

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE YOUTH HUT, FLAX BOURTON
MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2006**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.45 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, 6 members of the public

Prior to the meeting, the public in attendance were allowed 15 minutes to discuss items on the agenda with members of the Council.

The Chairman advised the public in attendance that Councillor Pete Watts had resigned from office on Monday 9th October 2006.

246) Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Peter Burden and retrospectively District Councillor Mrs Baker

247) Declarations of Interests

None

248) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th September 2006 as a true and correct record.

Councillor Mrs Crawford noted that the word “the” be deleted from minute no. 239 e).

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven, seconded by Councillor Mrs Crawford and agreed that subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the 11th September 2006 be approved as a true and correct record. A vote was taken. All in favour.

249) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £1218.14

To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for September 2006

To approve the budgetary control report for October 2006

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

250) 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.

An application for co-option on to the Council had been received from Mr Richard Armour. The Chairman invited Mr Armour to address the Council.

Councillor Mrs Crawford stated that she did not feel it would be in the best interests of the Council if Mr Armour's application were accepted.

Councillor Mrs Johnson stated that she did not think it was a good idea and Councillor Mrs Crawford believed that it would endanger the harmony of the Parish Council even further.

The Chairman asked Councillor Mrs Johnson to state why she wanted to refuse this application. Councillor Mrs Johnson replied " Mr Armour had written a defamatory email to members of the Parish Council in the past in which he referred to them as villains."

Councillor Mrs Crawford stated that she felt co-opting Mr Armour would be counterproductive.

Councillor Mrs Johnson advised the Chairman that the proposal had not been seconded and to move to next business. No vote was taken.

251) Resignations of Councillors Dr Ogden and Watts

The Chairman confirmed that both Councillors Dr Ogden and Watts had resigned from office.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to write to Dr Ogden and Mr Watts to convey the Council's thanks.

252) Planning

To discuss any issues raised by the following applications:

06/P/2320/F – Erection of new free standing office building adjacent to Farleigh Court.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be sent to North Somerset Council:

C5 – Parking spaces may not be sufficient

C12 – Request whether replacement trees would be planted.

That the Parish Council would support the decisions of the Conservation and Planning Officers in whether or not this application be excluded as a major development within the greenbelt.

253) Personal Statement from Councillor Mrs Johnson

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255) Update reports from Working Groups

Councillor Mrs Johnson confirmed that the Footpath Working Group intended to change it's name and that there had been someone activity via email.

RESOLVED: Due to the lack of members it was resolved to defer this item until a later date.

256) Open Forum.

- Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven advised the Council of her intention to pursue the possibility of lobbying for a pedestrian crossing on the A370.
- Councillor Mrs Johnson requested an update on issues relating to the mud at Bourton Combe.

257) To note receipt of the notes taken at the Grievance Panel Hearing on September 26th 2006.

Noted.

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

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