

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2008**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.05 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Mrs Hore-Ruthven, and Mrs Moss.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Collinson, Katie Bradley-Hudson.

Prior to the meeting Mrs Katie Bradley – Hudson updated the Council on the forthcoming North Somerset Agricultural Show. The Council were advised that a planning application had been submitted in order to change access sites and event numbers. It was assumed that the applications would be received from North Somerset Council for comment at the next council meeting.

107) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Higgins and Windo

108) Declarations of Interests

Councillor Barnes declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 11, Village Hall Signage and Councillor Mrs Moss declared a personal interest in agenda Item No. 13, appointment of trustees.

109) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2008 as a true and correct record.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss, seconded by Councillor Barnes and agreed that the minutes be approved. A vote was taken. 2 in favour, 1 abstention.

110) Financial Reports

- To approve the monthly expenditure of £1993.90
- To approve the bank reconciliations.
- To approve the budgetary control report

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

111) Replacement of Roundabout at Farleigh Play Area.

A quote had been received to replace the existing roundabout.

RESOLVED: It was agreed not to proceed a replacement at the present time. Enquires would be made in to the cost of toddler swings and Councillor Hore-Ruthven would investigate what external funding was available. A vote was taken, all in favour.

112) Casual Vacancy

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

113) Former Fuel Depot Update

Councillor Mrs Moss confirmed that the working group would be meeting on 17th March and particular attention was being paid to the current situation at the Redcliffe Site. The Council had been advised by North Somerset planning officers that a new application for the Flax Bourton site was expected in May 2008.

Noted

114) North Somerset Housing Core Strategy / Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

The situation was being carefully monitored, however there was no further information as the present time.

Noted.

Village Orderly request for Litter Collection Barrow

The Village Orderly had requested the Council purchase a Litter Barrow and was provide with three quotes. Councillors agreed that the Village Orderly should have the equipment and suggested the smallest of the three. The purchase of the Barrow would be deferred until the Village Orderly returned from annual leave.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that The purchase of the Barrow would be deferred until the Village Orderly returned from annual leave. A vote was taken. All in favour.

115) Tactile Pavements

North Somerset Council had offered the Council funds for the installation of one tactile pavement within the village. Residents were asked to advise the Clerk of their preferred location however no suggestions were made and the deadline for ordering the work was missed.

Noted

8.40pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.

8.45pm Meeting reconvened.

116) Village Hall Signage

To approve ownership and expenditure of two road signs for the Village Hall

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven and agreed that the signs be owned by the Parish Council and the expenditure approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

117) Website

The Clerk advised members that the website had now been fully updated.

It was agreed to try to get a map of the village on the site and to scan in the Village Hall flyer to assist with hall booking enquiries.

Noted

- 118) Appointment of Trustees of the Flax Bourton Relief in Need Charity**
Councillor Mrs Moss advised the Council about the Flax Bourton Relief in Need Charity and the Parish Council is obliged to approve the trustees for the Charity. The nominations were Valerie Eustace and Paul Lillington.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven and agreed the Valerie Eustace and Paul Lillington be approved as trustees of the Flax Bourton Relief in Need Charity. A vote was taken. All in favour.

- 119) Open Forum**
Councillor Mrs Moss advised the Council that North Somerset Council had sought legal advice on a proposed new walkway at Bristol Airport. Advice was being sought as to whether it came under “permitted development” or not.

Noted

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 8th April 2008.

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

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