

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2007**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.33 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Collinson and 3 members of the public.

73) Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mrs Hore Ruthven

74) Declarations of Interests

Councillor Higgins declared a personal interest in agenda number 5. Planning reference application 07/P/2582/F

75) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2007 as a true and correct record.

It was noted that minute number 73 should be amended to read that the dead tree was on Rosemount Road and not Rougement Road

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Window, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that subject to the above amendment, the minutes be approved. A vote was taken. 3 in favour, 1 abstention.

76) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £1689.86

To approve the bank reconciliations.

To approve the budgetary control report.

To note the bank interest report

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

It was agreed to move agenda item number 12 to next business.

8.05 pm meeting adjourned for public participation.

Dr Hamish Batten addressed the Council advised them of the difficulties he had been having with North Somerset Council maintaining the footpaths.

8.10 pm meeting reconvened

77) Dr Batten's issues were noted and it was agreed that District Councillor Collinson would intervene and speak with Adrian Leonard of North Somerset Council.

- 78) **Planning-** To discuss any issues raised by the following application:
07/P/2582/F – The Gables, Church Lane, Erection of rear conservatory.
07/P/2695/T2 – The Coach House, Castle Close, Crown reduction of 1 x Beech Tree
07/P/2411/LB– Coroners Court, Old Weston Road, Siting of cable.

RESOLVED: No Comments / Objections

- 79) **Casual Vacancy**
It was noted that the Council still had a Casual Vacancy for Councillor that was able to be filled by Co-Option.

- 80) **Requests for Grant Funding.**
Requests for financial assistance had been received from Flax Bourton School and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed to award Flax Bourton School the sum of £50.00 towards the School Fayre. The Clerk to write to the Citizens Advice Bureau to advise them that no funds were available for them at the present time.

It was agreed to move Agenda item number 9 to next business.

- 81) **North Somerset Core Strategy**
North Somerset Council produced a Core Strategy Document for consultation highlighting proposed sites for building a further 18000 homes in the district. Both the Parish Council and residents were invited to comment by the 30th November 2007. Councillor Windo had attended a meeting of Barrow Gurney Parish Council, whereby Mr Michael Reep, a North Somerset Council planning officer gave presentation on the Strategy. It was noted that the coloured areas shown within the document were only indicative and not site or acreage specific.
Many questions were raised by members including the lack of infrastructure to cope with such development, the impact of the size of the Village increasing and the fact the North Somerset Council clearly did not have the monies available to improve services.

8.30 pm *Meeting adjourned for public participation.*

8.58 pm *meeting reconvened*

- 82) **RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that a list of comments would be drawn up and sent to North Somerset Council in response to the consultation. A vote was taken, all in favour.

- 83) **Drop Kerbs / Tactile Pavements.**
North Somerset Council had written to the Clerk offering one drop kerb with a tactile pavement for one junction within the Village.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the residents would be asked for their views of the best location via the Parish Magazine.

- 84) Cleve Parish Council Airport Association**
Item deferred as Councillor Colbourne-Brown had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Association.
- 85) Former Fuel Depot Update**
Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation and confirmed that North Somerset Council would not be seeking professional advice should another hazardous substance application be submitted. It was noted that members of the Working Group were still working hard in gathering further information in anticipation of such an application.
- 86) Dog Bins / Litter Bins and Benches**
Requests for the above had been made by residents and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the possibilities of receiving outside grant funding to assist with the purchasing of the items. Councillor Windo agreed to ask Tarmac at the next Local Liaison Committee meeting.
- 87) Proposals for the Budget 2008 /2009**
The Clerk asked members to submit any proposal for forthcoming expenditure to her in time for the draft budget setting on December. Noted
- 88) Clerk's Membership to the Institute of Local Council Management**
Members had received literature on the Institute previously.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed to support the Clerk's membership.
- 89) Open Forum**
- Councillor Barnes advised members of the Youth Group Open Evening on December 12th 2007.
 - Councillor Higgins requested that the Fuel Depot be a standard agenda item.
 - The Clerk to write to North Somerset re maintaining the weight limit on the Station Road Bridge and to advise them to move the signs to a more prominent place. The letter to include a request for lighting on the cyclepath.
 - Councillor Barnes advised members of the Village Hall Xmas Party being held on December 6th, all were welcome.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 11th December 2007.

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

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