

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2008**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.10 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Higgins (Vice Chairman) and Mrs Moss,

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public

11) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Rutherford, Colbourne-Brown and Windo

12) Declarations of Interests

None

13) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th August as a true and correct record.

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

14) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £1663.35

To approve the Budget Control Report

To approve the Bank Reconciliation

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

15) Former Fuel Depot Update

Councillor Higgins updated members on the current situation.

No further Hazardous Substances Applications had been submitted for Flax Bourton.

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

Redcliffe Bay action group continue to challenge Deemed Consent Application made in December 2006 – with support of their District Councillor

At a meeting held with North Somerset Council planning and legal officers on 8th October it was agreed that they seek further legal opinion and share advice with the Redcliffe Bay action group

The action group continue to seek evidence from the Oil and Pipeline Agency of information submitted in the Deemed Consent Application

Flax Bourton Working Group continues to meet regularly – including liaison with Redcliffe Bay action group in view of the potential “knock on” effect for Flax Bourton

Noted.

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

Councillor Higgins attended a meeting on 26th September 2008 provided members with details of the main issues as shown below:

- Potential loss of green belt
- Lack of infrastructure planning and required funding
- Need for South Bristol Link Road – however it was reported that a recent government memo stated that funding for this “could not be assumed”.
- Lack of direct consultation with residents
- Lack of consultation over phasing
- Basis of assumption / forecast, is that additional 92,000 jobs will be created in the Bristol TTWA (Travel to Work Area) –what action would be taken if the forecast was not realised.
- No indication on whether the SW Urban Extension area will need to include a travellers’ site (10 are required under the North Somerset Council Core Strategy proposal)

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Council respond to the consultation and challenge the employment forecast and suggest that the Regional Spatial Strategy should incorporate a strategy to complete the Bristol City urban extension first and review employment growth at that point before there is an overspill into the “search areas” outside Bristol.

It was also agreed to comment that the Regional Spatial Strategy lacked adequate specific detail on the required infrastructure (and funding source) to support the housing forecasts and that no planning application relating to the RSS proposals should be considered until the RSS has identified the required infrastructure along with its funding source

17) Planning

To discuss any issues raised by the following application:

- **08/P/2105/F** – 37 Rosemount Road, Farleigh Green – Erection of two storey rear extension with added conservatory.
- **08/P/2045/TPO** – Parish Council Tree Works

RESOLVED: No objections were raised on either of the applications.

18) Grant funding request – Flax Bourton Youth Group

Mr David Luff of the Youth Group had written to the Council requesting the sum of £1100.00 as a one off grant to assist with match funding to provide employment of youth workers for one extra night per week.

Councillors asked Mr Luff if they had approached any neighbouring Parish Councils for any funding and were advised that they had not done so.

The item was discussed at length and the budget scrutinised for availability of funds.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that funds were not available at present and that the matter would be considered at the end of the year after the new budget had been set. A vote was taken. All in favour.

22) Open Forum

Councillors Windo and Rutherford requested that the Council discuss what can be done about the Weston Road at the next meeting.

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

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