay invoices received after agendas have been published, and the details to be included in the following agenda.

288.8 To consider whether the Parish Council should work towards achieving the Foundation Award in the New Local Council Award Scheme

It was unanimously resolved not to work towards achieving the award.

288.9 To consider whether the Parish Council should continue with a Committee system

This was adjourned to the following meeting.

288.10 To discuss the replacement of the bus shelter at Roman Road / Celtic Way

This will be discussed when the precept for 2017/18 is set.

288.11 To nominate a Councillor to be the Parish Council's representative on the Coronation Hall management committee

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Steve Hartree be the Parish Council's second representative on the management committee.

288.12 To nominate a Parish Councillor to be responsible for footpaths

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Morag Edwards will be responsible for footpaths.

288.13 To agree a response to the Government Capping Consultation document

It was unanimously resolved to oppose the capping proposal.

288.14 Finance

To approve items of expenditure

Chq	Payee	Details	Net	VAT
30060 1	Somerset Bespoke	Hall renovations	1234.20	246.84
30060 2	Bleadon YC	Room hire	33.00	
The above two invoices were paid in September 2016				
30060 3	A. Jay	Clerk's Salary	690.88	
30060 4	A. Jay	Clerk's Expenses – Mileage £22.50; Postage £7.80; Home working £19.50; Mobile phone £1.67; Printer cartridge £17.99	40.18	3.00
30060 5	I. Findlay	Ranger and Toilet Cleaner Salary	524.00	
30560 6	I. Findlay	Expenses	19.80	
30060 7	HMRC	PAYE and NI	367.64	
30060 8	Playsafety Ltd	Play inspection	77.00	15.40
30060 9	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	50.00	
30061 0	Taylor Thorne	Printing	488.00	13.60
300611	Bin-It	Dog bin emptying	68.98	13.79
DD	SSE	Lighting maintenance	15.65	3.13
DD	BT	Phone and broadband	43.60	8.72

It was unanimously resolved to approve the items of expenditure

288.15 To receive the following Open Spaces Committee reports:

Allotments

The allotment invoices for 2016/17 will be produced and sent out.

Newsletter

The Editor and Chair were thanked for an excellent production.

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To receive the following brief holder's reports:

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Coronation Hall

There are still a number of snagging items outstanding.

The business tax discretionary grant may be lost in the future as this is being phased out.

A cupboard has been acquired. The new filing cabinets will be ordered.

Photographs of the former hall mural will be displayed in the corridor.

A large number of items have been donated to the hall by the contractor who has carried out the recent renovation works.

Youth Club

The Youth Club AGM has recently taken place. A new leader will be appointed shortly.

The Youth Club lease will be due for renewal next year.

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The date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

14th November 2016

