



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CORNATION HALL AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024.

PRESENT:	Councillors Mary Sheppard (Chairman), ID Clarke, Jo Gower-Crane, Ann Davies, Andy Scarisbrick (Vice-chairman) and Steve Sugg.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk)
WARD COUNCILLORS:	None
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:	Three

Before the meeting was convened, members of the public were invited to speak.

i) **Members of the public**

A member of the public questioned the rules regarding the lighting of bonfires. The Parish Clerk undertook to investigate this matter.

ii) **Beat Manager's Report**

The written report forming part of the agenda papers was noted.

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iii) **Ward Councillors' report**

No Ward Councillors report was available.

Cllr Sheppard opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

The meeting was convened.

378.1 To receive apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

None.

378.2 Declarations of Interest

None.

378.3 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th May 2024.

It was noted that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors should reflect the support of Cllr Solomon in respect of the Parish Council's response to North Somerset's Local Plan consultation.

Resolved: To approve the Parish Council minutes of 13th May 2024.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

378.4 Reports from Working Parties/Committees

Councillors considered the notes of the Open Spaces Working Group meeting of the 30th May 2024. It was noted that issues requiring resolution featured as part of the Clerk's report.

It was noted that the Parish News Working Group meeting scheduled for 5th June had been postponed.

378.5 Training and Events

The availability of Scribe and NALC training events was noted.

Resolved: That Cllr Gower-Crane be supported in attending two NALC training sessions.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

378.6 Financial/Staffing Matters

i) To authorise bills for payment for June.

Resolved: To authorise the payments for June of £5,327.20.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(Councillors ID Clarke and Ann Davies were duly authorised to action the online payments)

ii) To note the Parish Council's end of May budget position, bank balances and bank reconciliations.

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iii) Payment Authorisations

Resolved: That the regular standing order, direct debit and BACs payments made from the Unity bank account as contained in Appendix 3 of the Financial/Staffing Matters report be approved, subject to the inclusion of the CPRE.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

378.7 Report of the Parish Clerk

1. Asset Register

Councillors received a revised Asset Register for consideration. It was noted that the revised Asset register more accurately reflected the full costs of replacing assets rather than just the purchase price.

Councillors asked that the Beacon be included within the Asset Register and that future versions of the Asset Register include more specific detail regarding the location of items such as benches.

Resolved: That the Asset Register, as reported, be approved.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

2. Replacement Noticeboards

Councillors considered options for replacing noticeboards across the Parish. It was noted that two noticeboards had been removed due to safety concerns and two of the remaining three were not in a good state of repair. It was considered that one of the noticeboards which had already been removed did not need to be replaced due to the proximity of the noticeboard at the Coronation Halls. However, it was also felt that the Parish lacked a noticeboard in the vicinity of the Bleadon Mill area and that this should be addressed as part of any replacement programme and that the opportunity for co-locating the noticeboard with lifesaving equipment at The Veale should be explored further. Councillors also considered material/design options and concluded that any replacement noticeboards should be constructed of hardwood (oak).

Resolved: That the principle of replacement noticeboards at The Veale, Celtic Way, Purn Way and the provision of a new noticeboard in the vicinity of Bleadon mill be approved, subject to the costs not exceeding £5,000 and a further report back to the Council in relation to proposed design.

The resolutions was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

3. Replacement Bench – Celtic Way

Councillors noted that the lead time for the previously identified replacement bench were excessive (16 weeks rather than the 4 weeks advertised). As a consequence, Councillors were invited to consider whether they might wish to put in place a temporary solution to give more time to consider long term options regarding works to benches across the Parish.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to purchase a standard garden bench as a temporary measure in relation to the Celtic Way location.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

4. Bird Feeder - Churchyard

Resolved: That the proposed provision of a bird feeder be supported. The decision to be revisited in the event of any evidence of increased rodent activity.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (two abstentions)

5. Contactus

Resolved: That the Contactus event be scheduled for Monday, 30th September 2024 at 7.00pm.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

6. Insurance Arrangements

The Clerk advised that clarification of a number of outstanding matters with the Council's proposed insurers had resulted in increased cover for a number of specific items and an additional £10,000 of cover in relation to walls. The consequent increase in the premium cost was £17.

Resolved: That position be noted.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

7. Vandalism to Toilets and Walls

Councillors noted that four separate crimes had been logged and CCTV footage had been shared with the Police.

Resolved: That position be noted.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

8. Jubilee Garden Walls

Exclusion of the press and public. (The Council resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the item of business to be transacted, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960).

Resolved:

- i) That the quote received from A Moffatt Stoneworks in the sum of £4,390 (net of VAT) be accepted and a contract awarded subject to the receipt of satisfactory references.
- ii) That the Clerk be authorised to issue contract variations up to a maximum value equivalent to 15% of the contract sum. Such variations to be discussed with either the Chairman of Council, Vice-chairman or Lead Councillor for Finance and subsequently reported to the Council for information.

The resolutions were correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

378.8 Planning Applications

[Proposed replacement of the existing entrance gate and adjoining fence panels with reconstituted stone dressed with sandstone and vertical timber fence slats between stone piers.](#)

Truby Tor Roman Road Bleadon BS24 0AB

Ref. No: 24/P/0713/FUH | Received: Mon 08 Apr 2024 | Validated: Wed 22 May 2024 | Status: Registered

Resolved: That the application be supported subject to the permission be conditioned to reflect the comments of the Mendip Hills AONB regarding the suitability of materials.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

[Request to discharge condition number 35 \(Carbon Energy\) on application 19/P/0835/OUT](#)

Bleadon Quarry Bridge Road Bleadon Weston-super-Mare BS24 0AU

Ref. No: 24/P/0985/AOC | Received: Wed 15 May 2024 | Validated: Wed 15 May 2024 | Status: Registered

Resolved: That the application be noted.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

[T1: Remove epicormic growth from the main stem.](#)

Charmaine Celtic Way Bleadon BS24 0NA

Ref. No: 24/P/1075/TPO | Received: Wed 29 May 2024 | Validated: Fri 31 May 2024 | Status: Registered

Resolved: That the application be supported.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

378.9 Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting Monday **8th July 2024**, 7:30pm (Coronation Hall, Bleadon)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

.....Chairman

.....Date