

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.20 pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Councillor Mrs Barclay.

*Prior to the meeting 15 minutes was given for public questions / observations and Mrs Mary Johnson spoke about the Orchid Bank and Mr David Luff spoke about the Youth Group.*

- 47) **Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors Higgins, Rutherford and Mrs Hore-Ruthven
- 48) **Declarations of Interests**  
None
- 49) **To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 as a true and correct record.**

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

*8.10 pm Meeting adjourned and agenda item 9 moved to next business in order to hear from Mrs Mary Johnson.*

Mrs Johnson updated members on the history and works carried out on the roundabout at Long Ashton / Barrow Gurney. The area had been approved as a wildlife site with Roe Deer currently inhabiting the area resulting in it being upgraded to a Sight of Interest in Nature and Conservation. Mrs Johnson asked if the Council would support the view to re-grade the area as “grassland” in order that tress can be removed, which in turn would encourage the Roe Deer to move on to a safer more suitable area.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that the Council would write to North Somerset Council in support of the “grassland” project. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**Financial Reports.**

To approve the monthly expenditure of £1823.77

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 en bloc and approved.. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**50) Former Fuel Depot**

Councillor Mrs Moss attended a Redcliffe Bay meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 on behalf of the Flax Bourton Working Group. A Barristers opinion was that North Somerset Council could not object to the Oil and Pipelines Agency's deemed consent at Redcliffe Bay. The situation would continue to be monitored. Noted.

**51) Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan**

Councillor Barnes had noticed the reference to a planning application in the Bristol Evening Post, for 9,500 houses at the South of Bristol. This is part of a long term project which could take up to 20 years to complete. The item was discussed at length and it was agreed to await the formal application before making further comments. Noted.

**52) North Somerset Showground**

District Councillor Mrs Barclay confirmed that no further action had been taken with regards to the current application. Noted.

**53) Bristol Volksfest 2009**

A letter highlighting the Council's concerns about this event had been sent to North Somerset Council. A reply from Keith Taylor of Licensing had been received and Councillor Mrs Moss updated members on the contents of the reply

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Council should ask Mr Taylor to attend a meeting with Councillors to discuss the issue further. Noted.

**54) Quarry**

Councillor Windo met with Mr Jeremy Hobbs re a query regarding ownership of an ancient quarry within Bourton Coombe wood. The Parish Council has no records of ownership and it was agreed that further investigation was needed. Noted

**55) Flax Bourton School Road Safety**

Councillor Mrs Moss advised members that the height of the hedges at the Youth Group side of the road were severely impinging on driver's vision, hence causing a safety issue.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that the Clerk write to Savills to ask them to reduce the height of the hedgerow on the land in order to make the road and signage more visible. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**56) Planning**

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

09/P/1181/F- 10 Orchard Close, Erection of a detached double garage.

**RESOLVED:** No comments / objections.

**57) Play Area Improvements**

In the absence of Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven, Councillor Colbourne-Brown handed out a report on possible funding opportunities. The report was noted.

**58) 500 New Homes**

An article in the North Somerset Times stated that 500 new homes were proposed for in Failand. This was noted, however no formal planning had been received and Council would await receipt before commenting further. Noted

**59) Open Forum**

Councillor Colbourne-Brown resigned from office of Councillor. Councillor Colbourne-Brown was advised that his resignation could only be accepted was the Chairman had received it in writing.

Councillor Barnes thanked Councillor Colbourne-Brown for all his hard work and wished him well with his future plans.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 8.00 pm

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

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....