

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 14th AUGUST 2007**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Windo, Higgins (Vice Chairman), Colbourne-Brown.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, 5 members of the public, District Councillor Collinson

Prior to the meeting, Mrs Hilary Burn, the Chairman of Cleeve Parish Council Airport Association spoke on the Bristol Airport Expansion Plans.

40) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Mrs Hore-Ruthven, Mrs Moss and District Councillor Mrs Barclay.

41) Declarations of Interests

None

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

RESOLVED: That minute number 35 be amended to read that Councillor Mrs Moss updated the Council on the Fuel Depot application. Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed that subject to the above amendment the minutes be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

43) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £2244.27

To approve the bank reconciliations and budget control report.

To approve the monthly bank reconciliations

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

44) Planning- To discuss any issues raised by the following applications:

07/P/1951/F – 11 Orchard Close. Erection of two storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing shed/garage and alterations to windows and doors on front and side elevations.

RESOLVED: No Comments / Objections

45) MOD Fuel Depot Application Update

Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation. It was noted that the Oil and Pipeline Agency had made numerous errors with the application process. On 8th August 2007, the OPA submitted an incorrect plan. On August 10th 2007, another application was submitted and North Somerset Council confirmed that numerous attachments were missing and therefore the application would not be registered.

Mr Chris Perkins of the OPA was quoted in the Bristol Evening Post as saying that Flax Bourton was the preferred site for the storage of the substances and councillor Windo suggested that the Council might like to invite Carl Francis – Pester to a meeting in order to get Mr Liam Fox MP involved.

*8.48 pm Adjourned for public participation
9.04 pm Meeting reconvened.*

District Councillor Collinson advised the Council that representatives from the MOD were to meet with Mr Roger Wilmot of NSC on 16th August 2007.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that an extra ordinary meeting be held to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council employing a legal expert to assist with application made by the OPA.

A vote was taken. All in favour.

46) Publication of minutes in the Parish Magazine.

Councillor Higgins advised members that the cut off date for the Parish Magazine was to early for minutes of the previous month to be included.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk submit a summary of the minutes of by the 10th of the month preceding the last meeting.

47) Bristol Airport Expansion Plan

Following Mrs Hilary Burn's talk members decided to send a representative to a meeting of the Cleeve Parish Council Airport Association and report back to Council.

48) New Parish Council Code of Conduct

Members had received a copy of the New Code Conduct previously.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and agreed that Flax Bourton Parish Council formally adopt the New Code as of August 14th 2007. A vote was taken all in favour.

49) NALC Annual National Conference Open Forum

The Clerk advised members of the benefits of attending the Annual Conference.

RESOLVED: Noted

50) Farleigh Green Play Area – Safety Inspection Report

The report had been circulated to members previously.

RESOLVED: Noted

51) Open Forum

To source new contract for Grass Cutting at Farleigh Green

To ensure North Somerset Council repair the broken panel on the Bus Shelter.

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

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

Date of next meeting: 11th September 2007