

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 13th APRIL 2010**

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.35 pm

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Councillors Collinson and Mrs Barclay and 1 member of the public.

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Rutherford. The Clerk arrived at 8.40pm

**Declarations of Interests**

None

- 154) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 as a true and correct record.**

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

**Financial Reports.**

To approve the monthly expenditure of £2888.63. It was noted that Frontier Pitts had not made their invoice out to the Parish Council. A new invoice had been requested and the cheque was signed but would not be issued until a replacement invoice had been received.

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.

- 156) 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 and District Councillor Collinson updated members on any further developments. Noted

- 158) North Somerset Showground**

The Council thanked District Councillor Mrs Barclay for all her hard work she had done in obtaining information from North Somerset Planning, Enforcement & Licensing Officers. Councillor Mrs Moss advised members that further information on the Licensing arrangements was awaited and the Council would review the situation again after the North Somerset May Day show had taken place. Noted.

**159) Bristol International Airport Expansion**

Councillor Higgins and District Councillor Collinson updated members on any further developments. 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

**161) To agree to appoint Mrs Mary Johnson as a Tree Warden for Flax Bourton,**

Mrs Mary Johnson addressed the Council and advised them that 2010 was Biodiversity Year. Mrs Johnson is keen to work with local landowners and advise them on improving the hedgerows.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Higgins and agreed that Mrs Mary Johnson be appointed as a Tree Warden, A vote was taken. All in favour.

**162) Public Rights of Way - To approve how the Council can support Mr Hamish Batten.**

Mr Batten presented the Council with a cheque for £100 from the profits of the sale of his book. He requested that the Council use this money to assist with the repair and maintenance of stiles, gates and footpaths in and around the village. Mr batten also requested a grant of £300 for the same purpose.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk advised the Council that it could not accept the cheque as Parish Council's do not have the power to spend money on the stiles ect. These costs are the responsibility of the landowners.

It was also noted that the Council had initially given Mr Batten a grant in order that he could publish the book for resale and the Council could not accept payment from the profits made. The Council were keen to support Mr Batten and it was therefore proposed that the Clerk write a letter to North Somerset Council asking that the repairs be carried out. Noted.

**CIC Tree Planting**

Councillor Barnes advised members that the CIC wished to plant some trees around the edge of the Farleigh Green Council owned site.

It was agreed that that the CIC would provide a detailed plan of where the tress would go and details of any permissions required at the next meeting. Noted

**164) Open Forum**

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed for 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 subject to the Village hall being available.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 8.00 pm

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

Signed.....Chair      Dated.....