

**EXTRA ORDINARY FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2007**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.05 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Higgins (Vice Chairman) Mrs Moss, Colbourne-Brown and Windo,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, 5 members of the public and District Councillors Collinson and Mrs Barclay.

*Prior to the meeting, the public in attendance were allowed 15 minutes to discuss items on the agenda with members of the Council.*

**40) Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven.

**41) Declarations of Interests**

None

**42) To discuss and act on the application submitted by the Oil and Pipelines agency under The Planning ( Hazardous Substances) Act in respect of the MOD Flax Bourton Fuel Depot**

Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation. A notice stating the OPA's intention to submit a further application to North Somerset Council had been posted to a gate on the site on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

The general public had 21 days after the date of that notice to write to North Somerset Council with any comments. The deadline for receipt of any written public comments was August 9<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Members of the public, who wished to view the actual plans, were required to telephone a mobile phone number and make an appointment with a Maintenance Man from the OPA would arrange to meet them onsite, whereby plans could be viewed from the back of his van. No copies of the plans were available for the public to take away and digest thoroughly

Councillor Mrs Moss then addressed the meeting and highlighted the concerns the Parish Council had about the manner in which North Somerset Council were dealing with it and the previous applications made by the Oil and Pipeline Agency.

*8.17 pm Meeting adjourned for public participation whereby concerns re wildlife, the chemicals involved and North Somerset Council's apparent lack of expertise were discussed.*

*8.45 pm Meeting Reconvened.*

**RESOLVED: that the following proposals be put to the vote:**

- That the Parish Council writes to North Somerset Council to express it's concerns about the lack of information available on the establishment of the Fuel Depot.
- That the Parish Council writes to North Somerset Council to clarify the exact process for Hazardous Substances applications.

- That the Parish Council writes to all other interested organisations in order to request that they lobby North Somerset Council for the correct information.
- That the Parish Council provide a press release to the Bristol Evening Post, The Western Daily Press, the Mercury and the North Somerset Times to highlight the Council concerns and advise the public to comment by August 9<sup>th</sup> 2007
- That the Parish Council lobby North Somerset Council to employ a qualified consultant to assist their Officers with the application and that the Parish Council appoint such an expert if necessary.

A vote on the above proposals was taken, All in favour.

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

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....

Date of next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007