

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 12th JUNE 2007**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.36 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Higgins, Windo, Colbourne-Brown, Armour 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.

13) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Mrs Hore-Ruthven, Barnes and District Councillor Collinson

14) Declarations of Interests

None

15) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2007 as a true and correct record.

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

16) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £3406.27

To approve the Bank Reconciliations – April and May 2007

To approve the Budgetary Control Reports – April, May and June 2007

To note receipt of the financial accounts for year ending 31st March 2007

To decide on how to proceed with obtaining an Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Windo, seconded by Councillor Armour and agreed that the financial reports be taken on block and approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

17) Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Windo provided a report detailing his suggestion of holding fortnightly surgeries at the Village Hall and The Youth Hut on Saturdays between the hours of 11.00 am & 1.00 pm.

This item was discussed at length and merged with agenda Item no 15 re inviting residents to comment by way of an online poll and leaflet drop. It was therefore agreed to defer the item until the results of an online poll and leaflet drop could be ascertained.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Armour, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed to defer the item. A vote was taken, All in favour.

18) To agree a strategy by which the Councillors regularly liaise with neighbouring Parish Councils – Councillor Windo

Councillor Windo explained to members how important it was for neighbouring Councils to support one another and to liaise regularly. Councillor Windo agreed that he would be happy to take on the role of Liaison Officer.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Windo, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that Councillor Windo would contact neighbouring Parish Councils. A vote was taken, all in favour.

19) Village Litter Bins

Councillor Windo proposed that the Council enquire into the need for more litter bins, dog bins and benches. It was agreed that the Village Orderlies would be asked to report back on “hot spots” and that the Clerk would enquire at North Somerset Council about installing 4 – 6 benches.

20) Fuel Depot deemed consent application update.

Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation of the deemed consent application and confirmed that the North Somerset Council had decided that the application was invalid.

Further information was still being sought as to a new express consent application.

21) Implementation of Village Orderlies

Councillor Higgins enquired if the Village Orderlies had been given their duties. The Clerk confirmed that both Orderlies had started work in June 1st 2007.

RESOLVED: Noted

22) Future arrangements for summary of PC minutes in Flax Bourton Parish Magazine

Councillor Higgins suggested that a synopsis of the minutes continue to be placed in the Parish Magazine. It was noted that the cut off time for the magazine proved problematic due to the date of Council meetings. Councillor Higgins agreed to make further enquiries.

23) Cycling on pavements

A complaint had been received from a resident re people cycling on the pavements. It was agreed to advise the resident to contact the Police should the matter persist.

24) To receive progress on the Slow down Road sign on A370

Councillor Armour enquired if any progress had been made with North Somerset repairing the illuminated slow down sign on the A370.

The Clerk advised members that she had received an email for North Somerset Council stating that no funds were available for its repair.

RESOLVED: District Councillor Mrs Barclay would investigate that matter further and report back to the Clerk.

25) Road sign knocked down on Belmont Hill/Station Road X-roads

Councillor Armour advised the Council of the above and it was agreed to report it to NSC.

26) To receive an update on Traffic calming in village.

The Clerk advised members that despite numerous requests and site meetings, North Somerset Council had no funds within their budget for Traffic Calming within Flax Bourton.

27) Christmas lights - Does the village want them?

Councillor Armour suggested that the Council investigate if residents would like to see Christmas Lights in and around the Village.

RESOLVED: That a questionnaire be sent to all residents in order to test opinion.

28) Agenda Procedures

The Clerk reminded members about Standing Orders and the importance of ensuring that all agenda items were received by 7 days prior to the meeting and that all items must clearly state what business is to be transacted. Members were also advised that should they send / receive any information that this must be issued to all members prior to the meeting also.

29) Open Forum

Councillor Windo asked Councillor Mrs Moss about "Village Green Status"

Councillor Windo advised members that he had attended the Quarry Liaison Group meeting and would report back to Council.

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

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

Date of next meeting: 10th July 2007