

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.10 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Higgins (Vice Chairman), Windo, Mrs Moss and Colbourne-Brown arrived at 8.10 pm

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Councillors Collinson and Mrs Barclay and 2 members of the public.

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

**96) Apologies for Absence**  
Councillor Rutherford

**97) Declarations of Interests**  
Councillor Barnes declared a prejudicial interest with reference to agenda item number 12 – Renewal of the CIC lease.

**98) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 as a true and correct record.**

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

**99) Financial Reports**  
To approve the monthly expenditure of £2345.32  
To approve the Budget Control Report  
To approve the Bank Reconciliation  
The Clerk advised members of an overpayment of her wages and requested that it be noted and in the minutes that the sum of £86.28 would be repaid by cheque.

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

**100) Former Fuel Depot**  
Councillor Higgins confirmed that there had been no further developments.  
Noted.

**101) South West Bristol Urban Extension**  
Councillor Higgins confirmed that there had been no further developments however the situation was still being monitored.  
Noted.

**102) North Somerset Showground**

District Councillor Barclay advised members by email that Planning Officer Louise Grover had met with the North Somerset Agricultural Society and had been asked to look into case law to establish what counted towards the 28 days permitted development days for temporary use. The Planning Officer confirmed that the application may be withdrawn depending on the outcome. Members of the North Somerset Agricultural Society Executive Committee are due to meet with the Parish Council on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009. Noted.

**103) Co-Option**

Mrs Caz Hore-Ruthven and requested that she wished to be co-opted back onto the Council.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Moss and agreed that Mrs Hore-Ruthven be co-opted. A vote was taken. All in favour. Mrs Hore-Ruthven signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office and took her seat as Councillor.

**104) Location of 5<sup>th</sup> Bench Seat**

Further discussion took place with regards to the most appropriate location for the bench

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed to install the bench opposite the school on Station Road. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**105) Toddler Swing**

Following a site meeting with the play inspector a quote was sought to install a separate frame and 2 x cradle seats within the play area. It was agreed that the preferred safety surface would be wet pour and the total cost of the works would be £3798.00.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven would investigate the funding opportunities in order that this work maybe undertaken. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**106) Renewal of the CIC Lease**

*8.45 pm Councillor Barnes had declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the room. Councillor Higgins took the chair for this item.*

The current lease to the CIC is due to expire on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed to renew the lease for a further 3 years. It was also agreed that there be a letter to sit aside the lease requiring that a schedule of proposals of intended use of profits within the community be provided each year in order that project do not clash with those proposed by the Parish Council. A vote was taken. All in favour.

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

**107) Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocation Development Plan**

It was agreed that no action was necessary however the situation would be monitored.

- 108) ALCA representative on the North Somerset Strategic Partnership Board.**  
Following a decision by North Somerset Council to remove Parish and Town Council representatives on the Board the Parish Council agreed to write a letter to request that a ALCA representative be reinstated.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that the Clerk write to Councillor Nigel Ashton. A vote was taken. All in favour.

- 109) Nominations for membership of the North Somerset Parish Charter Working Party.**  
The Clerk was asked to pass the details onto Councillor Windo who would consider becoming a member. Noted.

- 110) Open Forum**  
Items for the next agenda

Youth Group - request for additional funding  
A370 – review the situation re the dust on the road  
Councillor Barnes was asked to enquire about vehicular access and cleaning of the cycle path with Sustrans.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 8.00 pm

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

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....