

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE YOUTH HUT, FLAX BOURTON
MONDAY 14th AUGUST 2006**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 10.10 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs Hore-Ruthven (Chairman), Bruce, Mrs Johnson, and Watts

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, numerous members of the public

218) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Crawford and Dr Ogden and District Councillor Burden

219) Declarations of Interests

None

220) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th July 2006 as a true and correct record.

Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven requested that the phrase “and answered from questions put to her from Councillors” be deleted.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Johnson, seconded by Councillor Watts and agreed that subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the 10th July 2006 be approved as a true and correct record. A vote was taken. All in favour.

221) Financial Reports

Councillor Bruce requested that a training session on the financial reports be organised for Councillors.

To approve the monthly expenditure of £2032.65

To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for June and July

To approve the budgetary control report for June and July

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven and agreed that the above financial reports be taken on block and approved. A vote was taken. 3 in favour 1 abstained.

222) Casual Vacancy

The Parish Council has a casual vacancy that can be filled by co-option. Members of the public are invited to volunteer to become a member of the Council. Applications should be made to Clerk in writing.

Noted.

223) Planning

To discuss any issues raised by the following applications:

- 06/P/1911/TPO and 06/P/1921/TPO – 1 The Grange – No Objections
- 06/P/1912/F North Somerset Agricultural Society.
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8.35pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.

District Councillor Baker confirmed that she would request that this application be referred to the Central Area Committee. Concerns were raised on the removal of new hedging.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would question why the width of the entrance needs to increase so significantly and would remind North Somerset Council that a similar application, 05/P/1073/F had recently be refused.

8.40pm Meeting reconvened.

- 06/P/1623/F – 6 Castle Close – No objections.

The Parish Council had been requested to pass comment direct to Sustrans re the proposed Cycle Path.

The Parish Council enquired as to why maps and information relating to the East side of Village had not been available to view on the North Somerset Council Website.

The Clerk would write to North Somerset.

8.50pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.

District Councillor Baker advised the Council and the public present of the lack of consultation for this application and that it had not been brought to the Central area Committee.

8.51pm Meeting reconvened.

RESOLVED: The following comments would be passed onto Sustrans:

That the Parish Council had concerns about safety issues at Station Road and although it agreed in principle to the cycle path, it could understand the concerns of residents.

The Parish Council would ask for more information and are disappointed at the lack of consultation.

8.58 pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.

8.59pm Meeting reconvened.

224) Information from the solicitor Mr. John Brentnall, on the transfer of the Village Hall & Play Area at Farleigh Green.

Mr John Brentnall from Ward Solicitors recapped on all that had happened previously and advised the Council of the current situation.

The draft lease had been drawn up however a final copy of the section 106 agreement is still required by the Parish Council. Mr Brentnall also confirmed that the plan is still not correct and he is waiting on a new copy of it to be sent to him by Persimmon's solicitor.

Queries had been raised Council members about employing another solicitor to give a third party opinion on all the documentation. Certain members of the Council

believed that Mr Brentnall was working on behalf of Persimmon and it would therefore not be appropriate for him give advice to the Parish Council. Mr Brentnall confirmed that this was not the case and that he had been formally instructed, by Flax Bourton Parish Council to act on the Council's behalf at its meeting held on 30th April 2003. The Clerk was asked to check the minutes to confirm this was correct.

*9.10pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.
9.12pm meeting reconvened.*

Following the confirmation by Mr Brentnall it was agreed that agenda items 8 and 9 need not be discussed.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven and agreed to cancel agenda item numbers 8 and 9. A vote was taken, All in favour.

225) Signatories for the Transfer Documents and the Lease to Village Hall CIC.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven, seconded by Councillor Mrs Johnson and agreed that the signatories for the documents be The Chairman of the Council plus any one member. A vote was taken, All in favour.

226) To approve the content and distribution of the Flyer produced asking residents to comment on the proposed new road link detailed in the Great British Strategic Transport Study.

A Flyer advising residents of the Examination In Public Consultation had been produced. The Council discussed at the length the proposed new road linking the A370 to the M5. The Council strongly objected to this proposal on numerous grounds, some of which are listed below.

- It being a catalyst for further development.
- The area being a "Site of Scientific Interest"
- Congestion
- Noise pollution
- It being a Greenbelt Area

9.30pm Meeting adjourned for public participation
9.35pm Meeting reconvened.

The Council agreed that further Consultation was required.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven, seconded by Councillor Bruce and agreed that the Flyer be approved and distributed to residents. A vote was taken, All in favour.

227) Notes from the Strategy Meeting held on 7th June 2006.

A copy of the Notes had previously been circulated.

RESOLVED: Noted

228) Purchase of Two Dog Bins and a Grant Application from the Local Aggregate Levy Fund.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Grant application to assist with the purchase of two bins had been approved and full cost of £296.00 would be available under the grant.

The Clerk asked that the Council thank Councillor Mrs Johnson for all her work in managing to obtain the Grant. Noted.

9.40pm Meeting adjourned for Public participation

9.41pm Meeting reconvened.

It was agreed to defer any discussion on the location of the bins until members had consulted with the Farleigh Green residents Association and the Football Club.

229) Report on Visit To Stancombe Quarry – Councillor Mrs Johnson

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public and press for the following agenda item by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

230) Quarterly Report from the Clerk detailing hours worked and payments received.

Noted. Councillor Mrs Johnson proposed the Council thanked the Clerk.

231) Open Forum

Councillor Mrs Johnson advised the Council that the Footpaths Working Group was still waiting to hold it's first meeting.

Councillor Watts discussed fundraising for the Youth Group. He asked whether the Parish Council may be interested in the "Community Chest" Grant Initiative on the development of the Youth Group and the Youth Hut.

Councillor Mrs Johnson confirmed that further applications could be made to the Aggregate Levy Fund.

Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven suggested Yansec and offered to collate details of organisations to whom they could apply.

232) Additional urgent Agenda Item: Personnel Working Group.

Councillors Bruce and Watts were willing to be on the working group, however three members would be required in order for it to be quorate.

RESOLVED: To establish Personnel Working Group Terms of Reference in order to provide formal channels for the Line Management of the Parish Clerk

Proposed by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Bruce and agreed that a third member was required. A vote was taken. All in Favour.

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

Signed.....Chair Dated.....