

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Barnes (Chairman), Higgins (Vice Chairman), Windo, and Councillor Mrs Moss.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Mrs Barclay and 2 members of the public

60) Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven and District Councillor Collinson.

61) Declarations of Interests

Councillor Barnes declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item No. 9, Village Hall Alterations.

62) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th August as a true and correct record.

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

63) Financial Reports.

- To approve the monthly expenditure of £1368.65
- To approve the Budget Control Report
- To approve the Bank Reconciliation

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

64) Former Fuel Depot

Councillor Higgins confirmed that that had been no further developments but the matter would continue to be monitored. Noted.

65) Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan

Councillor Higgins confirmed that he would investigate the matter further following the receipt of a copy letter from Wraxall & Failand Parish Council, supported also by Backwell Parish Council. It was agreed that a letter be sent to North Somerset Council to request that NSC resist the pressure from government for advanced implementation of the RSS and keep to existing planning policy. In the current climate there is little demand for additional housing – apart from genuine affordable housing – and by allowing any advanced consent for the SWBUE they are merely facilitating the enhancement of developers’ balance sheets rather than meeting a planning need. Noted

66) North Somerset Showground

District Councillor Mrs Barclay confirmed that no further action had been taken with regards to the current application. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Planning Officer Louise Grover to chase up a response and to warn of the implications of legal action for non-determination. There is also great risk of “twin tracking” whereby two applications are submitted at the same time. The Parish Council was also concerned as to why tax payer’s money was being spent on obtaining legal advice that should have been both paid for and obtained by the applicant.

67) Bus Route Review

The Council had received notice of a review of current bus routes and the possibility of cancelling services.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the details be placed in the Parish Magazine in order that the residents can comment. Noted.

68) Village Hall Alterations

Due to having a prejudicial interest, Councillor Barnes left the room and Councillor took over as Chairman for this agenda item.

A schedule of works and a plan showing the alterations of an existing but unused changing room was issued to members. The work would entail, blocking up a doorway, removing bench seating and coat hooks and general painting and decorating to enable the room to be used as meeting room.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that the schedule of works be accepted subject to the following amendment: That where it read “filling screw holes” be changed to “making good all repairs / alterations”. A vote was taken, All in favour.

69) Open Forum

It was noted that Councillor Barnes would not be able to attend the October meeting.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2009 at 8.00 pm

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

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