

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2009**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.35 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillors Collinson and Mrs Barclay and 2 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Mrs Hore-Ruthven

Declarations of Interests

None

82) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th October as a true and correct record.

It was noticed that minutes were incorrectly as the 8th October 2009 and should be changed to the 13th October 2009.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes , seconded by Councillor Higgins 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 £1978.93
- To approve the Budget Control Report
- To approve the Bank Reconciliation
- To approve the first draft of the 2010/2011 budget,

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that the reports be taken en bloc and approved. It was agreed that the budget may be altered at the December meeting on receipt of further information re possible financial commitment re development. A vote was taken. All in favour.

84) Casual Vacancy – It was noted that the Council has a casual vacancy but as yet has not received any nominations. Noted

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

- 09/P/1621/F– The Cottage, Erection of roof extension.

RESOLVED: No comments / objections. Noted

86) Grant Request – Nailsea Festival of Music. A request for funding had been received by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that the Council did not have sufficient funds to approve the grant. A vote was taken. All in favour.

87) Former Fuel Depot

Councillor Higgins confirmed that that had been no further developments. This is item will be removed from the agenda until there is anything further to report. Noted.

Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan

This item was discussed at length with the meeting being adjourned many times to gain further information from the District Councillors.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Barnes and agreed that the Council would issue a further letter of objection. A vote was taken. All in favour.

89) North Somerset Showground

Councillors arranged a meeting on November 12th 2009 to discuss the current planning application with Louise Grover, Planning Officer. A report from this meeting will be received and discussed in December. Noted

90) Bristol International Airport Expansion

No further information had been received. Noted

91) School /Station Road Safety.

It was noted the North Somerset Council had cleared the overgrown hedgerow away from the traffic signs however the real hazard for pedestrians and drivers was the height of hedges.

RESOLVED: It was agreed ask both Mr Nick Gardiner and Mr David Luff of the Youth Group to cut back the hedges on the youth group site.

National Grid Proposed Pylons

Councillor Higgins attended one of exhibitions held by National Grid and updated members. Whilst it appeared that the Pylons would not directly impact on the village itself, the view for residents would be affected. Councillor Higgins gave member details of the website and dates of further exhibitions would be placed on the notice boards. This item is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

93) Open Forum

Councillor Barnes had received an offer from Digital UK to give a talk to residents about the digital switchover and it was agreed that this would be helpful to some residents and a meeting would be arranged.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th December 2009 at 8.00 pm

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

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