

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 14th JULY 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.50 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Windo, Colbourne-Brown and Councillor Mrs Moss.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Collinson.

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

27) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Higgins, Rutherford and Mrs Hore-Ruthven

28) Declarations of Interests

Councillor Barnes declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item number 9 due to him being a Director of the CIC. Councillor Windo declared a personal interest in agenda item number 11 due to him being a School Governor.

29) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2009 as a true and correct record.

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

30) Financial Reports.

To approve the monthly expenditure of £4291.16

To approve the Budget Control Report

To approve the Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown and agreed that the reports be taken en bloc and approved.. A vote was taken. All in favour.

31) Former Fuel Depot

Councillor Mrs Moss confirmed that she will attend the Redcliffe Bay meeting on 4th August 2009 on behalf of the Flax Bourton Working Group. No further information had been received. Councillor Higgins had also advised members of the following via email; that the BIA planning application shows relocation of larger holding tanks on site but there was nothing mentioned about any desire for an external pipeline connection. Noted.

32) Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan

Councillor Higgins updated members via email and confirmed that there is a legal challenge to the RSP process and publication by the government has been delayed. It would continue to be monitored and further information would be available after the publication of the Regional Spatial Strategy.
Noted.

8.10 pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.

8.13 pm Meeting reconvened.

33) North Somerset Showground

District Councillor Collinson confirmed that North Somerset Council were seeking legal advice on the conditions of the current planning consent to decide on how next to respond. Councillor Mrs Moss asked if Councillor Collinson would enquire as to the state of play re enforcement action. Noted.

34) Bristol Volksfest 2009

A letter highlighting the Council's concerns about this event had been sent to North Somerset and as at the date of the meeting a reply had yet to be received.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the item should be on the next agenda in order to review any replies and to consider the possibility of taken legal advice. Noted.

35) Village Hall Lease Renewal

Prior to leaving the room, Councillor Barnes advised the Council of the current years interim account balances.

The hall had received an income of £17,566, had cash balances of £15,500 and had made a surplus of £10,182.

Councillor Windo took the seat of Chairman.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss, seconded by Councillor Colbourne-Brown, and agreed that the lease be formally signed and renewed for a further 3 years. A vote was taken. All in favour.

Councillor Barnes returned to the meeting and re- took his seat of Chairman.

36) Planning

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

09/P/1020/OT2– Bristol International Airport Extension

8.30 pm Meeting adjourned for public participation.

8.45 pm Meeting reconvened.

RESOLVED: After receiving information from District Councillor Collinson, the application was discussed at length and it was agreed the Councillors would seek further information and meet again on 21st July 2009 to agree on the formal response to be made to North Somerset Council.

37) HGV access to Station Yard.

Following a complaint from a resident about HGV lorries using Station Road as an access route, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Hobbs asking that he advise drivers of an alternative route. Noted.

38) Flax Bourton School Donation

A request for a donation had been received from the School.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that the sum of £50.00 be given as a donation to support the School. A vote was taken. All in favour.

39) Forest of Avon Trust – request for grant funding

A request for funding had been received from the Forest of Avon Trust.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed that funding could not be approved due to there being insufficient available funds in the budget.

40) Play Area Improvements

No further updates on funding opportunities were available and the item was deferred until the next meeting. Councillor Colbourne-Brown had offered to make some further enquiries in the absence of Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven.

41) Hedges

It had been noticed that many resident's hedges and shrubs had become overgrown in recent months, causing obstructions on the footpaths around the village.

The Clerk had written in the Parish Magazine to remind residents of their duty to ensure that their hedges are kept well maintained. It was noted that the Council did not have the power to enforce the cutting back of hedges, trees and shrubs when on private land.

Noted.

42) Council Meeting Dates

The Council considered the possibility of moving the monthly meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that, at this present time, the meeting dates would not change and the Council will continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

43) Open Forum

Update on School Road Safety to go on the next agenda – Cllr Mrs Moss

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th August 2009 at 8.00 pm

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

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