

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 10th APRIL 2007**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.26 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Higgins (Vice Chairman), Brice, and Mrs Johnson.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, 4 members of the public, Mr Tom Collinson of Backwell Residents Association and District Councillor Burden.

Prior to the meeting, the public in attendance were allowed 15 minutes to discuss items on the agenda with members of the Council. Mrs Stella Clarke of North Somerset Agricultural Showground updated the council on forthcoming events including the Annual North Somerset Show.

304) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Mrs Hore-Ruthven, Armour, Mrs Crawford and District Councillor Mrs Baker

305) Declarations of Interests

Councillor Mrs Johnson declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item no. 5, planning application 07/P/0715/F

Councillors Barnes and Higgins both declared a personal interest in Agenda Item no. 5, planning application 07/P/0698/F

306) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2007 as a true and correct record.

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

It was unanimously agreed to move Agenda Item no. 6 next business

307) Regional Spatial Strategy Study – the meeting was adjourned to allow Mr Tom Collinson to speak.

The Chairman of the Backwell Residents Association, Mr Tom Collinson addressed the Council to update them on the Regional Spatial Strategy and possible future development issues within North Somerset

The current Local Plan is due to expire in 2011 and the South West regional Assembly, which is composed of un-elected members, has plans for 90000 houses to be built by the year 2025. 26000 of these homes are planned to be built in North Somerset at a rate of 1300 per year over 20 years. Backwell residents association believes this to be unsustainable and are requesting that Bristol City Council needs more involvement and further development.

District Councillor Burden then addressed the Council to remind members that Parish Councils, including Backwell and Flax Bourton had entered into a consultation in 2004 and it was agreed not to expand the village.

RESOLVED: All comments were noted.

Meeting reconvened

308) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £4166.80

To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for March 2007

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

309) Planning –To discuss the issues raised by the following applications

07/P/0698/F Land at Bourton Coombe, relocation and retention of dry food store, closure of existing vehicular access and construction of new access.

RESOLVED: No objections

07/P/0715/F Erection of Bungalow with attached garage and access, rear of Applegarth, Station Road. Councillor Mrs Johnson left the meeting while this item was discussed.

RESOLVED: No objections

07/P/0742/F Shared surface Cycle route, Sustrans

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Parish Council would fully support this application.

07/P/0739/F Erection of Rear Conservatory, 18 Rosemount Road

RESOLVED: No objections

9.00 pm The meeting adjourned for public questions.

9.02 pm The meeting was reconvened.

310) Footpath Users Group

Councillor Mrs Johnson updated the Council on the meetings of the Footpath Users Group and advised that Mr Adrian Leonard from North Somerset Council had attended a meeting and had very helpful.

311) X1 Bus Service

The Clerk had received a reply from First Bus stating that they had no plans to provide a stop in Flax Bourton. If the Parish Council could provide figures of potential users, this decision maybe reconsidered.

RESOLVED: Noted

312) Hedgerows Good Practice Guide.

Councillor Mrs Johnson advised the Council of the wildlife that inhabit the hedgerows in and around the village, and the need to maintain them.

RESOLVED: Noted

313) Local Aggregate Levy Sustainable Fund

As Flax Bourton has a quarry within its boundaries, a Grant funding is available to all community groups and Parish Councils within the area to provide services and facilities.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Johnson, seconded by Councillor Brice and agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes and apply for funding to revamp the play area at Farleigh Green. A vote was taken, All in Favour

314) Personnel Working Group

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Johnson, seconded by Councillor Barnes and agreed that Councillor Armour be appointed the third member of the Personnel Working Group, along with Councillors Barnes and Higgins. A vote was taken. All in favour

315) Grievance

It was noted that the Clerk had decided not to pursue a grievance brought against a member and that disrespectful communications of any kind would not be tolerated by the Council or the Clerk

316) Open Forum

Slow Down sign on A370 still not working

Potted road by the Dew Drop Inn

The Chairman advised Councillors and the public that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting was 24th April 2007 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm

The Chairman thanked Councillors Mrs Johnson, Mrs Crawford and Bryan Brice for their continued support for the Village whilst in office.

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

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

Date of next meeting: 8th May 2007