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DRAFT Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council held in the Coronation Hall, Bleadon at 7.00 pm on Friday, 4th May, 2018 when the following business was transacted.

Present: Councillors Steven Hartree (Chairman), Mary Sheppard (vice-Chairman), Ray Blezard.

Clerk: Marian Barber

From item 308.5: Councillors Jim Baines, Andy Scarisbrick, Anne Selway and Gill Williams.

20 members of the public were present.

308.1 To Receive any apologies for non-attendance.

Cllr Terry Porter was unable to attend due to a conflicting appointment.

308.2 To Receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda.

Cllr Sheppard declared an interest in agenda item 308.6 - 17/P/5545/OUT.

308.3 To Approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 28th March 2018.

The minutes were **APPROVED** by the councillors and signed by the chairman.

308.4 To Invite public participation

A resident, having submitted a written question by the deadline, asked whether the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) had been convened and conducted correctly and which policy and Act was followed. The Chairman responded that the meeting had been convened and conducted properly. The resident then stated that, in their role as the representative of the residents of Bleadon, they were not happy with the way their questions regarding Neighbourhood Planning and associated matters were worded as a resolution for the APM. Councillors responded that the email submitted had contained over 70 questions; the resolution was discussed and passed unanimously by residents at the meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan process would be discussed again on 14th May and/or subsequent meetings.

Regarding planning application 18/P/2709/FUL a resident asked the Parish Council to assist them in objecting. Few of the affected residents received notice from NSC as the field in question is NOT at the address stated on the application. Over 60 residents have now objected, having been notified by those residents who did hear about it.

308.5 To Consider Applications for Co-option to the Parish Council

Five candidates were considered. Each gave a short statement and answered a couple of questions from the Councillors. They then left the room and returned after the Councillors had signed a paper vote for or against each.

Four candidates were co-opted. They each read out and signed the Declaration

of Acceptance of Office and then served as Councillors for the rest of the meeting.

308.6

To Consider the following Planning Applications:

18/P/2581/FUL – Hillside House, Bridgwater Road. **AGREED – no objection.**

Cllr Sheppard left the room for the discussion of the next application.

17/P/5545/OUT - Land Off Bleadon Road. Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 200 dwellings etc. It was noted that 200 homes added to a village of just over 500 homes would alter the status of the village each household is likely to have at least one car. It was noted that additional finance from council tax, potential younger families and perhaps new services could be considered benefits but not at such a scale. A comprehensive and well-research presentation was read out by a councillor, detailing how the application was against NSC's Core Strategy. **AGREED** that councillors will refine the presentation and submit as a comment objecting to the application. NSC has extended the deadline for this.

Cllr Sheppard returned to the room. For her benefit the Chairman confirmed that the council had agreed to object based primarily on the presentation paper.

Standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

18/P/2709/FUL - South Hill Farm, Bridgwater Road. This is the address of the applicant and not the location of the Storage Barn. The field concerned is in Purn Road. Notices have been given to residents in Shiplate Road and not Purn Road. Over 60 objections are logged online already.

It is thought that NSC is minded to refuse on environmental grounds.

AGREED to object on environmental grounds and to request correct details and notices given.

18/P/2827/FUH - Upland Way, Hillside Road. Councillors agree that there is no significant impact. **AGREED no objection.**

18/P/2737/FUH – Greenhurst, Hillside Road. Councillors agree that there is no significant impact. **AGREED no objection.**

308.7

To Appoint PATA to provide Payroll Services to the council.

AGREED.

308.8

To Approve Items of Expenditure and Income.

