

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.10 pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Councillors Coombs.

**92. Apologies:** Councillor Phillips, District Councillor Mrs Barclay and Clerk Mrs Eager

**93. Declarations of Interest:** None

**94. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November:** No amendments. Proposed Councillor Lillington, seconded Councillor Windo that the minutes be approved. Vote taken, all in favour.

**95. Financial Reports:** Proposed Councillor Higgins, seconded Councillor Windo the three regular monthly reports are taken en bloc. Approved, all in favour

**Draft Budget 2012/2013.** Discussed, some minor amendments to make. Forecasted expenditure approximately £24,500 but with precept to be held at existing figure of £23,000 with any shortfall covered from reserves. Final approval of budget required at January Parish Council meeting.

Clerk – please clarify that Audit Fee (£285 net) is for year 2011/2012 and provide background on Victim Support Grant made in previous years.

**96. Planning and Development:**

**Planning Application 11/P/2240/F4:** The Poor House, renewal of application 08/P/2297/F for detached garage with annex/flat above. Neighbours consulted by Parish Council and have no objections. Parish Council comments to be “no objections” but NSC to note that neighbours were not advised of this application.

**Core Strategy Hearing 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Councillor Higgins had distributed summary of submissions made by interested parties. Much lobbying for inclusion of all or part of South West Bristol Urban Extension and following inclusion of South Bristol Link Road scheme in Government’s recent spending programme, this aspect needs careful monitoring. Outcome of Planning Inspector’s review due April/May 2012.

*8.25pm Meeting adjourned for public discussion*

*8.35pm meeting resumed*

Proposed Councillor Higgins, seconded Councillor Mrs Moss that item 13 be taken now. Approved, all in favour

**Neighbourhood Plans:** Following assent of Localism Bill on 15<sup>th</sup> November, Parish Plans are succeeded by Neighbourhood Plans. General discussion on benefit to Flax Bourton for completion of an NP – partly bearing in mind any long term ambitions of the Trustees of the Wraxall Estate for development of their remaining land. NPs are at pilot stage only at present (Long Ashton and Backwell are participants in this pilot). Agreed council should develop liaison with neighbouring parishes as a first step. Any progress would be dependent on a volunteer team of residents in helping to undertake this work

**97. North Somerset Showground:** Nothing further to report. Confirmation of Secretary Tim Ledbury’s attendance at January meeting awaited.

**98. Hinkley Point Pylons:** Nothing further to report.

**99. Quarry Liaison Meeting (October):** Debrief by Councillor Windo.

- Tarmac apologises for recent “extra large” blast
- Block making business to be sold but operation to remain on existing site

- Planning appln. for extension at rear of quarry to be progressed
- No reports received of speeding lorries
- Briefing for local parishes to be sent out shortly and an update on blasting times requested.

**100. SUSTRANS proposed apple orchard:** Councillor Mrs Moss attended meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December. Much enthusiasm for project to proceed including from school. Further details to come, likely budget £500/£800 for 5/10 trees. Ownership to be passed from Wessex Water to SUSTRANS.

**101. Open Forum**

- Investigate rubble on verge at top of Old Weston Road
- Main Road - contact residents re overhanging branches

No further business – meeting closed by Chairman

Next meeting – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Signed ..... Dated .....