

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE YOUTH HUT, FLAX BOURTON  
MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2006**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 10.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Mrs Hore-Ruthven (Chairman), Bruce, Dr Ogden, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Johnson, and Watts

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, 2 members of the public

**179) Apologies for Absence**

None

**180) Declarations of Interests**

None

**181) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 as a true and correct record.**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Johnson, seconded by Councillor Watts and agreed that the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 be approved as a true and correct record. A vote was taken. 4 in favour, 1 abstained.

**182) To elect a Vice Chairman – Item deferred from the previous meeting.**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven, seconded by Councillor Dr Ogden and agreed that Councillor Bruce be elected as Vice Chairman. A vote was taken. All in favour. Councillor Bruce signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office.

**183) Financial Reports**

To approve the monthly expenditure of £2131.52

To approve the Urgent Payments of £2943.53

To approve the monthly bank reconciliation

To approve the budgetary control report

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

**184) Report on the Progress of the Village Hall**

As no report had been received this item was deferred until the next meeting.

**185) Youth Group Monthly Grant Payment.**

Councillor Mrs Crawford proposed that the monthly standing order payable to the Youth Group be increased by £20.00 per month to £400.00 to cover the increased costs of Youth Workers.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Crawford, seconded by Councillor Mrs Johnson and agreed to increase the monthly standing order to £400.00 per month with effect from the June instalment.

**186) 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

**187) Planning**

To discuss any issues raised by the following applications:

- 06/P/1183/F – 46 Rosemount Road.
- 06/P/1285/F – Sustrans (Cycle Path)
- Appeal against refusal, Farleigh House.

**RESOLVED:** It was approved that the following comments would be made on the applications:

06/P/1183/F – 46 Rosemount Road.

No Comments.

06/P/1285/F – Sustrans (Cycle Path)

The Parish Council welcome the development of the Cycle Path and it is supported within the Parish Plan. The Parish Council would also wish that it incorporates traffic calming measures along Station Road.

Appeal against refusal, Farleigh House.

No comments.

**188) Local Liaison Group Meeting.**

Councillor Bruce and Mrs Johnson attended the Local Liaison Group Meeting at Tarmac on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Councillor Mrs Johnson advised the Council that Parish Council representatives had been able to place items on the agenda, nor had they received a copy of the new Terms of Reference.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Tarmac and request a copy of the new Terms of Reference and enquire as to how Parish Council representatives may ensure items are placed on the forthcoming agendas.

**189) Personal Statement by Councillor Mrs Johnson.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**190) CPRE**

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Johnson be the Parish Council representative for CPRE and attend the Annual General Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

**191) Parish Magazine – Incorporating Agenda Items, 13,14,15 & 16.**

Councillor Mrs Johnson stressed how important it was that residents were kept informed of Parish Council business via regular reports in the Parish Magazine. Councillor Mrs Johnson offered to write a regular report detailing items of interest discussed at Parish Council meetings.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Johnson, seconded by Councillor Mrs Crawford and agreed that Councillor Mrs Johnson would write regular factual reports for the Parish Magazine.

**192) Pedestrian Island, A370**

Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven advised Council how dangerous it had become to cross the road near the junction of Post Office Lane.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven, seconded by Councillor Watts and agreed that the Clerk write to North Somerset Council and request that a pedestrian island be installed.

**193) North Somerset Council Area Officer Visits**

The Parish Council was asked whether it would welcome regular site visits with the Area Officers to advise North Somerset Council of problem areas within the Village. Councillors Watts and Dr Ogden agreed that they would be willing to attend such visits.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven, seconded by Councillor Bruce and agreed that the Clerk would advise North Somerset Council to contact Councillors Watts and Dr Ogden to arrange the site visits.

**194) Requests for Funding.**

Request for Grant Funding had been received by the following organisations:

- Rural Products Group - £50 - £100.00
- Flax Bourton Primary School Association
- Green gateway Project - £500.00

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Dr Ogden to refuse the application from the Rural Products Group.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Crawford, seconded by Councillor Bruce and agreed to award the sum of £50.00 to Flax Bourton School Association towards their Summer Fayre.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Johnson and agreed to write to the Green Gateway Project advising them that the Parish Council was unable to contribute, and wish them well in their endeavours. A vote was taken on three proposals. All in favour.

**195) Charter 88**

This item was deferred in order for the Council to gain further information.

**196) Date of next Meeting**

The Clerk advised the Council that she would not be available for the meeting due to take place on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 due to holiday commitments.

It was agreed that the meeting would still be held on that date and a member of the Council would take the minutes.

**197) Open Forum**

It was agreed that notes from the “Strategy Meeting” would be circulated to all Councillors to enable them bring items forward for inclusion on the next agenda.

Councillor Mrs Johnson would provide a report from the CPRE Annual General Meeting.

The Clerk was advised about street lighting hanging down on the A370 and overgrown trees. The Clerk was asked to advise North Somerset Council.

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

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....