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Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall, Bleadon, which commenced at 7.30pm on Monday 14th August 2017 when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors Steve Hartree (Chairman), Mary Sheppard (Vice Chairman), David Chinn, Richard Dobson and Kathy Strong.

Clerk: Maria Bird District Cllr Terry Porter.

Five members of the public were present.

298.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

There were no apologies for non-attendance.

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

No declarations were received

298.3 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2017.

It was agreed to approve the minutes. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as being a correct record of the meeting.

298.4 To invite public participation – The Chairman reminded members of the Public and Parishioners that this is the only opportunity during the meeting to speak regarding items on the agenda or any other items.

i) Members of the public

An issue was raised regarding residents within the village parking their cars permanently in the Coronation Hall Car Park. It was requested for details of individual(s) to be provided to the Clerk who will write to them to remind them that the car park is available for people who use the hall, the Youth centre and the playground. It is not provided for people to park vehicles overnight.

ii) District Councillor

Cllr Porter gave his report. He informed us that they are waiting for clarification of ownership of the land for the submitted planning application of up to 16 dwellings on Purn Way (17/P/1351/0).

The current bus service term of notice finishes on 3rd September. The emergency service is much reduced and running up until the end of March 2018. Citistar will be running the service from Monday 4th September. There is no Saturday service from this date. Only 3 buses a day from Bleadon to W-S-M, which stops at the hospital - 09:45; 11:45 and 13:45 (Purn Way Corner). The bus service from W-S-M to Purn Way is at 09:30; 11:30 and 13:30 Monday to Friday. North Somerset Council is looking at a better and longer term contract from 1st April 2018 for the 4 and 4A.

A parishioner highlighted that for working residents this service is not suitable.

The Chairman asked if North Somerset Council would be prepared to subsidise a local transport scheme initiated for example by the Parish Council. Cllr Porter highlighted, if North Somerset Council cannot get a viable outcome on the bus service from April, then could potentially work together to look at a community bus scheme to supplement the bus service provided. Cllr Porter highlighted that Blagdon and Wrington currently provide a Community Bus Service.

The Chairman requested that consideration to also be given to a 'Car Call Scheme' whereby certain Parishioners are willing to give others a lift in their car, provided insurance and such like is adhered too. Cllr Porter highlighted that there is a scheme available currently in W-S-M.

Cllr Chinn suggested areas such as Loxton and Christon may also be interested in the scheme.

Cllr Porter confirmed that the Traffic Officer has been out and reviewed the double yellow lines on Bridge Road and confirmed they have been installed as per the Traffic Order.

Cllr Porter read out a response from the Delivery and Enforcement Service Manager regarding concerns from Parishioners of the breach of planning down on the River Axe reported to the environment agency and NSC last autumn. A summary of the response read out is: After liaising with Public Rights of way Officer, council's Archaeologist the delivery and enforcement team did not consider the works were so harmful that they warranted taking enforcement action. The Environment Agency also visited the site and decided not to take the matter further. They are continuing to monitor the site.

District Councillor Terry Porter left the meeting.

iii) The Police

PCSO submitted the report prior to the meeting and the Clerk read out the report.

Police report from 10th July 2017 to 14th August 2017.

17 calls had been received from the parish and two crimes were recorded. The two recorded crimes were 1 for criminal damage and 1 for harassment.

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

With warmer weather and lighter evenings we often see an increase in crime and antisocial behaviour. We ask residents to be vigilant and to take extra steps to protect their property when out and about, to ensure windows and doors are locked and secured, and that items of value are not left on view.

If you see anybody acting suspicious or in an antisocial manner contact the police on either 101 or 999.

298.5 To receive the Clerk's report.

PCC representatives and Parish Cllrs are looking at a date at the beginning of September to discuss the Health & Safety Policy and South Boundary Wall for St Peter and St Paul Churchyard.

North Somerset Council emailed the Clerk on 2nd August highlighting the changes to the bus timetables. Crosville service will continue to operate the current 4/4A timetable until Saturday 2nd September. From Monday 4th September, Citistar will operate a revised timetable, which is an interim service and will operate until the end of March 2018. The timetable has been reduced with the last bus leaving W-S-M back into Bleadon is at 13:30. A complaint has been received from a parishioner regarding the revised bus service.

A complaint has been received regarding the footpaths leading off from Accommodation Road to the River Axe. North Somerset has been informed.

The next Marshalls meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd August 2017.

The Clock has stopped at St Peter and St Paul Church and the maintenance company has been informed.

West of England Rural Network (WERN) leaflets have been placed on the Village Hall Noticeboards with the local village agents contact details.

298.6 Exchange of information between Councillors.

Cllr Dobson had a meeting with North Somerset Planning Policy Officer to discuss the Neighbourhood Development Plan and will update the Councillors in section 298.25 of the agenda.

Cllr Strong informed the meeting that an Environment Survey at the Veale was being conducted looking at endangered species and a wildlife survey for slowworms and nothing of significant has been found yet.

