

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.05 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Rutherford, Windo and Colbourne-Brown arrived at 8.10 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: NIL

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

81) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Higgins and Mrs Moss

82) Declarations of Interests

Councillor Barnes declared a prejudicial interest with reference to agenda item number 10 – Renewal of the CIC lease.

83) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2009 as a true and correct record.

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

84) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure of £2333.04
To approve the Budget Control Report
To approve the Bank Reconciliation

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

85) Former Fuel Depot

In Councillor Higgins absence, Councillor Barnes confirmed that there had been no further developments.
Noted.

86) South West Bristol Urban Extension

In Councillor Higgins absence, Councillor Barnes confirmed that there had been no further developments.
Noted.

87) North Somerset Showground

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

88) Bench Seating, Dog Bins and Swings

The Clerk advised Councillors that the dog bins had been ordered however there was some issue with permission for the one proposed near the footpath by the school. AS advised by the dog warden, the Clerk would seek permission from the landowners and once this had been received the dog warden would install all 3 bins at the same time. Noted

Councillors discussed at the length the proposed locations of the bench seating.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed to install the benches as follows:

3 x benches on the Farleigh Green site

1 x bench at Post Office Lane

1 x bench at the Bus Stop on the left hand side of Main Road towards Backwell.

Councillor Rutherford had reservations about installing a bench at the bus stop as the bus stop appeared to be rarely used. Another suggestion for outside the school was made however Councillors were concerned that this may attract youths to hang around in the area.

It was therefore agreed to order all 5 benches and decide on the location of the 5th at a later date. A vote was taken. 2 in favour, 1 abstention and the motion was carried.

A new quote on the swings had not been received in time for the meeting however it was agreed that a new frame holding 2 x toddler cradle seats would be the preferred option however funding for the project had yet to be decided. Noted

89) Renewal of the CIC Lease

8.35 pm Councillor Barnes had declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the room. Councillor Windo nominated as Chairman for this item.

The current lease to the CIC is due to expire on 25th June 2009.

It was agreed to defer making a decision on this item until more Councillors who were in post when the lease was originally signed, were available for comment. The Clerk would send a copy of the lease, the CIC Memorandum of Articles and a location plan to all Councillors in order they have all the information for the March meeting. Noted.

8.40pm Councillor Barnes returned to the room and took the Chair.

90) Report on Sustrans Cycle Path

Councillor Barnes, as a member of the Sustrans steering group, attended a meeting on 14th January 2009.

He confirmed that although there are still parts of Festival Way that require more work, the Flax Bourton Cycle Path is working well. The Greenway does require new tarmac and there is an agreed budget of £85,000. Within this a further path between Backwell and Flax Bourton is planned for 2010/2011.

Councillor Barnes confirmed also that the paths were “multipurpose” and were for the use of bicycles, pedestrians and also horses but strictly no motor vehicles. Members asked Councillor Barnes to enquire as to how Sustrans intended to avoid motor vehicles being used. Noted.

91) Meeting with Liam Fox, 24th January 2009.

Due to other commitments Councillor Higgins was unable to attend this meeting.

92) Grant request for Flax Bourton Orchid Bank

Mrs M Johnson of FBOB had put in a request for funding for £200 towards equipment for maintaining the Orchid Bank.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and agreed that rather than issuing a cheque the Council would be happy to purchase the specific items required. The Clerk would ask Mrs Johnson for list and order the equipment direct. A vote was taken. All in favour.

93) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Changes to Dog Control Legislation.

The Clerk advised members on the new legislation and it was agreed that the Council would not take on any of the new powers available to them at this time. Noted.

94) Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document

It was agreed to defer this item until further information had been received from District Councillor Collinson.

95) Open Forum

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th March 2009 at 8.00 pm

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

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