

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.15 pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** None

**Apologies for Absence: Councillor Barnes and District Councillor Mrs Barclay**

**Declarations of Interests**

None

- 71) **To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September as a true and correct record.**

It was noticed that minute number 68 should read: "Councillor Higgins took the Chair."

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Higgins , seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed that subject to the above amendment, the minutes be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

**Financial Reports.**

To approve the monthly expenditure of £2792.99

To approve the Budget Control Report

To approve the Bank Reconciliation

To note the receipt of the External Audit Report – No areas of concern found.

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

**Planning** – To discuss any issues raised by the following applications:

- 09/P/1547/F – 28 Rosemount Rd, Erection of single story extension

**RESOLVED:** No comments / objections. Noted

It was noted that the Council had not received copies of the plans for the current application for a roof extension at The Cottage, Clevedon Rd, Flax Bourton.

- 74) **Former Fuel Depot**

Councillor Higgins confirmed that there had been no further developments. Councillor Higgins advised members that he check the MOD website for any further information on disposals relating to the Flax Bourton former fuel depot. Noted.

**Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan**

It was noted that the Council had not been asked to comment on the outline planning application number 09/P/1455/OT2 for 9500 houses within the parish of Long Ashton.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss, seconded by Councillor Rutherford and agreed that the Council would still send in their comments / objections and that Councillor Higgins would draft an appropriate response. Noted

**76) North Somerset Showground**

Councillors received a response from planning officer Louise Grover prior to the meeting, the contents of which were discussed at length.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed that the Council ask District Councillor Karen Barclay to arrange a meeting with Louise Grover and Councillors Mrs Moss and Windo. It was also agreed to ask Karen to arrange a separate meeting with Keith Taylor the Licensing Officer.

**77) Bristol International Airport Expansion**

No further information had been received. Noted

*Pursuant to the 1960 Admission to Public Meetings Act, members of the public and press and hereby excluded from the meeting for the next Agenda Item due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

**78) To note the pay increase for Clerks and staff under the National Agreement for Pay & Conditions of Service of the National Joint Council.**

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to increase the Clerks pay to SCP 25 and to increase the Village Orderly hourly rate by 1.00%.

**79) Open Forum**

The Clerk advised members that the website needed to be updated. Members were asked to contribute and Councillor Roger Higgins agreed to write the updates re the Housing and Fuel Depot issues.

It was becoming increasingly difficult for the Parish Council to locate appropriate funding sources for the play area. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Councillor Hore-Ruthven, a professional fundraiser, and ask her for a list of grant providers and also to ask for her assistance in completing application forms. Councillor Rutherford agreed that he would make some enquiries and help apply for funds.

The Clerk was advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> tree in on Rosemount Road appeared to be dead. The Clerk would advise the tree officer at North Somerset Council.

Savills had still not cut down the hedges on Station Road. The Clerk would ask North Somerset Council to arrange for it to be done as soon as possible.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 8.00 pm

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

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....