

# BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk:  
**Bruce Poole**  
MCMI; Cert HE Local Policy



Prior to the Meeting commencing the Chairman welcomed everyone present giving a special welcome to Mrs Sally Varley Schools Admissions Manager for North Somerset District Council and Mr Tim Pollock Schools Admissions Manager for Somerset County Council. After their joint presentations a number of questions were asked by those members of the public present. They then left the meeting at 8.30 pm as did a substantial number of the public

**Minutes** of a meeting of **Bleadon Parish Council** that was held in the **Coronation Hall Coronation Road Bleadon** on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007** that commenced at **8.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

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

In addition there were thirty members of the public present together with District Councillors Elfan Ap Rees Ian Peddlesden PC Adrian Woolacott a reporter from Somerset Sound and Miss Vicky Brook from the Weston Mercury

**“Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race gender sexual orientation marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder Health & Safety and Human Rights”**

**190.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance**

Councillors Ray Hicks (illness) and District Councillor Ian Peddlesden (late arrival apology)

**190.2 To receive any declarations of interest**

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
190.8.1	C Morris	Personal	Council Representative Coronation Hall
190.8.1	K Pyke	Personal	Council Representative/Coronation Hall
190.8.2	K Pyke	Personal	Council representative/Youth Club
190.6.2	Mrs M Sheppard	Personal	Planning Application 06/3020

**190.3 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the same date that had been duly circulated be taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman

**190.4 Matters Arising**

**For the purpose of report only**

- (1) Matters raised by members of the public at the previous council meeting

None

- (2) Churchyard – Tree Pruning

Matter still outstanding

- (3) Willow Trees – Bridge Road

It was noted that the Lower Axe Drainage Board would not wish to see tree planting take place on the grass verge adjoining the rhyne that abuts Bridge Road

- (4) Bus Terminus

The Chairman and the Clerk reported on the latest meeting and of the resulting plans/costings subsequently received. It was agreed that the Parish Council will need to discuss those proposals in due course more formally.

- (5) Dog Bins

Clerk to check with the Village Ranger as to the best method of installation

- (6) Missing Street Sign – Bleadon Mill

Replaced

- (7) Telegraph Poles

No further action to report

- (8) 24 Coronation Road – 2<sup>nd</sup> Access

The clerk explained what the present position was in respect to the negotiations being undertaken on the Parish Council's behalf by the District Valuer's office.

- (9) Children's Playground – Repainting of Slide

Completed

- (10) Grit Bins

Councillor Harvey-Bennett agreed to check if they had been received

- (11) Hole – Churchyard approach

Still outstanding

- (12) Use of the Coronation Hall – 02/04/07

See 190.8 below

- (13) Village Post Office

It was noted that Mr Alistair House will be keeping the Parish Council posted of any future developments

- (14) BT Communications –E-fective Connection Awards

Completion of the application form being undertaken.

- (15) 2007 Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Clerk explained to the Parish Council the potential problem that it faced with regards to the first meeting of the Council in May 2007 following the elections. It might not be physically possible to hold the meeting on the second Monday due to the need to meet the laid down statutory requirements in respect to the calling notice.

**Resolved** that the Clerk check on the availability of dates with the Hall Booking Secretary before a final decision is taken

- (16) Bollards – The Veale

Yet to be resolved

District Councillor Ian Peddlesden arrived at the meeting (9.00pm)

**190.5 To approve the following items of expenditure for the month of October**

(100) Queens Arms	Chairman's Expenses	59.65	
(101) The Post Office	Broadband Contribution	123.50	21.61
(102) S B Fencing	Sparkplug Project - Fencing	2482.52	434.44
(103) SEC Contracting	Maintenance	15.65	2.74
(104) Maxwell House	Village Newsletter – Issue 71	610.00	
(105) B Poole & Co	Postage – December 2006	6.72	
(106) Staff	Salaries & Expenses – December 2006	1200.49	
(107) LVSC	Publications	40.00	
(108) BT	Broadband Services – 01/01/07-31/03/07	20.42	3.58
(109) Mr J Hurcombe	Travel & Expenses	46.73	
(110) EDF Energy	Street Lighting	21.06	1.05
(111) Buncombes	Sparkplug Project – Outside Lighting	699.00	122.32
(112) SLCC	2007 Subscription	45.00	

