

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

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.10 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Windo, Rutherford and Mrs Moss,

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Mrs Karen Barclay

42) Apologies for Absence
Councillor Higgins

43) Declarations of Interests
None

44) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th October as a true and correct record.

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

45) Financial Reports
To approve the monthly expenditure of £2151.04
To approve the Budget Control Report
To approve the Bank Reconciliation

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

8.40pm Councillor Windo arrived.

To approve the preliminary budget proposals for the financial year 2009/10

RESOLVED: The Clerk had prepared a initial budget proposal and had included a sum of £2200.00 for optional project such as water butts, Christmas light and hanging baskets. It was agreed that residents would be asked what sort of projects they would like the Parish Council to undertake via a piece in the Parish Magazine. Councillor Barnes suggested that £3000 be set aside as an earmarked reserve for Village Hall maintenance with the intention of the Council adding more to the reserve each year. It was felt that the £500.00 for contingency could be removed and that the Clerk should factor in a percentage for the next years pay increase in the salary figures. The budget would be brought to the next meeting and the precept figure for 09/10 finalised. Noted.

46) Grant Request

A request for grant funding had been received from Nailsea & District Community Transport.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Rutherford and agreed that the sum of £50.00 be awarded.

47) Former Fuel Depot

Councillor Mrs Moss updated members and advised that there were no further developments with the Flax Bourton depot. Redcliffe Bay Action Group had submitted a complaint to the Parliamentary Ombudsman with regards to the conduct of the Oil and Pipelines Agency.

48) North Somerset Housing Core Strategy / Housing in defined Villages Policy

The Parish Council's response to the proposed Government changes to the draft Regional Spatial Plan (10,500 additional houses for the South Bristol urban extension), have been submitted and acknowledged. Councillor Higgins is attending a further planning workshop on the 26th November and will report to the December meeting of the council.

49) North Somerset Showground

Two members had attended an informal meeting with members of the Society with a view to formulate the agenda and procedures for future meetings.

NSAS have agreed to inform the Flax Bourton Parish Council and Failand Parish Council of any planning applications prior to them being submitted to North Somerset Council. NSAS explained that the extension to the numbers of days had been applied for because a 1 day event actually equates to 12 days when including setting up and taking down. District Cllr Mrs Barclay was asked to investigate this.

Councillor Windo confirmed that NSAS said they had repaid 1/3 of their loan at a rate of £13000 per annum and that £50k profit was required to cover their costs.

The gateways along Clevedon Road were discussed and the Parish Council asked that they be used for emergency services only. NSAS agreed to look in to this. They are also re checking the wildlife areas and intend to keep the tractor pulling event using more traditional vehicles and excluding monster trucks. They are also looking into moving the track further into the site.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise directly with Tim Ledbury of NSAS and that the Parish Council would write to ask that the current application be withdrawn, receive confirmation of it's current status and discuss fully any new applications prior to submission. Noted.

50) Planning

To discuss any issues raised by the following application:

- **08/P/2228/F** – Flax Bourton Primary School, Erection of 2 x cycle storage units.
- **08/P/2201/F** – The Cottage, Conversion of existing barn & garage to create additional living space and new entrance link.
- **08/P/2280/F** – The Cottage, Erection of single storey extension.
- **08/P/2297/F** – The Poor House, Erection of twp storey double detached garage / store with 1 x bedroom annexe / flat ancillary to main dwelling and demolition of existing garage.

RESOLVED: No objections were raised on any of the applications and the cycle shed for the School was encouraged.

51) Membership to the Parish Council Airport Association

The Parish Council had been invited to join the group.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed that the Council would not join the Association but would attend a meeting at the Airport on December 2nd 2008. A vote was taken. All in favour.

52) Parking on the Old Weston Road – Item deferred until the next meeting.

53) Tarmac Quarry Liaison Group

Councillor Windo had attended the meeting earlier in the evening and reported that all was going well. Under community engagement Tarmac had awarded 4 x grants:
£1100 to Flax Bourton Youth Group
£900 to the school
£2000 to Backwell Bowls Club and
£1000 to the Parish Council. The Council gave thanks to Councillor Windo for his work in obtaining the grant.

54) Clerk's Report on the SLCC annual conference.

The report had been submitted to members previously. Noted

55) Open Forum

The Parish Council thanked Mr Bryan Brice for managing to agreement from First Bus that the X1 service between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare to once again stop In Flax Bourton.

Cllr Windo requested that the CIC accounts and report on lettings be placed on the next agenda for review.

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

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