

FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 12th APRIL 2011

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Higgins (Chairman), Windo (Vice Chairman), Lillington, Ms Hughes & Mrs Moss

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public.

8.10pm the meeting was adjourned.

8.26 the meeting was reconvened.

161) Apologies for absence. None

162) Declarations of Interest. None

163) To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 8th March 2011.

It was agreed that minute number 151 should be changed to read that Quote A came in at £330.00 plus VAT and Quote B came in at £300.00 plus VAT and that Quote B would be awarded the contract of works.

It was also agreed that minute number 154 should read that “agreed that providing a revised quote from the local supplier included refurbishment of the current Parish Council Notice Boards and that the cost came down to £1700.00 including lettering, Councillor Higgins was free to place the order.”

It was agreed that minute number 159 should read” it was agreed that the Council would pay a further £63.16 towards the cost of repairing a strimmer and that the monies would be drawn down from the initial £200.00 grant.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss, seconded by Councillor Lillington and agreed that subject to the above amendments the minutes be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

Due to the Clerk arriving late, agenda item 5 was moved to next business.

164) Planning & Development –To agree on any comments / objections on the following planning applications:

- **11/P/0550/F Land adjacent to Orchard Cottages. Erection of a detached garage.**

The Council agreed to recommend refusal of this application for the following reasons:
The established use of this land is car parking for local residents including housing association residents/tenants

One resident has been parking a caravan on the subject land for in excess of 40 years

The building of this garage would involve the loss of four parking spaces (contrary to the answer to question 8 in the Application Form)

N.B. Local residents have raised questions about the ownership of the application site.

If officers are minded to give consent, recommend that no rear access be allowed to ensure no right of way established into the adjoining property – No1 Orchard Cottages.

- **11/P/0390/F – 12 Rosemount Rd. Demolition of conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension.** No Objections.

- **11/P/0576/F – The Cottage. Construction of a link to roof & garden room extensions to existing dwelling (retrospective).** Comments on this application were deferred until a later date and further information was acquired from the Planning Officer as there had been problems with planning applications for this property previously. Noted.

To receive any further updates or information on Planning and Development within North Somerset. Councillor Higgins confirmed that there was nothing further to report with regard to the Core Strategy.

- 165) Financial Reports**
To approve the monthly expenditure
To approve the Bank Reconciliation.
To approve the Budgetary Control Report

RESOLVED: That all three reports be taken en bloc and it was proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Mrs Windo and agreed that the reports be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

- 166) North Somerset Showground – To receive any updates from NSAS / North Somerset Council since the withdrawal of the most recent planning application. To discuss any further issues re enforcement and licensing for future events following discussions with planning and licensing officers in order to decide on what action needs to be taken if and when necessary.** The Clerk was asked to check the dates on the current enforcement notices and to query what the arrangements were the closure of Station Rd for the North Somerset Show. Noted.

- 167) Resident Issues –** It was noted that the street name signs around the village were all looking shabby and some were illegible. The Clerk would ask North Somerset Council about the possibility of getting them replaced. Noted.

- 168) Flax Bourton Primary School - School crossing safety.**
Councillor Mrs Moss confirmed that there was no further news. Noted.

- 169) Hinkley Point Pylons**
Councillor Lillington attended a meeting on 16th March 2011 and updated members that the National Grid's remit was sticking with "Pylons or Pylons"! North Somerset Council however made a strong case for an underground option and queried the costings of the two methods. Councillor Lillington will keep monitoring the situation. Noted.

- 170) Quarry Liaison Group**
Councillor Windo attends the meetings of the Tarmac Quarry Liaison Group regularly. He confirmed that recently a few traffic / driving incidents had been reported to Tarmac. One driver was seen driving whilst using a mobile phone and was disciplined and another who had been reported for speeding through the village had received a 1 day ban. Tarmac stress they are keen to have such incidents reported to them in order that they can take appropriate action.
With regards to complaints about the dust, Tarmac has confirmed they are doing all they can and have invested in new washer to try to keep the dust to a minimum. A full copy of the report can be seen as an appendix to these minutes. Noted.

171) Open Forum - An opportunity to propose any items for the next agenda, including any relevant issues raised by the public.

- The election date of 5th May was confirmed and elected members would officially take office on the 9th May, therefore there is no change to the normal meeting date of May 10th for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.
- It was noted that North Somerset Council should be advised that the land by the bus shelter on Station Rd is very untidy and confirmation of ownership is required in order that it can be tidied up.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 10th May 2011 Annual Parish Council Meeting

There, being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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