

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.25 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Barnes, Higgins, Windo, Colbourne-Brown, and Mrs Moss

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, 8 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.*

**1) Election of Chairman.**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and unanimously agreed that Michael Barnes be elected as Chairman for the coming year.

**2) Election of Vice Chairman.**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Windo and unanimously agreed that Roger Higgins be elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

**3) Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs Hore-Ruthven and Armour.

**4) Declarations of Interests**

None

**5) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 as a true and correct record.**

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

**6) Financial Reports**

To approve the monthly expenditure of £1161.95

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Barnes and agreed that the financial reports be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**Fuel Depot Update** – Councillor Higgins advised the Council that North Somerset Council Planning Officer Roger Willmott, confirmed on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007 that the deemed consent planning application was invalid.

It was noted however that the North Somerset website, stated that on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007, the application be recommended.

Councillor Windo had spoken to District Councillor Peter Burden who suggested that this mat not mean “recommended for approval”.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Higgins would keep a close eye on forthcoming events and report back to Council.

**7) Parish Council Representatives**

**Footpath Users Group** – Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and unanimously agreed that Councillor Colbourne-Brown be the Parish Council Representative on the Working Group.

**Stancombe Quarry Local Liaison Group** – Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and unanimously agreed that Councillor Windo be the Parish Council Representative on the Liaison Group.

**ALCA** – This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**8) Footpath Rounds Booklet**

*8.20pm Meeting adjourned to allow Mr Batten to address the Council re a grant request.*

The Footpath Users Group had provided the Council with details of the booklet, the estimated costs and background information. A request was made for a grant of £500.00 to assist with the cost of printing a Rounds Booklet.

Mr Batten confirmed that the booklet would be available in various locations.

*8.24pm Meeting reconvened.*

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and unanimously agreed to award a grant of £500.00.

**9) Monthly Play Area Inspection Report**

The report had previously been circulated to members.

**RESOLVED:** Noted

**10) Open Forum**

Councillors to provide a synopsis of the minutes for the Parish Magazine  
Councillor Higgins advised members of an email received from District Councillor Peter Burden on the drainage issues at Bourton Combe. North Somerset Council confirmed that there was inefficient drainage; however no funds or resources were currently available to rectify the problem.

Following the elections Councillor Barnes congratulated Tom Collinson and Karen Barclay on their election as District Councillors. The Parish Council to write to Felicity Baker and Peter Burden to thank them for all their hard work over the previous years.

Parish Council Surgeries – To be discussed at the next meeting.

*Resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public and press for the following agenda items by reason of the confidential nature of the business.*

- 11) **To approve the recommendations from the Personnel Working Group, on the recruitment of the Village Orderly.**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and unanimously agreed to appoint Miss Anna Jones and Mr Max Wardle.

- 12) **To approve the recommendations from the Personnel Working Group on the Clerk's remuneration.**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and unanimously agreed to increase the Clerk salary to salary scale point LC1 23

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

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....

Date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007