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MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
BLEADON PARISH PLAN STEERING
COMMITTEE
FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2005
HELD AT THE CORONATION HALL, BLEADON, SOMERSET.

Meeting Commenced: 7.30 p.m. Meeting Concluded: 8.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Bruce Poole
Joanna Pyke

Katy Isgrove (Chairman of Learning and leisure throughout life action group)
Jo Gower-Crane (Vice chairman of Learning and leisure throughout life action group)
Kim Herival (Vice chairman Well-being and safety action group)
Kevin Harris (Chairman of Environmental action group)
Andy Hickson (Vice chairman Environmental action group)

APOLOGIES:

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

3 Introduction to the meeting

Keith Pyke welcomed those present to the meeting and set out the agenda for the meeting.

2 Election of Chairman

Resolved: that Bruce Poole be elected chairman of the Bleadon Parish Plan Steering Group.

3 Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: that Kevin Harris be elected chairman of the Bleadon Parish Plan Steering Group.

3 Election of Secretary

Resolved: that Joanna Pyke be elected secretary of the Bleadon Parish Plan Steering Group.

4 Election of Treasurer

Resolved: that Jo Gower-Craane be elected Treasurer of the Bleadon Parish Plan Steering Group.

5 Election of Publicity Officer

Resolved: that Keith Pyke be elected Publicity officer of the Bleadon Parish Plan Steering Group.

6 Election of Volunteer Co-ordinator

Resolved: that Andy Hickson be elected Volunteer Co-ordinator of the Bleadon Parish Plan Steering Group.

7 Adoption of the constitution for the Steering Committee

The Committee received the draft constitution for the steering committee. It was explained that this was a model taken from the Countryside Agency guidance "Vital villages".

Resolved: that the constitution be adopted.

8 Minutes of the Bleadon Parish plan meeting – 15th January 2005

Resolved: that subject to it being noted

Min 2 line 5 should read "without vision there is no progress" and that on page 3 Learning and leisure membership it should read Jo Gower-Crane

9 Reports from the Action Groups and receipt of minutes (if any)

Report of the Environment Group

Kevin Harris reported that there had been two meetings of the Environment Group. The group had discussed the issues that they wished to investigate which included footpaths, housing, lighting, transport, flooding and traffic control.

The Group had also discussed issues around the village fence and how “strong” it was.

The group also wanted to circulate a survey with the next available village news which would concentrate on housing issues and development.

Bruce Poole suggested that the questionnaire, when it had been prepared, could be included on the Parish Council’s web site.

Keith Pyke reported that in respect of tree planting the Parish Council and North Somerset Council had agreed to plant several hundred “whips” of native species trees along the A370 from the North Somerset welcome sign to Purn Holiday Park. This was welcomed.

Kevin Harris also suggested that trees be planted in the heart of the village.

The group had also walked the parish footpaths and village fence boundary, which was very informative.

Another issue raised was the North Somerset Emergency plan in respect of flooding in the village.

Report of the **Well-being and safety action group**

Kim Herival (Vice Chairman) reported that there were now four members on the group. Les Masters had joined the Learning and leisure through life action group.

The subjects the group were looking at included traffic calming, parking pedestrian safety, crime in the community and anti social behaviour, affordable and sheltered housing, support for the vulnerable and elderly, cemetery/memorial ground, day centre provision, social and community activities, health care and access to it and alternative health care.

Preliminary work had started at looking at these areas with notes being produced by members of the group and a note from Les Masters regarding footpaths.

The following issues would be subjects for the group’s future meetings:

How many young people currently living in the village will require affordable housing in the next 10 – 15 years.

How many elderly residents currently living in Bleadon, in next 5 – 15 years will want or need to move into sheltered accommodation.

How many of the elderly residents who may be in “good nick” now require more services/amenities closer to home including general medical advice than they do at present.

How many of the elderly residents will become vulnerable, more fearful of crime and less able to help themselves over the next 20 years due to age

and frailty – they will need improved housing, local services and increased support from the village.

Learning and leisure throughout life action group

Katy Isgrove reported that the group had met once and that they had divided the areas of work throughout the group. They would be looking at access and appreciation of our local environment, River Axe, recreation provision for youth, sports and games provision, village activities, pre-school and after-school activities, school provision and transport, access to further education and sharing of information.

Prosperity action group

Keith Pyke reported that this group had met twice but was not quorate and no elections could take place. There was to be a further meeting at which it was hoped that elections could take place and the work of the group could commence.

10 Future action

Keith Pyke reminded the meeting of the draft timetable of events which had been described at the Parish Plan meeting:

January 2005 – set up action groups

February 2005 – way forward by groups

March/April 2005 – distribute questionnaire to all households in the village

April/May 2005– all questionnaires collected and help offered in completing

May/June 2005 – analysis of questionnaires

It was agreed that the questionnaire/village health check is fundamental to the success of the consultation process and, therefore, vital to the success of the Village Plan. Considerable effort needs to be put into creating a worthwhile questionnaire that would help provide answers to the questions that each of the action groups is examining. This would take a little time.

It was agreed that each group would submit the questions it required to be included on the questionnaire to Jou or Keith Pyke by 12 April. The draft questionnaire would be produced for the next meeting of the steering group on Friday 22nd April 2005.

Bruce Poole agreed to include all the terms of reference of the action groups on the website and all minutes of the action groups.

Bruce Poole also reported that the Parish Council had been successful in being awarded a computer with internet access from BT. It was proposed, subject to negotiations that this would be sited at the Village Shop and Post Office for all villagers to have access (ie internet café)

Concerns were raised in respect of the low membership on Health and safety action group. It was agreed that a report on progress be put in the

next edition of the Village News and also asking for more volunteers. Penny Skelley said that she had received comments that may lead to other joining the group now that all were set up and going.

11 Dates of future meetings

The following dates were agreed it was pointed out that should more dates be required. These would be agreed by the steering group.

All meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. at the Coronation Hall

Friday 22nd April
Friday 1st July
Friday 2nd September
Friday 7th October
Friday 11th November
Friday 9th December
Friday 27th January