

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Windo, Mrs Moss, & Lillington.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Councillor Coombs and three parishioners.

**67) Apologies for absence.** Councillor Higgins, District Councillor Mrs Barclay & The Clerk

**68) Declarations of Interest.** Councillor Windo in respect of item Planning Application No. 11/P/1699/F.

**69) To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

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

**70) Co-option.**

Further to a previous meeting it was proposed by Councillor Lillington, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss that the co-option of Mr George Phillips onto the council be approved. All in favour. Mr Phillips's co-option took immediate effect and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**71) Financial Reports**

Due to the absence of the Clerk there were no Financial Reports to consider at this meeting.

**72) Planning & Development –**

**Application No. 11/P1699/F:** Having earlier declared an interest in this application councillor Windo left the meeting and Councillor Mrs Moss took over the Chair. An objection had been received from one of the adjoining owners as well as a recommendation to refuse from Councillor Higgins due to the size of the proposed extension and non-compliance with section 20 of The Party Wall Act 1996. It was agreed that the Parish Council would recommend refusal based on Councillor Higgins's recommendations. Councillor Windo rejoined the meeting and took the chair.

**Application No. 11/P/1674/F:** Although there were no known objections to the application Councillor Windo raised his concerns regarding the proposed erection of a 1.4 metre high stone boundary wall to the side of the property and double gates at the front as part of the application. He considered that this detracted from the visual amenity of the subject property and the neighbouring properties. It was proposed by Councillor Lillington and seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that the Parish Council follow Councillor Windo's recommendation that the Clerk be asked to write to the Local

Planning Authority requesting them to investigate this part of the application and obtain further details in respect of the prospective loss of visual amenity.

The Parish Council also noted an update, received from Councillor Higgins, in respect of dates for the examination by a Government appointed Planning Inspector in respect of the proposed Core Strategy of North Somerset Council. It was also noted that Councillor Higgins will be attending the relevant hearing in November.

**73) North Somerset Showground.**

Councillor Mrs Moss stated that she is still awaiting responses from the Enforcement Officer, Chris Nolan. District Councillor Coombs stated that he would be happy to pass on any comments to the Enforcement Officer via District Councillor Mrs Barclay.

**74) Resident Issues**

- There is still an ongoing problem with dog fouling in the village. Noted. Clerk to be asked to investigate further, although it is understood that additional notices have been received.
- It was noted that there is an ongoing problem with the lack of hedge trimming along Main Road towards Backwell Farleigh causing obstructions along the footpath. Clerk to be asked to write to North Somerset Council.
- It was reported that a traffic sign at the junction of Belmont Hill and Station Road had been knocked down, but nothing appears to have been done to reinstate the sign. Clerk to be asked to write to North Somerset Council.
- Councillor Lillington reported that paint had been sprayed on Station Road, on the railway bridge, and along Belmont Hill with various notices and arrows giving directions to the cyclepath. Clerk to be asked to write to the Highways Authority to have the paint cleaned off the road.

**75) Flax Bourton Primary School - School crossing safety.**

Councillor Mrs Moss reported that no further progress appeared to have been made apart from the fact that only one sign had been erected, so far. Councillor Mrs Moss would speak with the head teacher for any further updates. Clerk to be asked to write again to Highways and Transport Dept at NSC.

**76) Hinkley Point Pylons**

Councillor Lillington reported that the route corridor between Tickenham and Portishead Hill was still being evaluated regarding undergrounding this section. District Councillor Coombs reported that National Grid had made a presentation to Somerset and North Somerset Councils stating that National Policy was more sympathetic to undergrounding, particularly with regard to residential areas; i.e. avoiding the Wraxall valley, and moving further west. NG was also considering pylon re-design. Health concerns had also been debated, within international guidelines. Councillor Lillington stated that he would be attending the next National Grid briefing to be held in Yatton on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Councillor Phillips agreed to accompany him.

**77) Parish Council Notice Boards**

It was agreed to postpone this item to the next meeting when the full Parish Council would be present to discuss the item further.

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

Nil, other than those items already mentioned.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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

Signed.....

Dated.....