

**FLAX BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON  
TUESDAY 11th MAY 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:** 1 member of the public.

- 1) **Election of Chairman** – Councillor Barnes offered to stand as Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed that Councillor Barnes be elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. A vote was taken. All in favour.

- 2) **Election of Vice Chairman** – In his absence, the Council agreed to elect Councillor Higgins as Vice Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that Councillor Higgins be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. A vote was taken. All in favour.

- 3) **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Higgins advised Council that he would arrive later due to him attending another meeting on behalf of the Council

- 4) **Declarations of Interests**

None

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

It was noted that the minutes did not state that prior to the meeting, Mr Hamish Batten gave a presentation on Flax Bourton Rounds.

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

- 6) **Financial Reports.**

To approve the monthly expenditure of £2053.47.

To approve the Budget Control Report

To approve the Bank Reconciliation

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

To approve the un-audited annual accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

**RESOLVED:** proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss and agreed that the accounts be approved. A vote was taken. All in favour.

To approve that the Council contribute 50% towards the costs of the Clerk's home computer for Council business.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Windo and agreed to pay the sum of £164.50 to the Clerk for 50% of the cost of her purchasing a new desktop PC. It was noted that the Clerk should pass the old laptop onto Councillor Rutherford who could remove the hard drive, and backup any old Council data. A vote was taken. All in favour.

- 7) **Casual Vacancy** – Councillor Paul Lillington advised members that Mrs Adrienne Hughes was interested in becoming a co opted member of the Council and would attend the next meeting. Noted
- 8) **Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan**  
There had been no further developments. Noted
- 9) **North Somerset Showground**  
The Annual North Somerset Show had taken place and it was noted that there was more agricultural events / activities this year but there was still excessive noise from the tractor pulling event. It was noted, that the gate which had been previously widened without permission, was being used throughout the day. It was noted that the 28 days rule had commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> April and as of 11<sup>th</sup> May, trucks were still on site. This was noted and the Council would await further information for the District Council.
- 8.35pm the meeting was adjourned for Mr James Grinstead from Hewish to address the Council on their views of the possibility of him holding a car show in the Village. 8.45pm the meeting was reconvened.*
- 10) **Bristol International Airport Expansion**  
There had been no further developments. Noted
- 11) **National Grid Proposed Pylons**  
Councillor Higgins was attending a meeting and would report his findings when he arrived at the Parish Council meeting later that evening. Noted
- 12) **Grit Bins / Litter Bins**  
The locations of grit bins and litter bins was discussed and it was agreed to ask the residents for their preferred location at the Annual Parish Meeting. Noted.
- 13) **CIC Tree Planting**  
It was noted that nothing further had been done as yet. Noted
- 14) **Grant Request**  
Requests from Nailsea & District Transport, a bus service for the elderly and disabled, and from Flax Bourton Primary School had been received.

**RESOLVED:** As in previous years it was agreed to award a grant of £50.00 to each organisation.

Proposed by Councillor Barnes, seconded by Councillor Lillington and agreed to pay the sum of £50.00. A vote was taken. 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

**15) Open Forum**

- To receive a report on the progress / usage of the sports pitch.
- Councillor Higgins arrived just as the meeting had finished and advised members that National Grid were going ahead with the pylons installation but would not be going underground or underwater. A full report would be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 8.00 pm. The Clerk gave her apologies as she would be away for the June meeting.

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

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