

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.30pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 2 members of the public.

**1) Election of Chairman**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Windo, seconded by Councillor Lillington and agreed that Councillor Higgins be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**2) Election of Vice Chairman**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Lillington, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that Councillor Windo be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**3) To receive Declarations of Acceptance to Office & Member's Register of Interest forms.**

**RESOLVED:** All declarations and Registers of Financial Interests were signed and countersigned by Clerk.

**4) Apologies for absence.** District Councillor Collinson

**5) Declarations of Interest.** None

**6) To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011.**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed the minutes be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**7) Financial Reports**

**To approve the monthly expenditure**

**To approve the Bank Reconciliation.**

**To approve the Budgetary Control Report**

**To approve the appointment of Mrs Lesley Corcoran as the Internal Auditor for the financial year ending 31st March 2011**

**To note receipt of a copy of the year end accounts for Flax Bourton Village Hall CIC for the financial year May 2010.**

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

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Windo, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and I agreed that Mrs L Corcoran be appointed as the internal auditor for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. A vote was taken. All in favour.

It was noted that the Council had received a copy of the Flax Bourton Village Hall CIC's annual accounts.

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

- **11/P/0725/F Orchard Dene, Main Rd. Creation of vehicular access off Main Rd.** No objection. The Council urge highway officers to consider the impact of an additional entrance / exit to the A370 at a point opposite a bus stop and to provide appropriate visibility signs.

**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.

**9) 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.** District Councillor Mrs Barclay had spoken with Chris Nolan who confirmed enforcement would take affect 3 months after 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011, i.e. 11/06/2011. Parish Liaison Officer Mr Peter Rooney agreed to obtai a copy of the original notice of enforcement. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Tim Ledbury, of NSAS and enquire as to the changes in traffic management at this years Annual Show, as residents were unable to enter Station Road from Main Rd. The problem was caused by a road closure sign and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether the road closure had been authorised and to seek proof of the authorisation. Noted.

**10) Resident Issues –** It was noted that the footpath at Church Lane End and Parsons Mead was overgrown. Noted.

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

**12) Hinkley Point Pylons** Councillor Lillington had received and passed on an email from the Town Clerk of Nailsea Parish Council confirming that some members of the Action Group were to meet with MP Dr Liam Fox who was very actively involved with pylons on a National Level. District Councillor Mrs Barclay had also met with MP Dr Liam Fox to make further representations regarding the consultation process. Noted.

**13) Dew Drop Inn Pub - To agree whether to write to the owners to ask whether in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee next year, they would be willing to change the name back to “The Jubilee”.**

**RESOVED:** It was agreed that the Council write to the brewery and ask if they felt this might be possible. Noted.

**14) Annual Parish Meeting Action Points:**

Parish Liaison Officer Mr Peter Rooney had taken many questions at the meeting and was keen to advise the Council the outcome of his enquiries:

- Grey bin bags being attacked by vermin: Mr Rooney had spoken with the waste manger who explained that there was not much they could do about the bags however he suggested that bins were available to all, but if they did not have the room, they should store the bags in an old dustbin until the day of collection.
- Bin sharing – the waste manger had confirmed that the Council were happy to empty shared bins where it was felt there was no room however they had a duty to provide a bin for each property.
- Lay-by bin overflowing – the waste manager agreed that they would happily supply a second bin for the lay-by.

**15) Village Orderly Vacancy**

The Clerk confirmed the legal position with regard to the Council employing an under 18 year old to collect refuse and confirmed that this was unlawful. It was agreed to re-advertise the position in the parish magazine. Noted.

**16) Litter Bins**

The Clerk confirmed that the bins were being installed on the coming Friday. Noted.

**17) Meeting with Wraxall Estate Trustees**

Councillors were to meet with two of the trustees to discuss restoring footpaths around Station Rd and Farleigh Green plus cutting back the hedges in order to improve visibility near the school. Mr Luff from the Youth Group would also attend the meeting due to be held on the June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011. Noted.

**18) Review of new website**

The new improved website was ready to go live. It was confirmed that the new copies of the Flax Bourton Rounds booklet would soon be available. Councillors agreed that they would all rather have their email address on the website and that their phone numbers should be removed. The Council were very with content however new and exciting photographs would improve the look further.

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

- The annual meeting of the CIC be on the next agenda.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 Annual Parish Council Meeting

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

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