

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

Meeting commenced: 7.30pm

Meeting concluded: 8.20pm

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

APOLOGIES: None.

IN ATTENDANCE: There were 3 members of the public present.

Public comments;

- A member of the public raised a concern about light pollution at night from lights at the school.
- Concern raised that the Airport is sending planes over Flax Bourton. Councillor Mrs Ellis advised the public to log this and asked if the Parish Council could put the number on the website in case people wish to call the airport.
- A concern was raised about the footpath adjoining Watercress Wood which has been blocked by a barbed wire fence and a sign prohibiting public access.

1. To note any apologies for absence

Councillor Walker due to transport issues.

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 11th February 2019

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Moss and seconded by Councillor Higgins. Vote taken and all in favour.

4. Planning, licensing and development

- **North Somerset Local Plan 2036**

Councillor Higgins stated there is nothing further to report on the Local Plan at this stage.

- **West of England Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) – JLTP4 - To approve the draft response to the JLTP4 consultation.**

Resolution to approve the consultation response. Proposed by Councillor Higgins and seconded by Councillor Ellis. Vote taken and all in favour.

This response needs to be submitted by 20th March 2019. Clerk to submit Council's response by email.

Councillor Higgins also provided the following update on the JSP;

The responses to the JSP consultation which closed on the 7th January were published on Monday 11th March 2019.

There are 1404 responses. A word search has been completed by Councillor Higgins – “Flax Bourton”(135 comments) and "A370" (208 responses).

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- The majority of responses are from Backwell residents (against the SDL) who refer to the proposed link from Farleigh to Nailsea as being from "Flax Bourton".
- One response makes the interesting point that increased employment opportunities in Bristol are likely to be north of the River Avon. If this is the case, why have a significant increase in traffic from the proposed SDLs trying to cross the Cumberland Basin.

A370

- Many Developers - Taylor Wimpey, Barratt, Gladman, Persimmon seek a greater review of the Green Belt.
- Much promotion of Ashton Vale by developers and Backwell residents.
- However, there was one notable exception - Long Ashton PC strongly supports retention of Green Belt.
- Taylor Wimpey believes Backwell and Nailsea SDLs should be treated as separate and note the proposed road infrastructure favours Nailsea.
- The University of Bristol - heavy promotion of Fenswood Farm (LA)
- MP for WSM, believes new link to J20 on M5 is a better solution for Banwell and Churchill than the proposed new junction at 21a!!

The Bristol South West Economic Link (BSWEL) report is still anticipated. We don't know timings on this yet.

The public hearing for the JSP is due to be Spring/Summer 2019 there is no date yet.

No further action is to be taken on the JSP prior to the next meeting.

- **To note the following planning application;**

Flax Bourton	19/P/0233/LDP	5 Rosemount Road Flax Bourton Bristol BS48 1UP	Single storey rear extension
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This application is a Certificate of Lawful Development. It was noted by the Council. No action required as the Parish Council cannot comment.

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 March 2019 and the bank reconciliation reports for February 2019. Expenditure of £2,654.02 was approved and is detailed below;

Flax Bourton Youth Group June	568.75	0.00	568.75
GB Sport and Leisure	96.00	16.00	80.00
ALCA Annual Subscription	128.79	0.00	128.79
North Somerset Council (speed/traffic readings)	504.00	84.00	420.00
Staff salaries	857.00	0.00	857.00
Clerks expenses	410.00	68.33	341.67
Clerks expenses	79.48	0.00	79.48
Clerks expenses	10.00	0.00	10.00
TOTAL	2,654.02	168.33	2,485.69

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

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

An assessment of the issues highlighted at the DCL was conducted by Councillor Higgins and Councillor Mrs Moss. The following points were noted;

- Drainage and culvert
 - o The safety of the culvert needs to be assessed.
 - o The gates that give access to the land, which are supposed to be kept shut, were open on the day the assessment was conducted.
 - o There is no fencing on DCL land from bridge over culvert towards cycle path
 - o The hedging that has been planted is very immature so provides no safety or restriction of access onto the DCL.
- Condition of the land
 - o The basic topography of the land and type of field has completely changed.
 - o The land is contaminated with plastic, metal, lead, stone (not naturally occurring) and electric cabling. It is not in the condition NSC suggest.
 - o Councillor Mrs Moss and Higgins stated it is nowhere near satisfactory and have suggested a meeting on site with NSC as soon as possible.
- Clerk to draft an email to NSC stating FBPC's concerns.

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

Clerk to circulate the Terms of Reference prior to the working group meeting on Monday 18th March 2019.

8. Upcoming Council Elections

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

Clerk has made an appointment with NSC to deliver nomination papers on behalf of Nominees for Thursday 28th March 2019 at 10am.

9. Councillor recruitment

- To co-opt a new Councillor into the position of Councillor
The Council co-opted Councillor Tom Cleaver into the position of Councillor.

Clerk reported to the Council that there are currently three vacancies on the Council. An advertisement to recruit Councillors has been placed in the Parish Magazine and a flyer will be delivered around the village.

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

Update on the actions from the previous meeting.

- Clerk reported that the planning application for crowning the trees at Farleigh Green Play Area has been approved. Clerk to instruct this work as a priority.
- The footpath at the end of Post Office Lane is due to be re-levelled by 15.3.19. Councillors to check this is done and report to Clerk if not.
- The Trustees of the Wraxall Estate have confirmed that they do have a waste exemption licence to store the rubble on the land. They have asked if any further resident complaints can be referred to them. The Council agreed to close this action.

Meeting halted at 8.15 for a resident who stated concerns about the drains being blocked at Castle Close. Clerk to follow up.

Meeting recommenced at 8.18pm.

11. Open forum

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

None noted.

12. The next meeting of Flax Bourton Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th April 2019.