

FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held at Village Hall on Tuesday 9 February 2010

Meeting commenced at 8.00pm and concluded at 9.15pm

PRESENT: Councillors Barnes, Higgins, Windo and Mrs Moss.

IN ATTENDANCE: Two residents and District Councillor Mrs Barclay.

124) Apologies for Absence Councillor Rutherford and the Clerk, Mrs McNaught.

125) Declarations of Interest None.

126) To approve and Sign the Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 12 January 2010 as a true and correct record.

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

127) Financial Reports To approve the monthly expenditure report of £661.96. Unfortunately the Budget Control and Bank Reconciliation reports were unavailable.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Councillor Barnes and seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that the report be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour. The missing reports will be discussed at the next meeting.

128) Co-option of new Councillor Councillor Barnes proposed that Paul Lillington be appointed to the Council and was seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss. A vote was taken. All in favour. Councillors welcomed Paul to the Parish Council. It was noted that there was still a vacancy for a Councillor.

129) Housing Development/Regional Spatial Plan Nothing to report.

130) Professional advice re Development Councillor Barnes mentioned the Joint Parish Group (Barrow Gurney, Long Ashton & Dundry) are seeking financial assistance from other Parish Councils. No meeting has yet taken place but will be arranged asap. Noted.

131) North Somerset Showground Councillor Mrs Moss stated that NSC was still investigating alleged breaches of Planning and a meeting between NSC and the NSAS was taking place soon to discuss possible breaches and potential enforcement action. It appeared that NSC were not taking enforcement action concerning the tractor pulling track. NSAS were preparing a Licensing Application for the site. Councillors were concerned that the Parish Council did not have the expertise to consider the contents of such an application and to properly represent local opinion which had been demonstrated in the past over other events held or proposed to be held at the site. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Moss would make enquiries as to the availability of specialist legal advice and an estimate of its cost and report back to the Parish Council. Noted.

132) Bristol International Airport Expansion No definite further information had been received with the major problem still being an inadequate road system/lack of funding. NSC is expected to meet on 3 March to consider the Application. Noted.

133) National Grid Proposed Pylons The deadline to object had passed, there having been considerable press coverage. Noted.

134) Grit-Boxes The need for boxes in the village was discussed and subject to costs considered a positive benefit. Councillor Windo was in discussion with NSC and would report back at the next meeting. Noted.

135) Digital TV Switchover A Public Meeting has been arranged for 18 February at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Noted.

136) Burglaries in Flax Bourton Councillor Higgins reported that there had been a number of incidents recently. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Barnes speak to PC Difford, our local Constable, and ask him to address residents at the next AGM and supply information that could be passed on locally on a regular basis. Noted.

137) Planning To discuss any further information regarding the following Application 09/P/2023/F – Westbrook. A consultant's report has been obtained but Councillors felt that it missed the point that concerned the PC i.e. the safety aspect of vehicles entering/leaving the site. It was proposed by Cllr Higgins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moss that our views be passed on to NSC. Cllr Higgins will action. All agreed.

138) Open Forum Mobile Library – we understand that NSC is carrying out a review and with limited usage in the village we are concerned that the service could be cancelled. The PC will be consulted. Bourton Combe Quarry – the ownership of the disused quarry is still uncertain. It was agreed that Cllr Windo continues his investigations to try and establish whether or not the PC is the owner. Noted.

139) Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 9 March 2010 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed Chairman

Dated