Expenditure

Chq	Payee	Details	Net £	VAT £
300782	EDF	Electric use for unmetered street lights	83.30	4.17
300781	Sole Trader	Cover for Ranger holiday	232.00	0
300783	SSE Enterprise	Maintenance for unmetered street lights	15.65	3.13
300784	Individual	Honorarium – Church Clock	50.00	0
300785	Clerk	Salary April	718.88	0
300785	Clerk	Expenses April mileage	13.05	0
300785		Home working	17.33	0
300785		3 x High Vis vests	29.07	4.99
300785		Large letter post PATA payroll	1.01	
300786	Ranger	Salary April	312.00	0
300786	Ranger	Expenses April mileage	34.61	
300786		Asda – fuel for strimmer	5.34	
300786		Bunnings – padlock for store	8.33	
300787	Coronation	Contribution to Hall expenses	150.00	

	Hall MC			
300788	Bin-it	Dog bin emptying	70.54	14.11
300789	HMRC	PAYE/NI	340.29	
300790	NSC	Non-domestic rates – Public Toilet	446.40	0
DD	NEST	Clerk's pension	42.57	

These items are in last year's accounts (FY 2017/18) – they appear on the 31st March bank statement received after the last meeting.

DD	ICO	Information Commissioners Office subscription	35.00	
debit	Unity Trust bank	Service charge fourth quarter	24.15	

Income

Pay in slip	Ch/cash/B ACS	Details	Amount £
x	BACS	Precept	22,200.50

Note: From 29th March 2018 Unity Trust Bank is charging £6.00 per month for the current account. This constitutes a reduction in fees as the previous charge was 15p for each individual credit and debit.

APPROVED.

308.9 To Appoint one or two Representatives to the Coronation Hall Management Committee for 2018/2019.

Cllr Hartree is the current representative and explained that the constitution allows for up to two representatives of the Parish Council to be on the Management Committee.

AGREED that Cllr Hartree continue as the representative with any other councillor being able to attend if he is unavailable.

308.10 To Allocate an initial budget for Neighbourhood Plan working group costs.

Cllr Terry Porter had advised the Chairman that Hutton Parish Council has submitted an application for funding to start the Neighbourhood Plan process. Cllr Porter is willing to help Bleadon through the same process. Note that the Planning Inspector cited the strength of Backwell's Neighbourhood Plan in turning down a large development application in Backwell.

NSC has NOT been able to allocate sufficient land for new housing and is about 15% short of its target therefore it is likely that more developers will submit speculative outline applications. NSC appears to be recommending Parish or Neighbourhood Plans.

A councillor suggested that it was essential for a Parish Council to have some sort of plan expressing its current status and future aspirations for the village.

AGREED an initial allocation of £500 for Plan purposes.

308.11 To receive the Clerk's report.

Neighbourhood Plan: Pros and cons document from Locking PC now on website.

Noticeboards: Seeking specifications and quotes for new noticeboards. One received for UVPC and glass fronts (similar to the one on Coronation Hall) and some refurbishment of the wood structures.

Children's Playground: new signs in place.

Village Orderly Grant: £161.09 confirmed from NSC.

One-way working in the Coronation Hall carpark: NSC scheduling the works.

GDPR – data protection regulations: NSC lead officer visited Clerk with

comprehensive advice on principles, record keeping and systems.

Letters written to the two councillors who resigned recently thanking them for their service.

Website: updated regularly. Web enquiry received asking who maintains the verges in the village.

Correspondence: Freedom of Information request for copies of resignation letters of certain Councillors and staff.

Confirmation from NSC that waste dumped behind the hedge in the Caravan Park has now been removed (reported at the time by a councillor).

Email complaint that the headline regarding a positive Annual Parish Meeting was misleading.

May Day Fayre risk assessments received.

Lorry watch: A councillor had looked at a scheme in Nottinghamshire. Residents could report infringements to the Parish Clerk, quoting time, location, vehicle licence number. This would be passed to County Council who would follow-up. If Bleadon residents are interested something similar may be possible here.

Fly-tipping: Roman Road layby – last report now closed.

Footpaths: muddy footpath AX6/12/30 – NSC estimate £350 to improve with stone and asked if the Parish Council can pay half. This will be on the next agenda for decision. Chairman confirmed he has the definitive map at home.

It was suggested that a New Councillors pack and induction be provided in future. Clerk confirmed that she had some information to give the new councillors at the end of the meeting.

308.12 To Agree the date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7pm in the Coronation Hall. Early items on the agenda will be the elections of the Chairman and Vice-chairman.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.