**Resolved** that the accounts as presented be paid.

**190.6 Planning Committee**

- (1) To receive an update on the following considered applications

**06/1971 – 27/09/06**

Re-building and Re-roofing of building and use thereof as a single dwelling  
Conker Cottage Purn Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon

**06/1972 – 27/09/06**

Use of site for the stationing of residential caravan  
Caravan adjacent to Conker Cottage Purn Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon

**06/2206 – 03/11/2006 – Certificate of Lawful Use Granted**

Erection of an indoor swimming pool and garage  
Shiplate Farm Cottage Shiplate Road Bleadon

**06/2546 – 01/01/07**

Erection of dwelling alteration to existing access and new access to existing house  
24 Coronation Road Bleadon

**06/2565 – Refused 21/12/06**

Change of use from agriculture to siting of a storage container 16.41 m2 (retrospective)  
Field OS 9978 Bleadon Road Bleadon

**06/2611**

Erection of a single storey side extension incorporating a new pitched roof  
Fairwater Hillside Road Bleadon

**06/2755** – 04/01/07  
Amendment  
24 Coronation Road Bleadon

**06/2821** – 15/01/2007  
Construction of a level riding arena (42 x 22m)  
Grattons Farm 15 Canada Coombe Bleadon

**(2) To consider and respond to the following planning applications**

**06/3020** – 09/02/07  
Ridge View Roman Road Bleadon  
Erection of a single storey side extension

The Council had no objection to this proposal

**(3) To receive an update on the following enforcement issues**

**06/0425/E**  
1 Purn House Farm Purn Way Bleadon  
Un-permitted building works?

District Councillor Elfan Ap Rees agreed to investigate the delay in this matter

**(4) To receive and consider the following planning appeals**

**APP/D0121/A/06/2027086/WF**  
Erection of a dwelling and garage  
Land adjacent to Purn Farm Bridgwater Road Bleadon

**190.7**

**Open Spaces Committee**

**To receive reports from the brief holders**

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| (1) | Allotments | MS |
| (2) | Churchyard | PR |

Nothing to report

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| (3) | Footpaths & Bridleways | RH |
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It was noted with some concern that the activity of an irresponsible dog owner was being evidenced on the pathway near to the Bus Shelter in Bleadon Road

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| (4) | Roads & Transport | JHB |
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Councillor Harvey-Bennett agreed to make some enquiries as to why recently a drain overflowed in Coronation Road.

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| (5) | Children's Playground |  |
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It was noted that the Gate handle had now been located

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| (6) | Newsletter |  |
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Councillor Penny Robinson was congratulated by the Members on yet another superb edition. It was noted that copy date for the next issue was 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**190.8**

**To receive the following representative reports**

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| (1) | Coronation Hall | CM |
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Councillor Clive Morris announced that the Hall Committee had agreed to install a commercial dish washer.

He with Councillor Keith Pyke then explained what had taken place at a recent Hall Management Meeting following the resolutions that the Parish Council had passed in December. It was suggested that the Parish Council agree to underwrite any additional printing costs that might result from the inclusion of the requested clause with respect to the current booking form.

**Resolved that that offer be made to underwrite any additional printing costs due to inclusion of the requested clause**

**Resolved that commencing in May 2007 the Parish Clerk provide to the Hall Management Committee a calendar of dates covering an 18 month period as to when the Parish Council would be seeking to use the Hall.**

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| (2) | Youth Club<br><br>Nothing to report  | KP       |
| (3) | ALCA<br><br>It was noted that details of the forthcoming meeting was in the circulation pack   | RH       |
| (4) | District Councillors<br><br>Nothing to add   |          |
| (5) | Parish Councillors<br><br>The Chairman took the opportunity of congratulating Councillor Justin Harvey-Bennett on the recent birth of a daughter   |          |
| (6) | Village Beat Officer<br><br>PC Woolacott explained that the village had been quiet of late and that he thought the recent problems located around the Youth Club had also subsided.  | AW<br>BP |
| (7) | Parish Clerk<br><br>He reminded those Councillors present of the need to see that all the Council seats were contested in the forthcoming elections. This was one of the requirements for renewing the Council's Quality status. | BP       |
| (8) | Sparkplug<br><br>Councillor Pyke gave an updated report to the meeting on the current progress of the project. He also confirmed what remedial action he had taken with respect to newly installed lights.                       | KP       |

