

The **Annual Parish Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council** was held in The Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon on **Monday 10 April 2006** at 7.30pm when the following business was transacted:

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the public participants were invited to circulate around the room to visit the exhibits that comprised the Bridge Club-Citizens Advice Bureau-Brownie Pack-Youth Club-Village Newsletter-Bleadon Players-Keep Fit Class-Yoga Group-Friendship Club-Age Concern-Bleadon PCC-Community Action and Drug Safety Team-Dance Club-Photographic Club-Folk Dancing Group.

**PRESENT** Mrs PJ Skelley (Chairman) together with Mesdames M E Sheppard P J Robinson Messrs J Harvey-Bennett R House C Morris M Perry and K Pyke

In addition there were some ninety members of the public present together with District Councillor I Peddlesden and E Ap Rees.

**APOLOGIES** Councillor R Hicks

**MINUTES** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were read by the Parish Clerk Mr Poole and thereafter approved and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

May I again begin the Annual Parish Report 2006 by expressing my pleasure for a very good year for the Parish Council. We have accomplished much and met many targets, all bolstered by our Quality Status to give a comprehensive community service. The most important ongoing project of the year has been the village plan. Progress has come through many sub-committee meetings and the questionnaire sent to all households, of which 58% were returned; these are now being assessed and I hope will be presented to the Parish Council in the near future.

The internet ready PC is now sited in the Post Office, although just at the moment we are experiencing internet problems. We are very near the first birthday of the Post Office and congratulations are due. The shop, post office and "Tiffins" are already a vital part of our village life and the success of the venture is due to your support and enthusiasm.

In fact, we have had more planning applications this year than in previous years, some difficult, some controversial, but I must reassure you that the Council deals fairly with each and has site meetings for anything larger than a porch. Of course, when the internet is available, all planning applications can be viewed on the PC in the Post Office by going to the North Somerset Web Site.

The Highways Services General Purpose Gang has promised Bleadon four visits over the coming months. Our dropped pavement scheme is now completed, numbering 6 pairs. Our next project, which is already in the planning stage, is the bus stop and lay by in Purn Way. This will enhance the west side of the village, and then perhaps later we will add a bus shelter and street furniture. I feel sure that being a "Gateway" village has helped with our pleas to North Somerset. Remedial work will start soon on the grass verge and willow trees on Bridge Road.

Recently, we have paid for the resurfacing of the Coronation Hall car park. We congratulate the Bleadon Youth Club, with their new leaders, excellent community involvement and the growing number of members – well done. On behalf of the Parish Council, I also wish to thank the Hall Committee for their excellent work in maintaining the high standards of the Coronation and Jubilee Halls.

The environment, as nationwide, should be uppermost in everyone's mind. The green boxes and garden waste bags are a small start, but we realise a great deal more needs to be done. Sadly, just at the moment, due to the road through Banwell being closed, Bleadon once again is being used as a short cut. The toll on our roads will again be monitored. Unfortunately, the radar gun is unused. This is largely due to there being no follow up by the authorities and, sadly, a lack of volunteers from the village.

One last achievement for me to mention is the employment of the Village Ranger, who we feel sure will be a great help in maintaining Bleadon's open spaces, as well as inspecting and checking Bleadon Parish Council's assets. This will formalise and regulate many of the activities and services previously undertaken by volunteers. The Jubilee Garden and village tubs will be replanted later this month.

As I hope you can see, the Council is a good working team – long may it continue.

Thank you.

## POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS

The 2006/07 Precept - Mr B Poole

Village Plan Update – Mr K Pyke

## CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS

Women's Project	£50
Ashley Shand	£50
Contactus	£75
Age Concern	£70
North Somerset CAB	£70
Woodspring Association for Blind People	£70
Community Safety and Drug Action Team	£70
Bleadon Youth Club	£1000*
Coronation Halls	£4000*

\* Duplicate Cheques

## OPEN FORUM

### Problem with schools.

Person moved here in 2002. Have 2 young children. Aged 8 and 9. Can't get places at Uphill. Are in a position will have to appeal. Uphill is oversubscribed next offer is Windwhistle. There are others in same position approx 15 who have not obtained places. If the appeal fails where do they go. Alison Grunsden and Aleida

Response - These are first two ladies to come to the Parish Council. There have been many perceptions in the past. They are very welcome to come to the Parish Council but the PC can't give answers. The policy is North Somerset's.

The Chairman asked that the issues be brought to the Parish Council.

Cllr Ap Rees pointed out that Mr Hemingway Arnold should speak with North Somerset. He agreed that he speak to the Education Dept. Policy gives first choice unless oversubscribed and then it is difficult. Uphill is a very popular school – He will take up with Peter Kehoe Executive member responsible for Education.

### Potholes St Catherine's/Mulberry Lane/Celtic Way

Lucky that the gang will be coming to do some work. He will report to North Somerset. There is a large amount of work to be done in Catherine's area and ask everyone to be patient.

Mrs Stella wrote to Parish Council re terrible state of Devil's Bridge and with Banwell Diversion will get worse as well as roads around village.

Response The road being referred to in Bleadon Parish. We will be monitoring roads in Bleadon re effect of diversion.

### Subsidence in Bridge Road

Marshalls

Is Parish Council aware on Crusher being installed noise from quarry unbearable in Mulberry Lane.

Councillor Ap Rees agreed to e mail enforcement team.

### Parking big white vans on Shiplate Road

The Chairman indicated that people should park with courtesy. Parish Council has no powers.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the exhibitors for their input and the caterers for the excellent refreshments.

## COUNCIL REPORTS:

It was noted that the following reports would be inserted into the June issue of the Village Newsletter.

Planning	Councillor Mrs M E Sheppard
Open Spaces	Councillors Mrs P Robinson
Playground	Councillor K Pyke
Allotments	Councillor Mrs M Sheppard
Magazine	Councillor Mrs P Robinson
Churchyard	Councillor Mrs P Robinson
Coronation Hall	Councillor Mr C Morris
Youth Club	Councillor K Pyke
Scouts & Guides	Councillor K Pyke
Footpaths	Councillor R House (No Report)
ALCA	Councillor R Hicks
Roads & Transport	Councillor J Harvey-Bennett
District Councillors	Councillors I Peddlesden & E Ap Rees

The meeting finally concluded after the serving of refreshments at 9.30 pm.