



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLEADON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CORONATION HALL AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026.

PRESENT:	Councillors Steve Sugg (Vice-chairman), ID Clarke, Jo Gower-Crane and Andy Reay.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Craig Bolt (Parish Clerk)
WARD COUNCILLORS:	Councillor Jones
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:	Two

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

i) **Members of the public**

In response to a question, the Parish Clerk advised that the next edition of Parish News would include an update on a number of highways related issues.

ii) **Beat Manager's Report**

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iii) **Ward Councillors' report**

None.

The meeting was convened.

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Scarisbrick.

403.2 Declarations of Interest

None.

403.3 To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th July 2026.

Resolved: To approve the Parish Council minutes of 13th July 2026.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

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

403.4 Reports from Working Parties/Committees

None.

403.5 Reports from Outside Bodies/Conferences/Training

- Councillor Gower-Crane provided feedback in relation to a meeting with Dan Aldridge MP, where issues relating to food security and the role of WECA were discussed.
- Councillor Sugg provided feedback on the meeting he and Councillor Scarisbrick had attended with the Leader of North Somerset Council, Cabinet Member for Highways, Scrutiny Committee Chair and the Strategic Director with responsibility for highways.

403.6 Training and Events

The availability of Scribe, ALCA and NALC training events was noted.

403.7 Financial/Staffing Matters

i) To authorise bills for payment for September and note payments made in August.

Resolved: To authorise the September payments for July of £4,976.68 and note the previously authorised August payments in the amount of £6,740.08.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(Councillors Clarke and Scarisbrick were duly authorised to action the online payments)

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

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403.8 Report of the Parish Clerk

1. Economic Development Support Fund

Councillors considered a revised proposed framework for submission to North Somerset Council regarding the potential allocation of funds to support economic development (arising from a S106 agreement). Councillors requested that the framework include the expectation that the funds would be apportioned over the 3 year period and reviewed periodically.

Resolved: That, subject to the comments above, the proposed framework be submitted to North Somerset Council for consideration.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

2. North Somerset Council Highways Parish Gangs Proposal

Councillors noted that the costs of participating in this initiative had increased significantly. Whilst there were potential merits to the scheme, the revised cost per day was not considered to represent value for money. Councillors indicated a willingness to reconsider engagement in the scheme if the costs were reduced.

Resolved: That, the Clerk advise North Somerset Council that the Parish Council does not feel able to continue to commit to the Parish Gangs proposal but would be prepared to review its position should North Somerset Council be in a position to reduce costs.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

3. Action Taken Under Delegated Powers

Councillors noted the following actions taken under delegated powers:

- Replacement of car park external lights on the Youth Hall at a cost of £420.
- Painting of Jubilee Garden wall at a cost not exceeding £200.
- Painting of the car parking barrier at a cost not exceeding £500.

Resolved: That the actions of the Clerk be endorsed.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

4. Parish Pump Restoration Works

Councillors considered a proposal to undertake restoration works to the Parish Pumps. It was noted that the pumps were Grade 2 Listed Monuments, which required a specific scheme of works which had been approved with North Somerset Council's Conservation service.

Resolved:

- i) That the Clerk be authorised to commission Alberny Restorations to undertake works to provide a protective coating to the parish pumps in the amount of £1,870 (Exc VAT).
- ii) In pursuance of the above, that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Open Spaces Working Group, be authorised to approve modifications to the scheme of works, subject to the final scheme costs not exceeding £2,250.

The resolutions were correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

With the agreement of the Council, the Chairman suspended Standing Orders following the arrival of newly elected North Somerset Councillor Jones. Councillors shared issues of relevance.

The Council resolved to exclude the press and public in respect of agenda items 403.8.5 and 403.8.6 due to the commercially sensitive information contained within reports. Chronologically, the reports were considered at the end of the meeting after agenda item 403.10

5. Parish Clock Autowinder System

The Clerk advised that two quotes had been received in relation to a replacement autowinder system and associated works. The final agreed scheme of works and contract award would be contingent upon obtaining any necessary approvals, including Faculty Consent. The Clerk recommended the allocation of a further sum of money to address issues which might arise in connection with the project, including but not limited to, replacement parts for the mechanical clock movement.

Resolved:

- i) That a contract award is made to Cumbria Clocks in respect of a replacement autowinder system, full service of the mechanical mechanism and installation of a pendulum arrest regulator at a cost not exceeding £11,700 (Exc VAT).
- ii) That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman/Vice-chairman of Council is authorised to approve additional works pursuant with i) above, subject to the additional costs not exceeding £3,000.

The resolutions were correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

6. Allotment Site

Councillors considered proposals relating to the long term future of the allotment site.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to enter into negotiations with agents acting for the Church Commissioners, subject to the terms contained within the confidential report.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

403.9 Update report in respect of previous planning applications.

Councillor Clarke provided an update report in respect of planning applications determined and awaiting determination by North Somerset Council.

403.10 Planning Applications

Demolition of an existing agricultural shelter and proposed erection of a new secure steel frame barn for agricultural use.

Barn At The Acre Shiplate Road Bleadon

Ref. No: 26/P/1652/FUL | Received: Tue 11 Aug 2026 | Validated: Tue 11 Aug 2026 | Status: Registered

Consultation Deadline: 9th September 2026

Resolved: That the application be supported.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

403.11 Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting **Monday 12th October 2026, 7:00pm** (Coronation Hall, Bleadon)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

.....Chairman

.....Date