



MINUTES OF BLEADON ANNUAL RESIDENTS MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 27th APRIL 2026 AT THE CORONATION HALLS

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Andy Scarisbrick (Chairman of Bleadon Parish Council), following an invitation for anybody present to chair the meeting.

Present: 13 members of the public, 3 Parish Councillors, 1 District Councillor and the Parish Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from District Councillor Porter, Avon & Somerset Constabulary and Parish Councillors Stanley and Sugg.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON 28th APRIL 2025

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 28th April 2025 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

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

With the agreement of those present, the Chairman altered the running order of the meeting, with the Parish Council's report moved to the end of the meeting.

3. NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL REPORTS

Ward Councillors Report – Councillor Solomon referenced the following:

- Planning enforcement activity, including matters relating to Public Rights of Way and noise.
- Increases in highways funding - in response to a question regarding the condition of the Bridge Road/A370 junction.
- His understanding that the Local Plan would not require further consideration by North Somerset Council prior to submission to the Planning Inspector.
- That North Somerset not formally being part of the West of England Combined Authority was material in terms of lack of access to funding for infrastructure works. However, he noted that there were differing opinions in this respect.

4. AVON & SOMERSET CONSTABULARY

Local Beat Manager's Report - None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents raised the following concerns:

- Whether a pedestrian route would be established from the new quarry development – it was noted that this was a requirement of the planning permission.
- Play area developments – it was noted that the legal agreements were in the process of being signed and that the Council hoped to be in a position to place the contract for play area improvements within the near future. It was also requested that consideration be given to changing the locking mechanism on the gates.
- A range of highways concerns were raised relating to road surface conditions, lack of appropriate signage and speed through the village centre – it was noted that Parish Councillors had held a recent, productive meeting with North Somerset Council representatives and a follow up meeting was arranged for the middle of May. However, residents were encouraged to raise their concerns direct with North Somerset Council (as the Highways Authority) and with

Councillors Solomon and Porter (North Somerset Councillors). The Parish Council was also requested to look at the angle of coverage of the mirror at Chestnut Lane.

- Concerns were raised regarding the condition of internal pathways within the allotment plots, both in terms of the length of grass and the unevenness of the ground – the Clerk undertook to investigate these issues and, if appropriate, to take remedial action.
- A question was raised as to whether there was any knowledge regarding the commencement date for the approved residential development on Purn Way – nobody present was in a position to provide an answer.
- A concern was raised regarding North Somerset Council's recycling collections and waste not collected and items of litter left on the highway/pavements – residents were encouraged to formally log their concerns or complaints with North Somerset Council.
- In response to a question, the Clerk explained that the Parish clock not working was likely down to a problem with the electric autowinders rather than the clock mechanism itself, but that this was the subject of further checks.
- The absence of a reliable bus service was raised. The Chairman advised on arrangements which had been put in place from the beginning of April, which would involve the 'Westlink' service. However, a number of residents reported problems with previously using this service.

6. REPORTS BY PARISH/VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS.

None.

7. BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

The Chairman, Parish Clerk and Bleadon Parish Councillors gave a powerpoint presentation summarising the activities of the Parish Council during the previous 12 months – a copy of which could be accessed through the Parish Council website – www.bleadonparishcouncil.co.uk. It was noted that many of the issues raised within the powerpoint had been the subject of discussion during the public comments portion of the meeting.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF ELECTORS – MONDAY, 26TH APRIL 2026 AT 7.30PM

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm and thanked all those who had attended.

..... Chairman

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