

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.10 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Higgins (Vice Chairman), Rutherford, Windo & Mrs Moss

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Collinson

Prior to the meeting 15 minutes was given for public questions / observations:

68) Apologies for Absence
None

69) Declarations of Interests
None

70) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2008 as a true and correct record.

Councillor Higgins asked that it be clarified that the provision of £5,000 would be on the Balance Sheet as an Earmarked Reserve for professional fees. The Clerk confirmed this was correct.

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

71) Financial Reports
To approve the monthly expenditure of £1567.73
To approve the Budget Control Report
To approve the Bank Reconciliation
To formally approve that Mr Peter Bruce be assigned the Internal Auditor and to agree suitable remuneration.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that the reports be taken on block and approved. Remuneration for the Internal Auditor was agreed at £10.00 per hour with a maximum limit set at £150.00. A vote was taken. All in favour.

72) Planning -To discuss any issues raised by the following applications:
08/P/2519/F – Flax Bourton School, erection of single storey timber pavilion with timber deck.
08/P/2606/LB – Court House, Replacement of 6 x skylights with velux roof windows.

No objections were raised on either application and the school improvements were to be encouraged. Noted

73) Former Fuel Depot

Councillor Higgins updated members and confirmed that there was no further information and that no further Hazardous Substances Application had been submitted for Flax Bourton

Noted.

74) South West Bristol Urban Extension

8.15pm meeting adjourned for public participation.

District Councillor Collinson invited members to attend a meeting with Dr Liam Fox MP on 24th January 2009 to discuss the Regional Spatial Strategy.

8.29pm meeting reconvened.

It was agreed that Councillor Higgins would try to attend on behalf of Flax Bourton Council

Noted.

75) North Somerset Showground

It was noted that there was currently nothing further to report on the recent planning application.

76) Bench Seating and Dog Bins

The location of new dog bins was discussed.

Members agreed that Councillor Barnes would liaise with a local dog walker to establish the exact locations. It was proposed that 3 x bins would be purchased and installed at the of the footpath outside the school, 1 x bin at the end of Post Office Lane and possibly one on the cycle path where it crosses Station Road. Councillor Barnes would meet with Sustrans to discuss this.

Members had been provided with numerous details on benches and prices.

It was agreed that the preferred bench was from the Chatsworth range from Urbanscape at a cost of £395.00 each plus installation. The Clerk was asked to contact the Village Orderly to ask her to liaise with members of the public to establish the preferred locations. The Clerk would also contact North Somerset Council to confirm what, if any, permission was needed to install benches on the highway.

Noted.

77) Parking and Road Surface on the Old Weston Road

After some discussion it was agreed that parking was currently not an issue but would still be monitored.

The road surface was a cause for concern in that it some pot holes had been filled however Councillors felt that resurfacing would be the best option. The Clerk was asked to speak with North Somerset Council Highways to discuss resurfacing plans.

Noted.

78) Swings at Farleigh Green Play Area

The issue of their being no toddler swing at the Farleigh Green play area was discussed at length. The Clerk had provided members with details and prices of changing one of the flat seats to a cradle seat.

It was agreed that two members would meet on site with the Council's play inspector, to discuss all the possibilities' and the matter would be brought back to the next meeting. Councillors Barnes and Mrs Moss agreed to attend the site meeting.

Noted.

79) North Somerset Council Budget Consultation.

The Council were asked to comment on North Somerset Council's plans for it's 2009 / 2010 budget.

It was agreed that members would advise the Clerk of any comments they wished to make and that the Clerk pass these onto North Somerset Council.

Noted.

80) Wrington Parish Council report on GBSTS

The Parish Council had been sent a report from Wrington on the Greater Bristol Strategic Transport Study.

Councillor Higgins summarised the report for members and the report was noted.

81) Open Forum

The Clerk was asked to advise North Somerset Council's Streets and Open Spaces team about the need for the tress to cut for the Bus Stop on the Main Road.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th February at 8.00 pm

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

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