

FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
MONDAY 10th JULY 2017

Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.53pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs Moss (Chair), Mrs Ellis, Windo, Lillington, Higgins and Phillips.
Clerk: Sarah Jezard.

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public present

1. To note any apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs Buckley.

2. To sign the Declarations of Acceptance of Office

All declarations signed and witnessed.

3. To receive Councillors' declarations of interest in items on the agenda and to consider any written applications for dispensations.

None declared.

4. To approve and sign the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th June 2017.

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of Monday 12th June 2017. Proposed by Councillor Lillington and seconded by Councillor Higgins; vote taken and all in favour.

5. Financial reports

5.1. To approve the monthly expenditure, budgetary control and bank reconciliation reports.

All three reports were taken en bloc. Councillors reviewed the planned monthly expenditure for July 2017, detailed as follows;

Flax Bourton Youth Group July	568.75	0.00	568.75
Information Commissioner	35.00	0.00	35.00
Clerk Reimbursement - Printer Cartridges	27.98	0.00	27.98
Clerk Reimbursement - Postage	6.45	0.00	6.45
Bin It Dog Bins	105.82	17.64	88.18
Staff salaries June 2017	469.18	0.00	469.18

It was resolved to approve expenditure £1,213.18 for July 2017 and to approve the budgetary control and bank reconciliation reports. Proposed by Jane Moss and seconded by Mike Windo; vote taken and all in favour.

5.2. To get an update on the pre-payment card.

Clerk to source and action the pre-payment card options and confirm to the meeting in September that this is in place.

6. Planning, Licensing and Development

6.1) To discuss any issues raised on the following applications:

17/P/1375/NMA Priory Cottage, Church Lane, Flax Bourton, BS48 3QF - **Noted**
17/P/1398/HHPA Stancombe Lodge, Main Road, Flax Bourton, BS48 3QA - **Noted**

It was noted that the Parish Council are unable to comment on either of the above applications and both are within permitted development rights.

6.2) To receive any further updates or information on The Core Strategy and Planning and Development within North Somerset

Accommodating Housing Growth – councillors were given a summary of the North Somerset Council (NSC) briefing held 7th July.

Local Plan 2006-2026 – Planning Inspector has called for further potential development sites to be included.

Joint Spatial Plan 2016/2036 – predicts need for a further 105,000 units across the four unitary authorities. Local provisional number are 700 for Backwell and 3300 for Nailsea.

Local Plan for 2018 onwards - NSC will be required to produce a new local plan to reflect the JSP and, shortly, we will be asked to complete a “Settlement Profile” for Flax Bourton highlighting local services in the village and accessible nearby. The new plan is likely to call for a review of village settlement boundaries.

7. To discuss progress with the Parish Council’s lease of Designated Community Land (DCL) adjoining the school from North Somerset Council.

It was noted that the planning application for the school expansion is expected in August. There has been a delay due to the bat survey.

There is on-going work in relation to the boundaries of the access into the school during construction now that the Youth Club has been demolished. FBPC maintains its need for access to the community land and the route is to be confirmed.

FBPC needs to be aware of and keep an eye to increases in the car parking meaning there will be less community land available to the Village.

Councillor Lillington asked about the lease of the trustees land. There has been no progress on a proposal for a lease of this additional land.

An appeal to NSC for yellow lines on the corner of Parson's Mead has been declined again despite Parish Council and District Councillor representations. More photographic evidence of inappropriate parking is required by NSC.

Thrings Solicitors in Bristol has been appointed to act on behalf of FBPC in relation to the DCL. An initial meeting has taken place and Councillors Mrs Moss and Higgins have walked the land and given them instructions. NSC haven't yet instructed their lawyers to provide draft documents to progress the lease.

8. To discuss playground inspections and agree the next steps.

Clerk presented a paper on playground inspections of the Farleigh Green play area which NSC has ceased with no explanation.

It was resolved to reinstate weekly inspections with GB Sport and Leisure UK Ltd as a priority along with conducting an annual inspection with an independent contractor (ROSPA or other). A rolling weekly contract with GB Sport and Leisure UK Ltd was recommended up to a maximum of £25 per week.

Proposed by Jane Moss and seconded by Mike Windo; vote taken and all in favour.

9. To receive an update on the progress of actions from previous meetings.

- Cleaning of bus shelter – Highlighted to NSC, awaiting confirmation of date.
- Dog bins – Locations to be finalised.
- Broadband – a further announcement from NSC is awaited.
- Overgrown verges on the A370 – Councillor Lillington following up.

10. Open Forum

- Discussion about having a liaison officer to assist with issues with NSC.
- Continuing concerns of grass verges not being cut on pathways, following up with NSC to seek a resolution.
- Concerns raised about overgrown hedges from resident gardens into public spaces. Councillors to speak to residents where possible to cut the aforementioned hedges.
- Suggestion to apply for a speed check in the village. Clerk to explore solutions.

11. The next meeting of Flax Bourton Parish Council is on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm at Flax Bourton Parish Hall.

There will be no meeting in August. If required, an Extraordinary General Meeting will be called to discuss the School Expansion Planning Application.

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

Signed

Dated

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