

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2010**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.35 pm

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

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

Apologies for Absence: None

Declarations of Interests

None

- 141) Co-Option of New Councillor** – The Clerk formally received Councillor Paul Lillington’s Acceptance to Office.
- 142) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2010 as a true and correct record.**

It was noticed that minute number 127 showed an incorrect for the monthly expenditure and should be changed to read £1228.04

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 £2319.10

To approve the Budget Control Report

To approve the Bank Reconciliation

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

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

Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan

Councillor Higgins confirmed that there was nothing further to report, however he would keep an eye on the Website for any changes.

RESOLVED: Noted

- 146) North Somerset Showground**

Councillor Mrs Moss advised members that she was still awaiting a reply from the Enforcement Offices re planning issues / possible breaches. Councillor Mrs Moss suggested the Council write to Mr David Barrett re the usage of the large gate. Cllr Mrs Moss to draft the contents of the letter for the Clerk. Noted

147) Bristol International Airport Expansion

It was noted that the application had been passed to North Somerset Council's Full Planning Committee and a decision is awaited. Noted

National Grid Proposed Pylons

Councillor Higgins confirmed that the Infrastructure Planning Committee was to carry out further consultation which would include the possibility of using underground / underwater methods. Any further information will be reported once it has been received. Noted

Blocked Drains & Overgrown Foliage on Village Signs & Potholes

The Village Sign on the Bristol Road is covered by the 30mph sign and ideally needs to be moved. The speed limit sign is also covered by foliage. It was agreed that the Clerk write to North Somerset Council to arrange for these obstructions to be cleared.

Drains around the Village have been flushed, however debris coming from the Tarmac lorries and general traffic have left the pavements and roads very dirty. The Clerk will raise this issue with North Somerset Council.

Since the harsh winter weather, the roads within the District have become littered with potholes and are hazardous. The A370 is particularly bad and as a main commuter route in and out of Bristol, should be made a priority. The Clerk shall write to North Somerset Council's "Potholes Mission" and with get clarification of when the A370 is to be resurfaced. Noted

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

09/P/2023/F - Westbrook, Main Road – To receive an update from Cllr Higgins.

10/P/0180/LB – Old Angel Cottage, Main Rd – Chimney cap with stone slab, strengthening followed by closure of first floor fireplace and repair hearth.

RESOLVED: It was noted that the Westbrook development had been approved with conditions that it be used as a Nursery only, however no specific conditions were assigned re parking.

No comments or objections were raised on the Old Angle Cottage development. Noted

151) Open Forum

Quarry, Bourton Coombe – Cllr Windo to advise Council when any further information is available.

Grit Bins – Cllr Windo met Paul Smart of North Somerset to discuss Grit Bins in the Village. He was advised that the bins would cost approximately £114 each and sub-contractors for North Somerset Council will keep them filled. It was suggested that residents would be able to use the grit in the winter as and when necessary.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th April 2010 at 8.00 pm

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

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