

**MINUTES**  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
**BLEADON PARISH PLAN STEERING**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY 1ST JULY 2005**

HELD AT THE CORONATION HALL, BLEADON, SOMERSET.

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m.            Meeting Concluded: 8.50 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Penny Skelley (Chairman of the Parish Council)  
Mary Sheppard (Parish Councillor)  
Keith Pyke (Parish Councillor)

Joanna Pyke

Kevin Harris (Vice Chairman of the Steering Committee (in the Chair))  
Katy Isgrove (Chairman of Learning and leisure throughout life action group)  
Kim Herival (Vice chairman Well-being and safety action group)  
Andy Hickson (Vice chairman Environmental action group)

**APOLOGIES:**

Bruce Poole (Chairman)  
Tina Moizer (Prosperity action group)  
Malcolm Herival (Chairman of Health and safety action group)

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**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**20 Report from the Learning and leisure throughout life action**

Katy Isgrove reported that there had been no meeting of the group to discuss the questionnaire. Katy reported that Emma Hanse had been in discussion with North Somerset regarding the use and support of the Youth Club.

Keith Pyke advised the meeting that North Somerset employs a Consultation liaison officer, Ian McMasters, who Emma may wish to contact regarding the way forward with consultations with the Youth Club, its members and other users for input into the Parish Plan questionnaire. He further reported that he was a member of the management committee and that the membership

had risen to around 30 members and would welcome the opportunity to input into the Parish Plan. The Youth Club was thriving.

Katy also reported that Emma had been in touch with the toddler group. The group also wanted to consult with users of the mobile library service. Kim Herval advised in her North Somerset capacity she had followed the mobile library throughout the north of the district to contact the users and inform them of the services that her team in North Somerset Council could provide. Keith Pyke advised that the Mobile Library Service was constantly under threat. There was a review currently as the vehicle was at the end of its 5 year lease. It was important for the village (if it valued the service) to stand up for the service. It would be a soft target for the elected members of North Somerset to get rid of the service.

**21 Report from the Wellbeing and safety action group**

The comments that Kim had were in respect of the questionnaire to be dealt with later in the meeting.

**22 Report from the Prosperity action group**

There had been no contact from the group if it was still in existence.

**23 Report from the Environment action group**

Andy Hickson reported that there had been a meeting of the above group to specifically discuss the draft questionnaire. Comments made would be reported in the next item on the agenda. The group had 12 minuted comments. Peter Lindsay had produced a sheet of responses to the questionnaire which were to be submitted to the Steering Group (these were not available at the Steering Committee).

The group are insistent that they need to see a further amended proof of the questionnaire, and were keen that the questionnaire not be printed until they had commented on another proof. This would mean delaying distribution of the printed questionnaire.

He further reported that Bridget Evans had resigned as secretary and as a member of the group.

**24 Draft Bleadon Parish Plan questionnaire**

Keith Pyke introduced the Draft questionnaire and explained that a further copy had been distributed to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Parish Plan Steering Committee. The copy was essentially the same as the first draft but included the design layout, maps and cover proposed.

The following comments were made during discussion:

a) The Environment action group considered that questions about housing should be within the first set of questions as it is such an emotive issue.

Keith Pyke confirmed that the draft questionnaire had been devised from a number of Parish plan questionnaires. The Committee disagreed that the order of questions as they appear should be altered.

b) The Environment group considered the question Do you want/is there a need for future development not where.

The committee considered that the question was asked in other ways.

c) The Environment Group wants the Parish Council to take a robust stance to protect the village and wishes the Parish Council to state explicitly whether they will be protecting the village fence.

Penny Skelley replied that through the consultation process of the Parish Plan recommendation and opinion will come out and if the consensus is no further development the Parish Council will take that view forward into the Parish Plan.

d) The Environment group wanted a clearer definition of “village fence” and “parish boundary”

This was agreed

e) The Environment group asked does the village need further businesses or should it remain mainly residential.

Keith Pyke agreed to check emphasis of questions relating to business expansion.

f) The Environment group felt the questionnaire was too long.

g) The Environment group felt that some of questions appear irrelevant to future of parish ie do you have access to the internet.

Keith Pyke explained that these questions were to help in developing the ability of the Parish Council to communicate with the community in different ways.

h) The Environment group had concerns over the ability to submit responses to the questionnaire “on line” – it may be open to abuse. They only want paper submissions.

i) The Environment group had concerns about number of submissions per household as it was anonymous – was there any possibility to link with electoral register to get a realistic return.

j) The Environment group wanted more space between questions for resident’s comments.

This was agreed.

The Committee considered that the questionnaire was very comprehensive. Keith Pyke agreed to look at the submission of Peter Lindsay that suggested other typographical and grammar changes.

Penny Skelley requested that it be made clear to readers where there are multi person answers and ratings of importance answers to be given throughout the questionnaire.

**Resolved:**

1) that the order of the questionnaire, now submitted, be endorsed and adopted

*(Andy Hickson, Vice Chairman of the Environment group voted against and requested his vote be recorded)*

2) that introduction to question 44 and 46 be rephrased to something like "If it is deemed necessary through the democratic process, or if there is a need for future housing in the parish",

*(Andy Hickson, Vice Chairman of the Environment group voted against and requested his vote be recorded)*

3) that questions 56, 63, 75 and 88 be deleted from the questionnaire,

4) that question 92 be extended to include an additional question -  
Q. What additional adult education/leisure classes would you like to see provided in the village?.

5) that question 65 and 66 be combined,

6) that a further meeting to consider the revised questionnaire be held on Friday 29th July 2005 , 7.30 p.m. Coronation Hall.