

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT FLAX BOURTON YOUTH HUT  
MONDAY 13th MARCH 2006**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.55 pm

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

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

Prior to the meeting, Mrs Katie Hutchings of The North Somerset Agricultural Showground, spoke to Council to outline the details of this years North Somerset Show on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2006.

**154) Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Watts

**155) Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Bruce in matters relating to Planning Application 06/P/ 0163/ F

**156) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January as a true and correct record.**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ogden and agreed that the Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2006 be approved as a true and correct record. A vote was taken. 4 in favour, 1 abstained.

**157) Financial Reports**

To approve the monthly expenditure of £1860.96

To approve the monthly bank reconciliation

To approve the budgetary control report

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ogden that the above financial reports be taken on block and approved. A vote was taken. 4 in favour, 1 abstained.

### 158) Planning

To discuss any issues raised by the following applications:

- 06/P/0163/F Three Acres, Post Office Lane. Conversion of existing stable block to single dwelling. *Councillor Bruce left the room 20.33pm*
- 06/P/0318/F 2 Eastfield Cottages, Main Road. Erection of a rear conservatory.
- 06/P/0338/F The Former School, Main Road. Erection of a two-storey rear extension.
- 06/P/0441/O 6 Mile Cottage, Farleigh Road. Erection of a dwelling. (Outline)

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

06/P/0163/F – The Parish Council wish to enquire if the bungalow would have agricultural restrictions placed on it as it stand on agricultural land.

20.37pm Councillor Bruce rejoined the meeting.

06/P/0318/F – No comments or issues were raised on this application.

06/P/0338/F - The Parish Council requested that officers looked carefully at the potential to loss of privacy that this two storey development might impose.

06/P/0441/O – The Parish Council would request that the present access for 6 Mile Cottage be addressed and enquire if the works have been started.

### 159) 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

### 160) Vice Chairman

To note a request from Councillor Bruce to step down as Vice Chairman due to work commitments and to elect a new Vice Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that as the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven missed very few meetings that Councillor Bruce would continue to be the Vice Chairman for the time being.

### 161) ALCA Representative

To elect a member of the Council to be the official Flax Bourton representative for ALCA.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Mrs Johnson volunteered to stand. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Crawford, seconded by Councillor Bruce and agreed that Councillor Mrs Johnson stand as the ALCA representative for the Parish Council. A vote was taken, All in favour

**162) Dr Liam Fox .**

Parish Councils had been requested to comment on difficulties they have had when dealing with the North Somerset Planning Department.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Dr Liam Fox and confirm that the Parish Council believed that communications had improved in recent months, however the Parish Council still had some concerns with enforcement issues.

**163) Play Area ROSPA Report / Village Hall Major Defect Report**

To note that copies of each report have been passed to Persimmon with a request that they carry out any necessary works prior to the transfer of ownership.

Noted

**164) Publication Scheme for Local Councils**

To resolve to adopt the Model Scheme, in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**RESOLVED:** That the scheme in adopted in principle, however the Clerk was requested to email a copy of the scheme to all Councillors for their perusal.

*9.15pm Councillor Mrs Ogden left the meeting.*

**165) Bitton Parish Council**

To note the letter received from the Clerk of Bitton Parish Council requesting the support of Flax Bourton Parish Council in objecting to non-elected bodies decision-making.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the letter be noted and the Clerk would write to Bitton Parish Council and request some further information before The Council could commit to making a decision.

**166) Hijack Bristol.com – Foundation Festival**

To note the letter received from Mr Peter Horsham with reference to comments made at the Public Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2006 and to agree on an appropriate response.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would reply to the letter stating that the meeting held on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2006 was a Public Meeting and not a Parish Council Meeting. At no point did any representatives of the Parish Council make any comments with regard to the conduct of Oliver Gurney or the Hijack Bristol.com website. The Parish Council undertook the website Poll in order to gauge the opinion of the local residents who would have been affected by such an event and therefore maintained the right to shut down the poll at anytime.

**167) Stancombe Quarry Local Liaison Group**

To agree that Flax Bourton Parish Council participate in the group and nominate two member representatives.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Councillors Mrs Johnson and Bruce represent the Parish Council in the Stancombe Quarry Local Liaison Group. Councillor Mrs Crawford offered to attend if Councillor Bruce was unable to.

**168) Cambridge Batch Wildlife Site – North Somerset Council**

Request for funding contribution to the annual maintenance costs.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Parish Council would not support the costs of the annual maintenance costs.

**160) Open Forum**

Councillor Mrs Crawford proposed that the Youth Group Grant and statistics of the Youth Group attendees be placed on the April agenda

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

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....