

**FLAX BOURTON EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 21st JULY 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.05 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:*

- 44) Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors Higgins, Rutherford and Mrs Hore-Ruthven
- 45) Declarations of Interests**  
None
- 46) Planning –** To discuss any issues raised with the following planning application and to agree on the formal response to be made to North Somerset Council:
- 09/P/1020/OT2– Bristol International Airport Extension

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the following be sent to North Somerset Council in response to the above application;

The Council agreed to object to the application on the following grounds:

**Highways / Infrastructure**

Flax Bourton Parish Council strongly opposes the expansion of the Airport as proposed. Our main concern is that the present road system in this area of North Somerset is totally inadequate to support the existing traffic movements for the present passenger numbers of the Airport.

We strongly believe that the long awaited proposals to bypass Barrow Gurney should be a planning priority. We believe the proposed “Red Route” A38/A370 link near Bristol, is too remote from Barrow Gurney to be an effective relief. Therefore the most economic link, near Barrow Tanks, close to Barrow Gurney is a more effective strategic option.

**Environmental / Rural Issues**

Any further development of the Airport would significantly increase the CO2 emissions.

Expansion would result in more Aircraft / road traffic thus increasing the noise levels and adversely affecting residents.

The expansion would be detrimental to the rural landscape and environment and this proposal is totally incompatible with a rural environment.

Finally, Flax Bourton Parish Council cannot agree to and further expansion of the Airport without the Government commitment to the necessary funding and find it hard to understand how North Somerset Council can even consider an application to expand the Airport to a size on par with both Luton and Birmingham.

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.....