

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 10th JUNE 2008**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors:, Higgins, Colbourne-Brown and Mrs Moss.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillors Collinson and Mrs Barclay and 2 members of the public

1) Election of Chairman

Prior to the meeting Councillor Barnes had expressed his interest in standing as Chairman for coming year.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that Councillor Barnes be elected as Parish Council Chairman. A vote was taken. All in favour.

2) Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Higgins was happy to stand as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and agreed that Councillor Higgins be elected as Parish Council Vice Chairman.

3) Declarations of Acceptance to Office

Councillor Higgins signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office and it was witnessed by the Clerk. Councillor Barnes would be asked to sign his at the next meeting.

4) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Barnes, Windo and Mrs Hore-Ruthven.

5) Declarations of Interests

None

6) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2008 and Tuesday 27th May 2008 as a true and correct record.

It was agreed that minute number 137 should read “This was considered vital information for any possible implication for reopening Flax Bourton Fuel Depot” and not “application”.

It was agreed that minute number 138 should read “ The current housing problems caused by the “Credit Crunch” could delay implementation pf the Core Strategy”.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Colbourne-Brown, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that subject to the above amendments the minutes be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

7) **Financial Reports**

To approve the monthly expenditure of £2388.73

To approve the bank reconciliations.

To approve the Budget Control Report

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

To approve the Annual Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2008

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and agreed that the financial accounts be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

To agree to move banking arrangements from Natwest Bank to the Co-Operative Bank.

RESOLVED: Following numerous problems with Natwest, the Clerk had looked into better banking services with the Co-Operative Bank proving to be the preferred bank with a large amount of Parish and Town Councils.

Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and agreed to move the Parish Council's Bank accounts to the Co-Operative Bank. A vote was taken. All in favour.

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

08/P/1179/TPO - 30 % weight reduction of Silver Birch, 7 The Mews, Morgan Place, Flax Bourton.

No comments / objections

9) **Casual Vacancy**

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

10) **Former Fuel Depot Update**

Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation. There had been no significant progress since the public meeting held in Portishead.

Dr Liam Fox's question on security was not answered on grounds of National Security. North Somerset Council had not changed their view on the validity of the Deemed Consent.

The Heath and Safety Executive wrote to Dr Liam Fox and explained their role but did not answer any of the specific questions relating to Redcliffe Bay.

The working group continues to meet every 2 – 3 weeks and is concentrating on identifying the right professional advice and will then make its recommendations to the Parish Council. The recommendation will include details of the quoted fees.

As yet no further applications had been submitted re the Flax Bourton site.

Noted.

- 11) North Somerset Housing Core Strategy / Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**
Councillor Higgins advised members that there was nothing further to report this month.
8.50 pm meeting adjourned for public participation
8.55 pm meeting reconvened.
It was noted that Flax Bourton Parish Council had not been invited to the Planning Forums organised by North Somerset Council. It was agreed that the Clerk investigate this and ensure that Flax Bourton were included in future mailings.
Noted.
- 12) Dog / Litter Bins.**
Councillor Windo had advised the Clerk that on speaking with Paul Hopkins of Tarmac, the original request for funding from the Parish Council had gone astray. This was due to Mr Alan Starling and his predecessor both having left the employment of the Tarmac. Mr Hopkins suggested that the Clerk write direct to him in order for him to make the necessary enquiries. The Clerk sent the letter on 6th June 2008.
Noted.
- 13) Maintenance of Trees and Shrubs at Farleigh Green**
The Clerk had been in touch with North Somerset Council and was still waiting for Mr J Flannigan of Street & Open Spaces to contact her with a quote.
Noted.
- 14) To receive an update on the “alleged” breach of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**
The Clerk advised members that she had received a letter from the Information Commissioners Office confirming that no breach had been made with regards to the complaint made by former Parish Councillor, Mr Tom Wilson. A copy of the letter would be sent to all members.
Noted.
- 15) Arrangements for publishing the Minutes on the Parish Magazine.**
It was agreed that the deadline for the Parish Magazine did not fit in well with the Parish Council meetings. However excerpts of minutes would be submitted and would be published one month behind. The Clerk was also asked to ensure that a calendar detailing the dates and times of the meetings was included as a regular item.
Noted.
- 16) Open Forum**
It was agreed that the following items be included on the next agenda.
- To have a regular agenda item on the developments of the North Somerset Ground planning application.
 - To give thanks to the District Councillors for all their hard work.
 - To formally adopt the Complaints Procedure.

Finally the Clerk advised members that a letter of thanks had been received from a resident, with regard to a recent planning application.

- 17) Date of next meeting, Tuesday 8th July 2008.

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

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