

FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
MONDAY 13th August 2018

Meeting Commenced: 7.32pm

Meeting Concluded: 9.10pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs Moss (Chair), Mrs Ellis (Vice Chair), Mrs Buckley, Higgins, Lillington and Burton. Clerk: Sarah Jezard.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: c.10 members of the public present, 15 minutes were open to the public.

One resident alerted the Council to the fact the Tour of Britain, which will be televised by ITV4, will pass through Flax Bourton on Tuesday 4th September, 2018.

A resident from Morgan Place asked to discuss the latest appeal for the development of land adjacent to 7. Morgan Place. Councillor Mrs Moss said she would break the meeting and discuss this under the planning section of the agenda.

Another resident raised the issue of the disruption caused by the Dig for Victory event this year. The Show Organiser of the Dig for Victory Event attended the meeting to apologise for the noise caused by this event and stated it was never the intention to cause any disruption, and that the format had been the same as previous years. Councillor Mrs Moss stated the Council had raised the issue of the noise with North Somerset Agricultural Society (NSAS) and North Somerset Council (NSC) following resident feedback at the June meeting.

It was stated that NSAS had decided the Dig for Victory event should not continue but that the Dog show and Bubble Rush run could continue and would enable the showground to continue its charitable existence. However, concern was raised that NSAS are exceeding the 28 days allowed to use the land for events and that the issue is broader than the Dig for Victory event. Residents also raised concern that other events also cause noise disruption.

The Founder of Charlton Nursery in Flax Bourton attended the meeting and stated concern about the speed of the traffic on the A370 and outside the nursery. She stated she was very keen to support traffic calming measures in this area and will support the Council to do this where possible.

The Council meeting opened at 7.50pm.

1. To note any apologies for absence.

Councillor Walker.

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

None declared

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Higgins. Vote taken and all in favour.

4. Planning, Licensing and Development

Appeal - Land Adjacent to 7 Morgan Place, Flax Bourton. Agree if Parish Council should submit comments.

Meeting was halted from 7.54pm to 7.57pm to allow residents to express their views on the appeal.

It was decided the Council would respond to the appeal and the following was agreed;

Appeal Reference APP/D0121/W/18/320416 - Land Adjacent to 7 Morgan Place, Flax Bourton.

The Parish Council reviewed the case submitted by the appellant and believe that the appeal should be refused.

Neither the re-siting of the proposed building by 2 metres nor the current position of the 5 Year Land Supply in North Somerset change the fundamental objections to this planning application – as set out in our original response (copy attached).

This green space is an “important contribution to the character and setting of the (Farleigh Green) settlement”. Policy SA6. North Somerset Council, Site Allocations Part 2, April 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Higgins and seconded by Councillor Lillington; vote taken and all in favour.

Joint Spatial Plan. No update.

Local Plan 2036 (Core Strategy). No update.

Proposal for Wraxall and Failand and Flax Bourton Parish Councils to form a working party to resist a transport link through the valley joining the A370 at Flax Bourton.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ellis; vote taken and all in favour.

Councillor Mrs Moss asked for Councillors to join a working group to work with Wraxall and Failand Parish Council. Councillor Higgins volunteered and Councillor Mrs Moss will also ask Councillor Walker if he will assist.

Agree a working group for the JSP.

Councillor Mrs Moss as asked for additional support in advance of the Joint Transport Plan, the consultation of which is due in September. Councillors Mrs Ellis and Mrs Buckley said they will assist where they can.

Cricket club application.

It was recommended the Council supports application number 18/P/3816/FUL submitted by Flax Bourton Cricket Club.

5. Financial reports:

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

All three reports were taken en bloc and it was resolved to approve the cashbook and budgetary control reports for August 2018 and the bank reconciliation reports for July. Expenditure of £2,645.04 for August was approved, detailed below.

Flax Bourton Youth Group July	568.75	0.00	568.75
Bin it Dog Waste Solutions	105.82	17.64	88.18
Earth Anchor Ltd	1,064.40	177.40	887.00
Staff salaries	866.09	0.00	866.09
Clerk reimbursement	39.98	0.00	39.98
TOTAL	2,645.04	195.04	2,450.00

The grant to Flax Bourton Youth Club for June for £568.75 was retrospectively approved.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Burton; Vote taken and all in favour.