298.7 To review and discuss the correspondence regarding North Somerset Local Plan 2018-2036 - Bleadon Settlement Profile.

It was unanimously agreed to inform North Somerset of the inaccuracies highlighted and identified in the report. The issues of the reduced Bus Service discussed and impact to residents to be included in the response. To obtain confirmation from NSC of the location of the centre point of the village used in the report.

298.8 To discuss the North Somerset Council Planning correspondence regarding the Site Allocations Plan: Further Assessment of Residential Sites.

28 additional residential sites have been identified by North Somerset Council and an invitation was received to comment on the information published. Bleadon are not contained on the schedule of 28 additional sites. This was noted.

It was unanimously agreed to respond to North Somerset Council reminding them of Bleadon Parish Councils previous response of objections to the 70 dwellings off Bridgwater Road (17/P/1138/O) with Weston-Super-Mare Town Council and to the planning application of up to 16 dwellings at Purn Way (17/P/1351/0)

298.9 To discuss Planning Consultancy.

The Chairman assures that any sizable planning applications received will give both Parish Councillors and Parishioners the opportunity to be consulted.

298.10 To nominate Councillors to review and update the Bleadon Parish Council Asset Register and Risk Assessment.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Strong to review and update the Asset Register and Cllr Dobson to review the Risk Assessment.

298.11 To note the following planning decisions.

17/P/1046/F Dairy Barn, South Hill Farm, Bridgwater Road, Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 0BD. Proposed conversion of redundant agricultural building to create 1no. new dwelling with the installation of treatment plant replacing septic tank. Erection of a single storey sun lounge extension to the south and car port to the east elevation. Re-roofing and installation of 3no. rooflights to the west facing roof. **GRANTED**

17/P/1175/LDE. Fern Court, Bleadon Hill, Weston Super Mare, BS24 9JX. Lawful development for the existing use of agricultural land as garden land ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling house. **GRANTED**

The decision was noted.

298.12 To consider the donation amount for the Road Safety Week in November 2017

It was unanimously agreed to provide a £50.00 donation.

298.13 To discuss the closure of Accident & Emergency at Weston Hospital.

It was unanimously agreed to write to the Chief Executive of Weston General Hospital highlighting the Parish Council objection to the closure of the A&E Department and copying the Local MP and Minister of Health into the correspondence.

298.14 To consider the cost for crown raising two, Silver Birch Trees in the Playground.

The £60 + VAT cost was unanimously agreed and to Crown raise two silver birch trees to 3 metres within the Playground behind the wooden pole structure.

298.15 To discuss the Silver Birch tree in Corner of the playground.

It was unanimously agreed to remove the Silver Birch tree that is in decline in the corner of the Playground at the cost of £160 + VAT.

298.16 To discuss the July Playground Report.

It was unanimously agreed to ask the Village Ranger to rub down and re-paint with suitable lead free paint, the handrail on the slide climber where the paint has flaked away and is showing corrosion.

To discuss topping up the bark used in the playground area at the next Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk, to speak to the Playground Inspectors regarding the bark prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

298.17 To discuss the Youth Club email correspondence.

It was unanimously agreed to discuss the renewal of the lease on the December Agenda. The Clerk to circulate the lease to the Parish Councillors to review prior to the December meeting.

Considered the request from the Youth Club for additional 'No waiting Traffic Cones' to be purchased to extend the coned zone at the May Day Fayre. Cllrs suggested that the Coronation Hall Committee may consider enquiring with the Local Police how to enforce the No Waiting Traffic Cones on the specific route and date, and to request additional cones for events. The Chairman will raise this at the next Coronation Hall Committee meeting to obtain their response.

298.18 To consider the request for two directional signs to Bleadon Golf Club.

There are currently a numerous (11 counted) prohibition and advisory signs at the Bleadon Hill / Roman Road junction which is the proposed location of the two new Bleadon Golf Course signs. The width and size of the proposed Bleadon Golf Course signs are felt to be oversized for two reasons; firstly the two Bleadon Golf Course Signs will be the largest signs at this location, overpowering important current prohibition and advisory signs (e.g. bus

restrictions and give way signs); secondly it is felt that the signs size will be distracting to the driver taking their attention away from the prohibition signs.

It was unanimously agreed to object to the size of the two signs and request that North Somerset Council reduce both of the signs size to a maximum of half the size (515mm width by 145mm) for the reasons noted above.

298.19 To consider the relocation of the storage container containing the BROW equipment.

It was unanimously agreed to position the storage container at the back of the Coronation Hall to the side of the large shrub.

To ask the Village Ranger if it is within his capability to level the land and if so, to instruct him to carry out the work. Painting of the container with a suitable colour to blend into the background and to use vandal proof paint on the top, with an appropriate sign to be instructed to the Village Ranger, once the container has been installed. It was noted that the Parish Council will be prepared to pay overtime to the Village Ranger for the work relating to this matter, as it goes outside of the scope of his role.

298.20 To consider an introduction of a one way system in the Coronation Hall car park.

This was a suggestion from the Coronation Hall Management committee to make the car park one way, with the entrance on the Eastern Side (near the public conveniences) and the exit on the Southern Side (adjacent to the front of the hall), to prevent potential hazards.

