

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 8th JULY 2008**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.05 pm

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

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

1) Apologies for Absence

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

2) Declarations of Interests

None

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

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

4) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £3268.35

To approve the Budget Control Report

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

5) Casual Vacancy

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

6) Former Fuel Depot Update

Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation.

No further Hazardous Substances Application had been submitted for Flax Bourton and Dr Liam Fox is challenging information given by Defence Ministers regarding both Flax Bourton and Redcliffe Bay sites. The Redcliffe Bay action group are continuing to challenge the Deemed Consent Application that was made in December 2006 with the support of their District Councillors. However North Somerset Council is keen to progress with a Modification Order on the basis that the Deemed Consent is on order. The action group have sent a letter to the Oil and Pipelines Agency requesting evidence of the information included in the Deemed Consent Application.

The Flax Bourton Working Group continues to meet regularly and is liaising with the Redcliffe Bay Action Group in view of the potential “knock on” effect for Flax Bourton.

Noted.

- 7) **North Somerset Housing Core Strategy / Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**
 Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation.
8.15pm meeting adjourned for public participation.
8.20pm meeting reconvened
 As discussed at the annual Parish Meeting, the outcome of the recent consultation is available to view on the North Somerset Council website.
 The outcome of the South West Bristol Advisory meeting that was held on 18th June 2008 is still awaited.
 Noted.
- 8) **North Somerset Showground**
 The North Somerset Showground had recently applied for planning permission to extend the number of days allowed for events.
8.25pm meeting adjourned for public participation.
8.41p meeting reconvened.
 It was noted that a meeting between interested parties had been arranged for Friday 11th July at 11.00am in the Village Hall. Councillors would report the findings of the meeting at the next Parish Council meeting.
 Noted.
- 9) **Village Hall Directional Signs**
 Three direction brown signs had been purchased by the Council and erected suitable locations in and around the Village.
 The Clerk had been contacted by North Somerset Council and was advised that no permission had been given for the erection of such signs and as such they were to be removed.
 Councillor Barnes advised members that he had asked Mr David Bailey for permission to erect signs, however this was now being denied and the Council had no choice but to arrange for them to be removed.
RESOLVED: It was agreed that the signs be removed once arrangements with a contractor had been made and an application to erect the correct type of signs would be applied for. A vote was taken. All in favour.
- 10) **To formally adopt the Model Complaints Procedure.**
 The NALC model complaint procedure had been previously circulated to all members
RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Complaints Procedure be formally adopted by Flax Bourton Parish Council and advertised accordingly. A vote was taken. All in favour.
- 11) **Works to Trees and Shrubs on Farleigh Green**
 Councillor Barnes had had a site meeting with a tree surgeon to quote for the works that were required. The quote would be sent to the Clerk and considered at the next meeting..
 Noted.
- 12) **Open Forum**
 It was agreed that the following items be included on the next agenda.
 - To place an article in the Parish Magazine to ascertain if residents were happy for BT to remove the telephone box at the Post Office Lane.
- 13) Date of next meeting, Tuesday 12th August 2008.
 There, being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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