## 190.9

### To receive and consider the following correspondence

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| (1) | North Somerset   | Update – December 2006                                  | C  |
| (2) | Sage   | Sage Cover – 09/11/06-08/11/07                          | BP |
| (3) | Lower Axe Drainage   | Planting of Willow Trees                                | BP |
|     | See 190.4.3  |   |    |
| (4) | North Somerset   | Local Development Framework                             | C  |
| (5) | North Somerset   | "Life" Magazine – Issue 26 December 2006                | C  |
| (6) | Glasdon  | Price List  | KP |
| (7) | North Somerset   | Local Council Finances 2007/2008 – Precept Requirements | BP |
|     | The Clerk confirmed that he would be taking the appropriate action once the decision had been reached under 190.10.1 |   |    |
| (8) | District Valuer  | 2 Church Cottages 24 Coronation Road Bleadon            | BP |
|     | The advice received from the District Valuer was noted.  |   |    |

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| (9)  | Wessex Engineering   | Re-routing of pedestrians                     | BP |
|      | The plans were noted and the temporary re-routing agreed.  |   |    |
| (10) | North Somerset   | Election 2007 – Costs                         | BP |
| (11) | North Somerset   | Streetscene Information Sheet – December 2006 | C  |
| (12) | Mr J Bruss   | Bus Stop Improvements                         | BP |
| (13) | NALC   | DISExtra Issue 647 – 22/12/2006               | C  |
| (14) | North Somerset   | Bus Stop – revised Plans                      | BP |
|      | See 190.4.4  |   |    |
| (15) | Mr G Board   | Lighting – Jubilee Hall/Youth Club            | KP |
|      | See 190.8.9  |   |    |
| (16) | Mr C Butler  | E-Mails – BIA Consultation                    | BP |
|      | The Parish Council noted the comments set out in Mr Butler’s various e-mails but once again re-affirmed that as an individual he like everyone else had the right to make their views known to the appropriate authority when consultations such as the BIA Consultation took place. The Parish Council may not always have a view and on the occasion in question certainly did not have a corporate view hence why a response was not given. |   |    |

**Additional items for information received after the circulation of the Agenda**

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| (17) | Halcrow/N Somerset | Implementation of DPE in North Somerset  | C            |
| (18) | Mrs S Varley       | Copy E-Mail to Mr Arnold   | BP           |
| (19) | Clerks & Councils  | Direct – January 2007 Issue 49<br>Councils Suppliers Guide & Year Book                                     | C<br>C       |
| (20) | North Somerset     | Electoral Register 2007 – 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthdays?  | BP           |
| (21) | ALCA               | Group Meeting Agenda & Minutes – 21/02/06<br>Newsletter – January 2007 – Volume 5 Issue 1<br>Election Pack | C<br>C<br>BP |
|      | NALC               | Executive Minutes  | C            |
| (22) | Mr C Butler        | Legal Briefings<br>E-Mail  | C<br>C       |
| (23) | Mr P Arnold        | E-Mails - Schooling  | BP           |

The receipt of and the responses given by the clerk were noted

**190.10 Other business referred to the Clerk**

- (1) To consider and approve a Precept for 2007/08  
**Resolved that the Precept for 2007/08 be fixed at £34,000**
- (2) To reaffirm the closing arrangements for August  
**Resolved that in common with previous years the Parish Council would stand down in the month of August and not meet.**
- (3) To commence arrangements for May 2007 Elections  
**Resolved that the Parish Clerk should purchase a number of New Councillor Packs**
- (4) Equality Statement  
**Resolved that the word “Age” be incorporated into the general equality statement that is read out at the commencement of each Parish Council Meeting**

**190.11 Date of next Meeting**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Grant Funding Meeting.....