

**FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON**  
**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm**

**Meeting Concluded: 9.30pm**

Councillor Mrs Moss informed the Council she recently attended the memorial of past Councillor, George Phillips. She passed on the Council's sincere condolences to George's family.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Lillington and Councillor Mrs Buckley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** There were no members of the public present.

**1. To note any apologies for absence.**

Councillor Lillington had a previous commitment and Councillor Mrs Buckley was unwell.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Proposed by Councillor Moss and seconded by Councillor Ellis. Vote taken and all in favour.

**4. Guest speaker – Andy Moore, Truespeed.**

Andy Moore from Truespeed fast broadband spoke about the plans to build a full fibre optic broadband network across the area

The company is based in Keynsham and is funded by Aviva Investors. Its aim is to get 120 properties signed up and the quicker they can do this, the quicker they will be able to build the broadband network.

A question and answer session will be held at Flax Bourton Village Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

## 5. Planning, Licencing and Development

### North Somerset Local Plan 2036 – Issues and Options Consultation.

Flax Bourton Parish Council has submitted its response to the Local Plan 2036 – Issues and Options Consultation which can be found on the Council website. The response was submitted on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, approved by the Council and formally ratified in the meeting.

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

### West of England Joint Spatial Plan – Technical Evidence Work Consultation November 2018.

The Council has appointed Key Transport Consultants (KTC) to assist with its response to the Technical Evidence Work Consultation. The report from KTC is expected by 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and the Council's response will be prepared over the Christmas period for submission by 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### Town and Parish Forum.

Councillor Higgins provided an update on the recent Town and Parish Forum.

## 6. 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 December 2018 and the bank reconciliation reports for September. Expenditure of 1,813.25 for December was approved, detailed below.

Flax Bourton Youth Group June	568.75	0.00	568.75
G.B. Sport and Leisure	96.00	16.00	80.00
Clerk's salary	737.46	0.00	737.46
GB Sport and Leisure	120.00	20.00	100.00
G.B. Sport and Leisure	96.00	16.00	80.00
Village Orderly salary	145.30	0.00	145.30
Clerk expenses	6.50	0.00	6.50
Clerk expenses	8.04	0.00	8.04
Clerk expenses	17.60	0.00	17.60
Councillor expenses	17.60	0.00	17.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,813.25</b>	<b>52.00</b>	<b>1,761.25</b>

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

To retrospectively approve the cost of two speed assessments on the A370, at a cost of £420.

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

To undertake a discussion about the proposed budget for 2019/2020 and associated precept.

The Council discussed the proposed budget and precept for 2019/2020.  
Clerk to revise the budget proposal for the meeting in January.

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

The following was agreed;

- In conjunction with NSC, FBPC would like to jointly instruct an environmental assessment of the land. Clerk to ask if NSC would pay for this.
- To consider an indemnity in the lease to protect the Council against any waste material accidentally left on the land.
- To speak to NSC as the fencing around the deep culvert is still incomplete.
- To speak to NSC about the ongoing concerns about drainage and flooding.
- Clerk to agree next steps with the working group, Councillor Mrs Buckley and Councillor Lillington (neither of whom were able to attend the meeting) re: the outstanding issues with the land.

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

Speed assessments have now been conducted and the results have been sent to the Council. The results now need to be evaluated and all traffic calming options researched. This will be discussed in more detail at the meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Councillor Mrs Moss stated she had spoken to the Clerk in Cornwall, where an average speed camera had been fitted. She was told it was a fluke they got one as a trial as it was very expensive to install and required the cooperation of the partnership that managed the equipment. The trial had not been extended to other villages. It did, however, indicate that the technology was feasible in some locations.

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

- Football post fittings – new post fittings are now in place.
- Title deeds have been checked for Farleigh Green and Bristol Tree Care has been instructed to undertake planning consent for the tree cutting at Farleigh Green.
- Clerk to speak to Trustees of the Wraxall Estate re: the removal of the remaining stone pile.
- Clerk to send out a reminder to all Councillors about the succession planning meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 6.30pm.

**10. Open forum.**

No further issues discussed.

**11. The next meeting of Flax Bourton Parish Council will be 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Flax Bourton Village Hall.**

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

Signed ..... Dated .....

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