

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT FLAX BOURTON VILLAGE HALL
Tuesday 13 February 2007**

Meeting commenced: 8.00pm

Meeting concluded: 10.00pm

Present: Councillors: Michael Barnes (Chairman), Roger Higgins (Vice Chairman), Bryan Brice, Richard Armour, Mrs Mary Johnson and Mrs Alison Crawford.

In Attendance: 8 members of the public, District Councillors Peter Burden and Felicity Baker, Cheryl Kavanagh (NSC Community Meals).

*Prior to the meeting, the public in attendance were allowed 15 minutes to discuss items on the agenda with members of the Council.
Cheryl Kavanagh gave a brief presentation on the Community Meals service available - more information for the Village will follow.*

275) Apologies for Absence – The Clerk and Councillor Mrs Caz Hore-Ruthven

276) Declaration of Interests – None

277) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 January 2007 as a true and correct record.

Resolved: Proposed Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins, all in favour.

278) Financial Reports – In the absence of the Parish Clerk only the monthly expenditure report was considered. **Resolved:** Agreed - proposed Councillor Barnes, seconded Councillor Higgins, all in favour with the usual reports to be considered at the next meeting.

279) Planning –To discuss the issues raised by the following applications:

07/P/0120/F – 14 Rosemount Road

07/P/0132/RM & 07/P/0133/F – Old School House

Resolved: 14 Rosemount Road – no objection.

Old School House – considered inappropriate as over-development and concerns about road safety at a busy junction and the nearby school.

Proposed: Councillor Barnes, Seconded Councillor Johnson, all in favour.

280) Minutes of the Stancombe Quarry Local Liaison Group on 14 Nov 2006
Noted with the Terms of Reference circulated. Next meeting 22 May 2007.

281) Footway/Cycle Path between Farleigh Green & Station Road –

It was noted that a public consultation exercise by NSC is to be held in February and subject to Planning Consent Sustrans/NSC will organise a summer work camp to construct the path this year.

282) To resolve to re-establish a Personnel Working Group – Resolved:

Councillor Higgins be appointed to the Group which currently consists of Councillors

Hore-Ruthven and Crawford. Proposed: Councillor Johnson, seconded Councillor Crawford, all in favour.

283) To consider extra funding for Flax Bourton Youth Group – A paper from the Chairman of the Youth Group had been circulated and further information given by him at the meeting. **Resolved:** Approved to increase the annual grant from £4,800 to £5,862 to meet leaders’ salaries and £500 towards activities costs. It was agreed to consider the request to assist financially with the proposed building improvements to the hut, when full details/costs are known. Proposed: Councillor Barnes, seconded Councillor Higgins. Voted 4 in agreement, 2 abstained.

284) To resolve whether Councillor Johnson is continue to report the Parish Council decisions in the Parish Magazine – It was discussed and a decision was postponed until The Clerk was available for comment.

285) To resolve that the Council receives copies of all correspondence sent to The Clerk and that it is placed on each agenda – The proposal was considered. **Resolved:** that only important items need be circulated with others mentioned at the monthly meetings. Proposed: Councillor Barnes, seconded Councillor Crawford, all in favour.

286) To discuss any further information that may have been received on the phone mast at Station Road railway line – the recently erected phone mast on Railway property off Station Road was discussed. The Chairman had reported the matter to NSC Development & Environment Planning who sent an investigator (Mark Hepenstall) who reported initially the mast was for railway signalling only and not directed other than along the railway line. As a statutory body they do not need planning permission. A full report is being compiled by NSC and will be presented to the Parish Council soon whose concerns for the school and residents were noted. The information was noted and developments awaited.

287) Open forum – The fuel depot planning application was considered critical and investigations would continue with an update at the next meeting, with possibly an Extraordinary Meeting being arranged. It was agreed that the following be considered, time permitting, for the agenda at the next meeting: dog bins, Village orderly, ‘slow down’ sign, hedge cutting, Village Hall deeds update, Clerk’s remuneration, Rights of Way, bus shelter, wildlife and website update.

Date of next meeting: 13 March 2007, 8 pm at The Village Hall.

There being no further business The Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed Chairman Date