

FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
MONDAY 8th October 2018

Public questions and comments

One member of the public expressed concerns about the speed on the A370 and stated that a petition had been started in the village to campaign for traffic calming measures. The plan is to take this to Liam Fox MP. Councillor Mrs Moss advised a full discussion about traffic calming measures would be discussed under agenda item 8.

Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

Meeting Concluded: 21.09pm

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

APOLOGIES: None

IN ATTENDANCE: There were 4 members of the public present.

1. To note any apologies for absence.

None noted.

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 10th September 2018.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018. Proposed by Councillor Jane Moss and seconded by Councillor Mrs Buckley. Vote taken and all in favour.

4. Planning, Licensing and Development

The Local Plan 2036 - Issues and Options Consultation opened on 3rd September and will run for a 3 month period to Monday 10th December 2018.

Councillor Higgins provided a draft response to the Local Plan 2036 Issues and Options Consultation for consideration and comment by Councillors pending the Emerging Findings of Technical Studies in November. He requested all Councillors agree which questions in the Local Plan consultation require a response and input to the current drafted comments. He also stated the Council needs to draw up a list of options for discussion e.g. the impact of development at The Vale.

Councillor Higgins stated the increased housing and impact of more people on the services to our village was a continued and key concern. He also expressed concerns in relation to a review of the greenbelt and settlement boundaries as well as the potential road structure into Bristol.

At the meeting in September, it was agreed to appoint a transport consultant who we will engage with when the next transport study comes out for consultation. The Emerging Findings of Technical Studies will be released on 12th November 2018 and the consultation period will run to the 21st December 2018. Information within this study, along with the South West Transport Study and Expansion of Bristol Airport, may inform Flax Bourton Parish Council's answers to the Local Plan 2036 Consultation.

The Council's final responses to the Local Plan Consultation will be discussed at a working group meeting on Monday 12th November 2018 and ratified at the next Council meeting on 26th November 2018.

A meeting with Wraxall and Failand Parish Council is planned for the 22nd October at 4pm.

Meeting halted at 8.04pm for a member of the public to speak re: the JSP.

The member of the public stated that he can't understand how the road could be built due to the fuel pipe, protected species and archaeological remains in the area. Air quality will be affected from traffic build up etc. There is also no flood alleviation programme.

Meeting recommenced – 8.12pm

Planning Applications

60 Rosemount Road

Proposed demolition of the existing upvc conservatory and single story kitchen to the rear of the property and construction of new single storey kitchen and dining area.

Council decision: Fully support – no objections.

The Retreat

1930's bungalow with some outhouses. Proposal to knock all of this down and rebuild a 2 storey house on the same footprint. It doesn't overlook any buildings. Planning officer is asked to consider glazing to obscure visibility.

There have been no local objections so far.

Councillors generally felt this would be an improvement.

Council decision: Fully supported – no objections.

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 October 2018 and the bank reconciliation reports for September. Expenditure of £1,831.93 for October was approved, detailed below.

Flax Bourton Youth Group	568.75	0.00	568.75
GBSport and Leisure	96.00	16.00	80.00
PKF Littlejohn Accountants and Business Advisers	240.00	40.00	200.00
North Somerset Council	53.00	0.00	53.00
Clerk expenses	1.75	0.00	1.75
Clerk expenses	8.04	0.00	8.04
Staff salaries	864.39	0.00	864.39
TOTAL	1,831.93	56.00	1,775.93

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

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

- Flax Bourton School has completed the transition to Academy Status as of Monday 1st October 2018.
- There has been no further progress on the lease with NSC due to ongoing problems with the Diocese.
- Concerns were raised about the condition and levels of the land that have been changed significantly from the carpark, it is now a big step down with only a small pedestrian gate into the DCL.
- An urgent site meeting/survey of the car park is required before the Contractors leave the site. Clerk to arrange with Councillors.
- The school has asked about the use of the DCL for the fireworks display. The Council are happy with this in principle, subject to Health and Safety checks and adequate Insurance. The Council would also want to see a risk assessment from the firework company. Clerk to contact insurers re: this.

7. Tree quote: Bristol Tree Care.

3 quotes were discussed for the cutting back of trees at the play area at Farleigh Green. All quotes were very competitive and local. The Council decided to go for Bristol Tree Care which came in as the cheapest quote.

8. To report on progress with the speed limit and traffic calming measures on the A370.

The Council acknowledged the number of resident complaints it had received regarding the speed limit on the A370 and reported that addressing the speed limit and considering traffic calming measures on the A370 was a top priority. A meeting with the Highways Department had been arranged for the 11th October 2018 and next steps will be reported at the next meeting.

Meeting stopped at 20.47 for a resident query.
Meeting commenced at 20.48.

9. Permitted Development for Shale Gas Exploration

Pill & Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council has asked other local Councils to support them in opposing the principle of granting planning permission for non-hydraulic shale gas exploration development through a permitted development right.

Councillor Buckley agreed to contact the Clerk at Pill & Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council for further information about what they require our support on as Flax Bourton Parish Council doesn't feel it can do this without speaking to residents first.

10. To adopt the Code of Conduct 2018

The Council agreed to The Code of Conduct 2018 subject to the clarification of the word 'confidentiality' as used in the policy. Clerk to check this with NALC.

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

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

- A new gate has been fitted at the end of the Public Right of Way that goes behind the Coroner's Court, over the railway and which comes out onto Clevedon Road.
- The Trustees of the Wraxall Estate have assured the Council that the piles of tarmacadam in Flax Bourton are due to be removed within two weeks.
- A new noticeboard on Station Road has been installed.
- Football post covers have not yet been implemented. Clerk to follow up and find out what is done by Backwell Football Club.
- Dispute over the gate onto the Public Right of Way at the end of Post Office Lane – NSC has confirmed the large gate cannot be kept locked and the residents have been informed.

12. Open forum.

Councillor Lillington stated there had been some complaints from local residents about the hedge over growing the bus stop at the junction at the A370 and Station Road. Councillor

Lillington is going to speak to NSC to understand whose responsibility it is to cut this hedge back.

13. Parish Council Succession Planning

Councillor Mrs Moss suggested the Council has a succession planning meeting to plan how the Council will work best in the future. Clerk to arrange a date.

The next meeting of Flax Bourton Parish Council will be 7.30pm on 26th November 2018 at Flax Bourton Village Hall.

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

Signed Dated

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