

Flax Bourton Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Flax Bourton
Monday 11th February 2019

Meeting commenced: 7.30pm

Meeting concluded: 9.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Burton

IN ATTENDANCE: There were 8 members of the public present.

Public questions

- One resident expressed a concern about the lack of street lighting on certain roads in the village.
- Interest was expressed in both the traffic calming and DCL agenda items.

1. To note any apologies for absence

Councillor Burton was absent due to work commitments.

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

None noted.

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Moss and seconded by Councillor Walker. Vote taken and all in favour.

It was resolved to move agenda item 7 to before agenda item 4 given the public interest in this item. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Higgins. Vote taken and all in favour.

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

Clerk reported that NSC have completed the speed assessment and as the average speed to the East of the village is closer to 40mph, there is now a greater job to do in terms of changing the environment of the road and entry to the village. NSC has stated that the estimated cost of bringing the speed down by c. 10mph could be between £20-30k.

As the A370 is a main road linking the North to the South of Bristol, NSC has suggested further investigation is required to fully understand the situation. They would like to investigate road width, types of traffic and volume of traffic given the current lack of compliance with the 30mph limit to ensure any traffic calming measures do achieve the target speed limit.

This investigation will cost £2k and will need to be funded by the Parish Council.

Clerk to investigate if fundraising by residents is allowed and the Council will review its budget to decide if it can afford to contribute to the cost of the investigation. This will also be escalated to Dr. Liam Fox and Councillor Nigel Ashton.

Meeting adjourned at 7.40pm for public comments.

Meeting re-commenced at 7.50pm.

- To appoint a working group.

Councillor Ellis and Clerk agreed to be part of the working group along with 5 residents.

Clerk to arrange the first working group meeting.

- To agree the scope, aim and expectations of the working group

Clerk to write the Terms of Reference for the working group following the first meeting.

4. Planning, licensing and development

- North Somerset Local Plan

Councillor Higgins provided an update. Following the Local Plan consultation, the comments have now been uploaded to the website. Councillor Walker has reviewed the comments provided by Taylor Wimpey and found nothing of particular threat to Flax Bourton. In general, most comments were in support of development being closer to employment opportunities e.g The Vale.

- West of England Joint Spatial Plan – JLTP4

- o To agree next steps and decide how to proceed with regards to the appointment of a transport consultant.

It was resolved not to appoint a transport consultant to assist with the Councils response to JLTP4. Proposed by Councillor Higgins and seconded by Councillor Walker. Vote taken and all in favour.

Meeting was halted at 8.25pm for a resident comment. Meeting recommenced at 8.30pm.

- Retrospective approval of FBPCs comments to the Bristol Airport Planning Application 18/P/5118/OUT

It was resolved to approve the comments on the Bristol Airport Planning Application as provided by Councillor Higgins. Proposed by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Mrs Moss. Vote taken and all in favour.

5. Financial reports and budget

- 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 February 2019 and the bank reconciliation reports for January 2019.

Expenditure of £6,640.75 was approved and is detailed below;

Flax Bourton Youth Group	568.75	0.00	568.75
Staff salaries	888.26	0.00	888.26
Heartsafe AED Locator	117.60	19.60	98.00
G.B. Sport and Leisure	96.00	16.00	80.00

Clerks expenses	13.14	0.00	13.14
HMRC PAYE	181	0.00	181
Key Transport Consultants	4776	796	3980
TOTAL	6,640.75	831.60	5809.15

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

Agreed by the Council not to pay the outstanding invoices to Bin-it until we understand the situation with the company that has ceased trading.

Clerk informed the Council of her intention to use the previously agreed budget to purchase a new laptop.

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

Clerk confirmed the email re: the condition of the DCL land, concerns about drainage and fencing around the culvert had been sent to North Somerset Council.

8. Appointment of a new dog bin provider

The Council's existing dog bin collector has ceased trading and there is a requirement to urgently appoint a new provider. Clerk confirmed Greenways Ground Maintenance, based in Bleadon, had the relevant, valid waste carrier registration certificate and professional indemnity and public liability insurances to empty the dog bins in Flax Bourton and can commence work quickly.

Council resolved to appoint Greenways Ground Maintenance to empty 5 dog bins and 1 general bin once a week at a cost of £30 per week plus VAT. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ellis. Vote taken and all in favour.

9. Upcoming Council elections

Clerk updated the Council on the timetable for the upcoming elections which will take place on 2nd May 2019.

10. Councillor recruitment

Clerk reported to the Council that two vacancies on the Council exist which will be filled by co-option in March. The Vacancies have been advertised and the closing date is Friday 22nd February 2019.

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

- Awaiting planning consent from NSC to progress with the tree cutting at Farleigh Green play area
- In response to the complaint received about the levelling of the footpath at the end of Post Office Lane, NSC has met with the owners of the land and Alvis, the contractor, has

agreed to re-profile the footpath within the next 28 days (stated 7.2.19). Clerk to follow up.

- NSC has advised FBPC to check with the planning department with regards to the stone rubble pile that is being stored on the land mentioned in the previous point. Clerk to follow up.
- No progress following email to NSAS about the use of Bathing Pond Farm. Clerk to follow up with NSAS on the Dig for Victory event which now appears to be going ahead.
- A resident has raised the issue of the drains being blocked on the A370. Clerk has requested the resident raises this online with NSC. FBPC will also raise this with NSC.

12. Open forum

An opportunity to propose any items for the next agenda including any relevant issues raised by the public.

None noted.

13. The next meeting of Flax Bourton Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th March 2019.