It was unanimously agreed to consider this request. The Clerk to look into costs of necessary signs and update in a future meeting.

298.21 To consider a formation of a new pedestrian entrance to the area in front of the hall.

Concern raised regarding work undertaken could destabilise the wall. The Clerk to enquire with North Somerset Highways the ownership of the pathways and to discuss in a later Parish Council Meeting.

298.22 Finance

To approve items of expenditure

Chq	Payee	Details	Net	VAT
300676	C. Redit	Grant application for ContactUS	£100.00	£0.00
300677	Faye Thomas	July Public toilet cleaning	£225.00	£0.00
300678	GB Sports	Playground inspection	£15.00	£3.00
300679	Scribe Limited	Scribe 2000 Annual Software Licence commencing 01 September 2017 *	£283.00	£56.60

		<i>*increase in cost</i>		
300680	Bin It	Dog bin emptying	£70.54	£14.11
300681	Alistair Gill	Village Ranger salary	£312.00	£0.00
300681	Alistair Gill	Village Ranger expenses: Mileage £19.58	£19.58	£0.00
300682	Maria Bird	Clerk salary	£913.61	£0.00
300682	Maria Bird	Clerk expenses: Mileage £5.40; Home Working Allowance £17.33; Mobile Phone £4.99; Paper £2.49; A4 Envelopes £8.49, Printer Cartridge £14.99, Stamps £7.80	£57.15	£4.34
300683	HMRC	PAYE and NI	£149.94	£0.00
300684	B Robinson	Honorarium for winding and maintaining the church clock to the end of July 2017	£50.00	£0.00
300685	Defibshop	Replacement Pads for Defibrillator	£92.16	£18.00
300686	EDF	Electricity Costs for Street Lights Oct 16-Dec- 16	£92.61	£4.63
300687	Wraxall & Failand Parish Council	Reimbursement of 15 Good Councillor Guides. Guides £52.60; Postage £2.66	£55.16	£0.00
300688	Quentin Alder Architects	Professional Services	£1890.03	£378.01
300689	Mark Howe Gardening Services	Dig out agreed position for bin, mix and lay concrete base and attach bin	£125.00	£0.00

It was agreed to approve the payments.

298.23

To receive the following Open Spaces Committee reports:

(a) Allotments

The Clerk to write one allotment holder to request their plot to be tidied.

(b) Churchyard

Waiting for meeting to be arranged with PCC.

(c) Footpaths & Bridleways

Footpaths are getting untidy and overgrown. Parish Councillors to consider reinstating BROW and writing an article and creating posters in December to ask for volunteers. To be added to a future Agenda.

It was agreed for the Clerk to inform North Somerset of the large fallen branches onto the grass verge at the top of the road 'The Veale' where it meets Shiplate Road.

(c) Roads & Transport

Clerk to write to a property on Bleadon Road to request them to cut back hedgerow and shrubs along their boundary.

Clerk to write to a property on Celtic Way to request them to trim back the trees along their boundary.

(d) Children's Playground

Discussed in section 298.14, 298.15 and 298.16

(e) Newsletter

Informed the next edition is due out shortly.

(f) Website

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact individuals to check content on the Parish Council Website is accurate or requires updating.

(g) Neighbourhood Watch & Community Safety

No update.

298.24

To receive the following brief holder's reports:

(1) Coronation Hall

Coronation Hall Management Committee meeting held on 20th July. Thanks were given to the Village Ranger for undertaking a lot of clearing around the hall. A new Booking Officer has been appointed. The secretary is to draft a job description for the role of a Village Hall Caretaker. Next meeting is to be held in September.

(2) Youth Club

Discussed in section 298.17. The next meeting is to be held on 28th September. Cllr Dobson will be representing the Parish Council in Cllr Chinn absence.

(3) ALCA

It was agreed for the Chairman and Cllr Dobson to attend the Avon Local Councils Association AGM on 7th October 2017.

(4) Chairman

No update.

298.25 To receive a report from the Management Working Group

Cllr Dobson had a meeting with the North Somerset Planning Policy Officer to discuss the Neighbourhood Development Plan initiative. He informed the council that grants are available to assist with professional services eg planning policy specialist, transport specialist etc Estimated two years to complete the full plan, however highlighted that if there is an emerging plan it is something that will be considered in local planning decisions. Cllr Dobson to prepare and provide more information at the September meeting including the programme of activities, objectives and relevant information for setting up the necessary steering group.

The Chairman to contact ALCA to ask if they can provide a list of recommend professional advisors in regards to preparing Neighbourhood Development Plans.

298.26 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting to be held on, Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

298.27 The Council is recommended to resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

It was agreed to exclude the press and public.

298.28 To consider the grass cutting contract for the years 2018 – 2021.

It was agreed for the grass cutting contract to be for three years from March 2018; the tender to obtain at least the standard three quotations and amendments discussed to be made to the draft contract.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm