

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
TUESDAY 8th JUNE 2010**

Meeting Commenced: 8.05 pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.10 pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillors Collinson and Mrs Barclay, Peter Bruce (Auditor), Anna Hall (Village Orderly), Adrienne Hughes

16) Apologies for absence. Messrs Barnes and Rutherford and Clerk to the Council Ruth McNaught

17) Declarations of Interest None

18) To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 11th May 2010 and to note amendments to the minutes re monthly expenditure following internal audit. Report attached separately. Resolved that the minutes be approved – Proposed Councillor Mrs Moss, seconded Councillor Windo, all in favour

19) Casual Vacancy – To receive and approve a nomination from Mrs Adrienne Hughes to be co-opted onto the Council. Proposed Councillor Lillington, seconded Councillor Higgins, all in favour. Adrienne Hughes was welcomed to the Parish Council

20) Financial Reports

To approve the monthly expenditure

To approve the Bank Reconciliation.

To approve the Budgetary Control Report

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

To note amendments to typos in the bank reconciliation's and cashbook for 2009/2010 - See internal audit report. Noted by councillors

To sign the annual return. Reviewed by councillors and proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Windo that the Chairman of the meeting shall sign on behalf of the Parish Council – a vote was taken, all in favour

To approve expenditure for professional fees. – Cllr Mrs Moss. Held over until next meeting.

21) To discuss and approve any response to North Somerset Council's proposals to alter the speed limit on the A370. Plans circulated separately. Discussed by councillors and concerns expressed re proposal to extend the 40mph zone from the Cambridge Batch junction to a point by Wayside Cottage including

- Traffic movements at Westbrook where planning consent recently agreed for child care nursery – up to 160 movements per day. (Councillor Mrs Moss will contact owners for their views)
- Traffic waiting to turn right into the Dew Drop public house – a scene of previous rear end “shunts”
- Traffic waiting to turn right into Station Road
- Frequent use of road by Quarry Vehicles

Councillors will await formal consultation by NSC to express these concerns

- 22) Housing Development - Regional Spatial Plan- To receive an update on the current situation and agree on any action further to be taken.** Councillors noted that following the recent General Election, the Coalition agreement states that “we will rapidly abolish Regional Spatial Strategies”. (NSC have received a letter from the Secretary of State confirming this proposal). Confirmation awaited that the planning application for the South West Bristol Urban extension is now void and that the draft NSC Core Strategy (Local Plan) will set out the way forward.
- 23) North Somerset Showground – To receive any updates from NSAS / North Somerset Council since the withdrawal of the most recent planning application. To discuss any further issues re enforcement and licensing for future events following discussions with planning and licensing officers in order to decide on what action needs to be taken if and when necessary.** Councillor Moss reported that with Councillor Barclay’s support, attempts continue to achieve a meeting with the enforcement officer at NSC. Planning advice just received from the barrister appointed by the Parish Council – to be discussed at next meeting
- 24) Bristol International Airport Expansion Plan – To receive any further updates and to decide on any further action to be taken where necessary.** Councillors noted that planning consent has been granted by NSC subject to use of further green belt land and emission issues being referred to Government. Councillor Collinson advised Councillors that he is lobbying the Government Office of the South West re highways issues. Copy of details to be circulated and discussed at next meeting.
- 25) National Grid Proposed Pylons – To receive any further updates.** Cllr Higgins confirmed that in spite of much additional “consultation” by National Grid, their proposal remains for “pylons or pylons”. We await, therefore, a planning submission by National Grid to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (or the successor as proposed in the Coalition agreement) which will be our next opportunity to make representations.
- 26) Grit Bins / Litter Bins– To approve to purchase the bins and discuss suitable sites following responses from the residents at the Annual Parish Meeting.** Grit boxes - Councillor Windo recommended that the council now identify proposed sites for grit boxes with any formal proposal postponed until next meeting. Litter boxes – the Clerk and Councillor Mrs Barclay continue to request NSC to clear the litter bins in the village. The Village Orderly confirmed that this is an ongoing problem.
- 27) Mobile Library – Intention to cancel service due to lack of use. To discuss and agree any response.** Noted. No action in view of use by only 8 villagers according to Library Service records.
- 28) Open Forum An opportunity to propose any items for the next agenda, including any relevant issues raised by the public.**
- Village Orderly. Anna to produce short note re her duties for placing on notice boards, website and in Parish Magazine, as encouragement for residents to bring any items to her attention
 - Village Orderly. Clerk – please liaise with Anna for a suitable notice to be produced for placing in Anna’s car showing PC contact details and for the VO’s yellow visibility jacket to have “Flax Bourton Parish Council” on the reverse.
 - P.C.S.O. – any news of appointment for Flax Bourton?

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th July 2010