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Minutes of the meeting of Bleadon Parish Council Planning Committee held in the Coronation Hall, Bleadon, which commenced at 8.05pm on Monday 1st August 2016 when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors David Chinn (Chair), ID Clarke, Richard Dobson, Claire Gutsell and the clerk Tony Jay.

Four members of the public were present.

P 59.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Hartree.

P 59.2 To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations were received

P 59.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016

It was resolved to approve the minutes. (3 in favour, 1 abstention).

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

At this point in the meeting the Chair invited District Councillor Terry Porter to speak regarding planning applications 15/P/0167/0 (application for outline planning permission for the erection of up to 79 houses at Bleadon Hill) and application 15/P/0983/0 (application for outline planning permission for the erection of up to 50 houses at Wentwood Drive)

Cllr Porter made the following points:

A formal Action Group has been set up to fight these applications, called the Wentwood Drive / Bleadon Hill Action Group.

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In regard to the Wentwood Drive application, the Inspector has decided that a

full hearing will be held. As many residents as possible are strongly encouraged to attend the hearing, to show the collective local opposition to the application. No date has been set for the hearing at present.

In regard to the Bleadon Hill application, the revised application (16/P/1053/O – see minute P 59.7) has now been withdrawn by the developers leaving just the original application which will be heard at an appeal on 29th November 2016 for four days. All residents are encouraged to attend for the same reasons as above.

A meeting has taken place with the barrister who will be representing NSC. Planning officers will be speaking at the appeal regarding sustainability; the landscape and green belt, and the Council's five year supply. The Action Group have applied to be a 'rule 6 party' which means that they can make a representation to the hearing. Therefore members of the Action Group will address the hearing, concentrating on transport issues and previous applications which have been turned down.

A proper plan will be prepared and submitted by the Action Group a month before the hearing.

The developers have appointed a QC to represent them, so they are making a determined effort to have the application approved, so opposition support from the local community in attending the hearing is absolutely vital.

It is expected that the Action Group will consult with the Parish Council prior to submitting their plan to ensure that all points are covered. They are holding regular meetings

Cllr Porter was asked to thank the Action Group for their efforts so far. He will ensure that the Action Group's emails are forwarded to the Parish Council for their information.

P 59.4 Exchange of information

The Village Ranger asked that a notice summarising the above points be displayed on the notice boards, along with details of the Action Group.

P 59.5 To consider the procedures to be adopted at future Planning Committee meetings

Arrangements for the future meetings were discussed, including appointing a Councillor(s) to do the background research prior to meetings and the arrangements for site visits. This will be deferred to the next meeting.

P 59.6 To consider whether the Planning Committee recommends to the full Parish Council that members of the Planning Committee should receive planning training.

Cllr Richard Dobson asked to attend training.

It was resolved to recommend that two members of the planning committee attend a future training event (Unanimous)

P 59.7 To consider how the Parish Council will be represented at the planning appeal in relation to planning application 16/P/1053/O

Please see minute P 59.3

P 59.8 To consider any items in the risk assessment which affect the Planning Committee.

It was decided to adjourn this to the next planning meeting.

P 59.9 To approve the change of date for the monthly Parish Council meeting to the second Monday of each month.

It was resolved to change the date back to the second Monday, as the Clerk will now be available on that date (Unanimous)

P 59.10 The date of the next meeting – Monday 5th September 2016

Cllr ID Clarke requested that an agenda item be included for the next planning committee meeting - 'To discuss the sustainability assessment for Bleadon as contained in the report: Sustainability of rural settlements in North Somerset'

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

