

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 12th AUGUST 2008**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.35 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Collinson and 4 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Mrs Barclay

2) Declarations of Interests

None

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

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

4) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £1693.85

To approve the Budget Control Report

To approve the Bank Reconciliation

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

5) Casual Vacancy

8.10 pm meeting adjourned for public participation. 8.12pm meeting reconvened. The Council had a Casual Vacancy for a Councillor that was able to be filled by Co-Option. Mr Duncan Rutherford came forward and advised the Council of his wish to be co-opted.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Windo, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agree that Mr Duncan Rutherford be co-opted onto Flax Bourton Parish Council and hold the office of Councillor. A vote was taken, all in favour.

6) Former Fuel Depot Update

Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation.

A Government Minister has now acknowledged to Dr Liam Fox that fuel currently stored at Redcliffe Bay is for civil use. This has significant implications for Flax Bourton as it has the only pipeline feed from Redcliffe Bay.

Redcliffe Bay Action Group continue to challenge the Deemed Consent Application made in December 2006 with the supports of their District Councillor. Despite this, North Somerset Council are keen to progress with a Modification Order on the basis that the Deemed Consent Application is in order. However, evidence from the Oil and Pipelines Agency shows that both fuel types and quantities were incorrectly stated in the Redcliffe bay Deemed Consent application.

Flax Bourton's working group continues to meet regularly, 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.

8.21 pm meeting adjourned for public participation

8.31 pm meeting reconvened.

A draft revised Regional Spatial Strategy has been produced with no change to the stated 26,750 units proposed in North Somerset by the year 2026 of which 10,500 are proposed for South West Bristol.

More emphasis is needed on planning for required infrastructure and on the need to reduce travel. Transport accounts for 28% of CO2 emissions. The urban extension should be based on lowest car use.

50% of housing is to be on previously developed land and in villages and development should be "self contained"

North Somerset Council have just appointed Consultants to produce a strategic and delivery plan.

Recommendations will go to the Executive Council on 28th October 2008 with public consultation commencing on November / December 2008.

Option A (adjoining existing Bristol urban area) remains the preferred option with some changes in the A38 area.

Noted.

8) North Somerset Showground

8.38 pm meeting adjourned for public participation

8.42 pm meeting reconvened.

On 11th July 2008 a meeting was held in Flax Bourton Village Hall to discuss the current planning application made by North Somerset Agricultural Society. The meeting was attended by representatives of North Somerset Council (NSC); North Somerset Agricultural Society (NSAS); Flax Bourton Parish Council (FBPC); Wraxall & Failand Parish Council (WFPC); Objectors to the Application and invited neighbours.

The meeting was chaired by Colin Pope (Chairman of Backwell Parish Council).

Objectors to the Application were represented by Conor Flanagan of Hunter Page Planning Consultants.

A detailed report by Councillor Windo was circulated to all Councillors following the meeting was considered as a great success as it gave all interested parties an opportunity to air their views, and several points of clarification were achieved. NSAS appeared surprised by the strength and detail of the preparation by the objectors.

NSAS apologised for all the confusion and stated that NSAS certainly did not intend to antagonise the residents of Flax Bourton or any of the other surrounding Parishes, and asked if there was anything else they could do to assure the residents of their best intentions. Councillor Windo said that he would put a proposal to FBPC to appoint one of the Parish Councillors to liaise with NSAS regarding future events and proposals. It was suggested that the best person to liaise with from NSAS was their secretary.

Noted.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed that the Clerk would speak to NSAS and invite the Executive Committee to a liaison meeting. A vote was taken. All in favour.

9) Farleigh Green Tree Works

Three quotes have been received to carry out essential maintenance works on the trees and shrubs on the Council's land at Farleigh Green.

Contractor A came in at £940.00 plus VAT

Contractor B came in at £1750.00 plus VAT and

Contractor C came in at £2850.00 plus VAT

RESOLVED: Members discussed the three quotes at length and it was proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed that Contractor B would carry out the works. A vote was taken. All in favour.

10) Open Forum

- Councillor Barnes advised members that new boulders had been donated by Tarmac and placed around the Village Hall car park in order to prevent cars driving on the grass.
- Councillor Barnes advised members that he was still awaiting a reply from BT re the removal of the telephone kiosk at Post Office Lane.
- It was noted the Slow Down sign had been removed presumably to be repaired.
- The Clerk advised members that it was necessary to have a "ownership" sign erected at the play area and was seeking quotes to be discussed at the meeting.
- Brockley Combe Composting Site is to be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Councillor Windo requested that the "Cigarette Bins" at the Village Hall be placed on the next agenda.

11) Date of next meeting, Tuesday 9th September 2008.

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

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