

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.50 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Higgins (Vice Chairman), Rutherford, Windo, Colbourne-Brown and Councillor Mrs Moss and Mrs Hore-Ruthven.

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 members of the public and District Councillors Collinson and Mrs Barclay.

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

- 15) **Apologies for Absence**
Councillor Barnes and the Clerk
- 16) **Declarations of Interests**
Councillor Windo declared a personal in relation to agenda item number 10 due to him being a School Governor.
- 17) **To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2009 as a true and correct record.**

RESOLVED: It was noted that the minutes should state the PC Grieg Difford attended the meeting and to amend minute number 6 to read “en bloc” instead of “on block”. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss, seconded by Councillor Rutherford and agreed that subject to the above amendments, the minutes be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

- 18) **Financial Reports.**
This item was deferred until the next meeting due to the Clerk’s absence.
- 19) **Former Fuel Depot**
Councillor Higgins confirmed that there had been no further developments.
Noted,
- 20) **Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan**
Councillor Higgins updated members and confirmed that there had been no further developments. It would continue to be monitored and further information would be available after the publication of the Regional Spatial Strategy.
Noted.

8.15 pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.

8.31 pm meeting reconvened.

21) North Somerset Showground

No further information however the Parish Council agreed to continue to monitor the progress of the current planning application.

22) Bristol Volksfest 2009

Councillor Higgins updated members on the recent Volkswagen Festival held at the North Somerset Showground. Three complaints were made by residents to North Somerset Council however the Environment Officer was unable to attend in time as it would have taken them 40 minutes to arrive, by which time the music had been switched off.

Overall, noise problems were much less than last year and it was felt that this was due to the Council's pre-emptive discussions with Volksfest which resulted in the siting the campers in the field further away from Flax Bourton. Noise was also reduced due to the wind being in a different direction to last year.

8.39 pm meeting adjourned for public participation.

8.45 pm meeting reconvened.

Councillor Mrs Moss noted that residents had received no reply to their complaints made to North Somerset Council last year and concerns were expressed about next year's festival.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Council would seek feedback from residents and write to North Somerset Council to express concerns about the licensing arrangements. The Clerk will arrange a further meeting with North Somerset Agricultural Showground representatives to continue open dialogue with regards to the festival and their renting policy.

8.58 pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.

9.00 pm Meeting reconvened.

23) Bourton Combe Wood

At the Annual Parish meeting, a number of residents asked the Council to make enquiries into the possibility of it buying and maintaining Bourton Combe Wood.

It was noted that the land was not currently for sale, and raising the funds to enable such a large purchase would be a significant issue for the Council

It was therefore agreed that the Council would not be pursuing the matter any further, but that residents were free to set up their own working party and bring further information back to Council at a later date.

24) Flax Bourton Primary School Road Safety.

Following a road safety meeting at the School, Councillor Mrs Moss updated members on the current situation.

It was noted that a 20 mph limit outside of all schools within North Somerset was under discussion.

Councillor agreed to support the Head Teacher in whatever safety measures they felt necessary and to ask that residents cut back any hedges / foliage that obscures traffic signs.

9.20 pm Meeting adjourned for public participation

9.31 pm Meeting reconvened.

25) Planning

To agree on any comments to be made on the following application:

- 09/P/0881/F – Red Roofs, Station Road – Erection of single storey rear extension.

No comments / objections.

26) Forest of Avon Trust – request for grant funding

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

27) Play Area Improvements

Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven confirmed that she was still working on locating appropriate funding opportunities.

28) Open Forum

Clerk to mention the problem of overgrown hedges blocking paths in the Parish Magazine and to put “Hedges” on the agenda of the next meeting.

To consider moving the council meeting date to the 3rd Tuesday of every month in order to avoid clashing with “Tuesday Club” nights.

Pot Holes to go the next agenda.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th July 2009 at 8.00 pm

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

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