Clerk highlighted the annual return was now with the external auditor who had raised the fact that a figure included in the return had been the bank account balance figure instead of the cashbook figure, therefore hadn't included the unrepresented cheques. Clerk to provide a copy of the Council's response to the auditor to all Councillors.

6. GDPR

- To adopt the Records Retention Policy
- To adopt the Data Breach Policy
- To adopt the Data Protection Policy

The above policies were approved subject to amends to the Records Retention Policy stating that the Parish Council computer and emails are password protected.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Mrs Buckley; vote taken and all in favour.

Clerk also asked for Councillors to bring any documents they are storing at home to the next meeting so they can be filed in the locked cupboard at the village hall and to delete any resident details they may have on file, if no longer required.

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

The following points were discussed.

- There is a requirement to have additional public liability insurance for the DCL which must be done before the land is acquired.
- Agreement required between the school and FBPC re: the use of the DCL. Meeting to take place early in the school term.
- Sign required to state the ownership and use of the car park.
- Councillors Lillington and Buckley will meet this week at the land to progress next steps. Councillor Lillington stated they will report back at the next meeting.
- Councillor Walker has drafted proposed wording re: the specification of the land to send to NSC. JM proposed to send this to Stuart Bates at NSC. Councillor Mrs Moss suggested adding the following line 'In the interim we will comply with our repair and maintenance obligations and will not be providing a specification of initial works as originally envisaged.' The working group agreed to this addition.
- Councillor Mrs Moss will follow up with NSC on the draft lease.
- The Trustees of the Wraxall Estate have said that the additional land near the DCL is now being looked at by Network Rail. Network Rail has said that it would ultimately like to acquire this land if possible.

On discussion of the draft lease, the following questions were raised;

- Councillor Lillington asked about ensuring the new fencing was in place before the Lease is completed. Councillor Mrs Moss confirmed she would ensure this the case.
- Councillor Mrs Ellis asked about any increase in the cost of insurance. Clerk confirmed she had checked and there would not be an increase in premium of public liability insurance.
- Councillor Higgins asked whether the Diocese would still be granting the right of way if they have transferred the land to the Academy. Councillor Mrs Moss agreed to check the status of the transfer and ensure the Solicitors know.

8. To discuss the results of the Vehicle Activation System on the A370.

Councillor Mrs Moss stated the Vehicle Activation System on loan from NSC had registered 216,248 cars that had exceeded 35mph over a 7 week period as you enter the village from Bristol on the A370. (N.B. the speed limit is 30mph but the activation system registers traffic going over 35mph.)

Actions are as follows;

- Clerk to follow up with NSC re: the speed and pedestrian assessment due to take place on the A370 in Flax Bourton.
- Clerk to email the owner of Charlton Nursery to see if there had been a noticeable difference in traffic speed since the VAS has been in place.

9. Annual play area inspection.

Clerk highlighted the concern raised in the annual play area report re: the locked gate which could be a risk if left open as fingers could be trapped in it. Clerk to check who has a key for the gate and to confirm that this gate is always kept locked apart from when the grass is being cut.

Clerk to gain 3 quotes for the trees and hedges surrounding the play area to be cut back.

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

- The cleaning of the bus shelters is now complete. Councillor Lillington to speak to the people who own the property near the bus shelter on the A370 as the hedge is overhanging.
- A gate is to be fitted at the end of the public right of way that goes behind the Coroner's Court, across the railway and straight onto Clevedon Road as it presents a risk to pedestrians and motorists.
- The noticeboard for Station Road has been delivered and will be installed shortly.
- The piles of tarmac that were raised as a concern at the June meeting will be removed by The Trustees of the Wraxall Estate over the coming months.

11. Open forum.

Councillor Mrs Moss highlighted a problem with the current access to the footpath and cycle path at the end of Post Office Lane. The current gates are restricting public access to these paths and are not fit for purpose. Clerk to contact NSC to highlight the issue.

Clerk to follow up on risk with football pitch as the holes for the goal posts are not covered up and the spikes in the ground, present a risk. Clerk to contact Rob Waycott who will contact Long Ashton Football Club.

Councillor Mrs Moss stated the Clerk is now undertaking the bookings for the Village Hall.

The next meeting of Flax Bourton Parish Council will be 7.30pm on 10th September 2018 at Flax Bourton Village Hall.

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

Signed

Dated