

Bleadon Children's Playground Trust

Charity No. 304491

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8th July 2026

Dear Trustee,

You are summoned to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Trustees, to be held at the Coronation Hall, Coronation Road, Bleadon at **6:30pm on Monday, 13th July 2026**.

C P Bolt

Clerk to the Trustees

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Appointment of Chairman for 2026/27
3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman for 2026/27
4. To receive any Declarations of Interest
5. To agree as a correct record the minutes of the Children's Playground Trustees held on 20th May 2025 (page 2)
6. Report of the Clerk to the Trustees (page 4).
 - To approve the year end accounts
 - To note the Parish Council's budgetary provision for 2026/27
 - Bank account
7. Date of the next meeting TBD.



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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Trustees held at
6:30pm on Monday 20th May 2025 in the Church Rooms, Coronation Road.**

PRESENT ID Clarke (Chairman), Andy Scarisbrick and Dr Becci Wild.
In addition, was the Clerk to the Trustees – Craig Bolt

01/25 Apologies for Absence (agenda item 1)

Apologies were received and accepted from Jo Gower-Crane, Mary Sheppard and Steve Sugg.

02/25 To appoint a Chair for the Bleadon Children's Playground Trust for 2025/26 (agenda item 2)

Resolved – That ID Clarke be elected as Chairman to the Bleadon Children's Playground Trust

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

**03/25 To appoint a Vice - Chairman for the Bleadon Children's Playground Trust for 2025/26
(agenda item 3)**

No appointment was made.

04/25 To Receive any Declarations of Interest (agenda item 4)

None.

05/25 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Trustees held on 13th May 2024 (agenda item 5)

Resolved – That the minutes be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

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

06/25 Report of the Clerk to the Trustees.

1. Year End Accounts 2024/25.

Resolved – That the 'Nil' return for 2024/25 be approved.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

2. Parish Council Budgetary Provision for 2025/26.

It was noted that the Parish Council had made budget provision for 2025/26 in the following amounts:

Inspection Activity and General Maintenance:	£1,550
Projects/New equipment:	£40,000

The sum of £40,000 was conditional upon changes to a Section 106 legal agreement being approved by North Somerset Council and Edenstone Homes.

Resolved – That the Parish Council budget provision for 2024/25 be noted.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

3. Bank Account.

It was noted that the Parish Council proposed to challenge the requirement (identified by the External Auditor) to establish a separate bank account given that the Trust had no income or expenditure and it was not anticipated that this position would change.

Resolved – That the proposed actions of the Parish Council be noted.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

4. Proposals for Play Area Development.

Trustees noted that the Parish Council was still awaiting confirmation of changes to S106 legal agreements associated with the development of the former quarry site. It was expected that once the changes were concluded, a sum of £40,000 would be provided to enhance play provision within the Parish.

The Parish Council had consulted with parishioners and two proposals were being developed. The first would see the provision of new and replacement equipment in the existing play area – primarily centred around the 5-12 age range. The second would see the provision of outdoor gym equipment on Pea Green for teenagers (and adults). A tendering exercise would take place over the Summer, which would inform the Council about likely costs. The Clerk advised that it might be necessary to convene a meeting of the Trustees following the tendering process in order to discuss proposals in more detail.

Resolved – That the proposals be noted.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

07/25 Date of the next meeting TBD.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:05pm

.....Chair

.....Date

Report of the Parish Clerk & RFO

13th July 2026

Decision Items

1. Year End Accounts 2025/26

Total Expenditure 2025/26: £0
Total Income 2025/26: £0

- 1.1 As part of the agreed arrangement between the Trust and the Parish Council, the Council continues to provide and maintain equipment which is on the land subject to the trust agreement. Expenditure in the 2025/26 financial year has been largely limited to costs associated with inspection activities as the Council has been preparing for a significant refurbishment of the play area.
- 1.2 The 'nil' return for 2024/25 was submitted to the Charity Commissioners within the prescribed timescale.

Recommendation: That a 'nil' return for 2025/26 be approved.

2. Parish Council Budgetary Provision for 2026/27

- 2.1 The Parish Council has made budget provision for 2026/27 in the following amounts:

Inspection Activity and General Maintenance: £1,550
Projects/New equipment: £40,000

- 2.2 The anticipated works to the play area were completed within the first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year after a period of extensive discussion which saw the expected sum of just over £40,000 transferred from North Somerset Council to the Parish Council at the end of April 2026. The work has included the introduction of a new climber, swing set (including a basket swing), carousel and see saw. New safety surfaces were also introduced, together with improved signage and a substantial increase in the amount of play bark. Further work is planned in relation to the slide unit, as well as the provision of approximately 2 tons of play sand for the sand pit.
- 2.3 The programme of works has also included the provision of new outdoor exercise equipment for older children and adults on a site adjacent to the play area – but outside of the scope of the Trust. These items were commissioned from the same contractor (Caloo) as for the play area, with the bulk of the funding for these items being by way of a successful Sport England grant application.
- 2.4 The Council will be asked to consider establishing an earmarked reserve to provide for future maintenance/replacement equipment costs beyond the normal maintenance provision.

Recommendation: That the Parish Council budget provision for 2026/27 be noted.

3. Bank Account

- 3.1 As referenced in the minutes of the last meeting of trustees, the Parish Council has challenged the External Auditor's requirement for the Trust to establish a separate bank account. The challenge was submitted on the basis that the Trust does not receive any income/make any expenditure and that expenditure by the Council is in connection with assets that are under the ownership of the Council, not the Trust. The External Auditor has accepted this position and the requirement to establish a separate bank account has been withdrawn.

Recommendation: That the decision by the Parish Council's External Auditor be noted.