

FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, FLAX BOURTON
MONDAY 8th July 2019, 7.30pm

Public questions and comments

Topics discussed were as follows;

A resident raised the issue of the overgrown hedge that runs along the path on the A370, from The George at Backwell to Flax Bourton. The Clerk reported this has been raised with the respective landowners although reminded the public that hedge cutting season runs from 1 September to 31st March. The Council has asked for NSC to also contact the landowners to regularly cut the hedge during hedge cutting season so that this problem is not encountered every Summer.

A resident highlighted several incidences of children playing in the school car park and using it as a skate park. Council asked for the Clerk to contact the Lighthouse School Partnership to let them know this issue has been raised and to ask them to consider signage about car park usage.

One resident expressed concerns about the speed of the traffic on Clevedon Road and wanted to check which Parish boundary this fell within. Clerk to confirm.

One resident wanted to bring to the attention of the Council the proposed sale of the fuel tanks in the village and expressed concern about what this site may end up being.

Meeting Commenced: 7.45pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.40pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs Moss (Chair), Coombs (Vice Chair), Walker, Mrs Ellis, Munnion and Mrs Crawford.

APOLOGIES: None.

IN ATTENDANCE: There were 7 members of the public present.

1. To note any apologies for absence.

None.

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 June 2019.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Coombs. Vote taken and all in favour.

4. To co-opt a new Councillor onto the Council

Nick Baillie was successfully co-opted onto the Council.

5. Planning, Licencing and Development

North Somerset Local Plan 2036 - nothing to report

West of England Joint Spatial Plan

Councillor Mrs Moss reported the Public Examination for the JSP is currently taking place and they are now half way through the hearings. She noted representatives of Flax Bourton Parish Council had been in attendance and had made important points at the hearing based on the current draft plans. She suggested the questioning at the hearing was critical of the current plan but it was felt it would go through in some format.

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 July 2019 and the bank reconciliation reports for June 2019. Expenditure of £1,924.14 for July 2019 was approved, detailed below.

Flax Bourton Youth Group June	568.75	0.00	568.75
Staff salaries	880.36	0.00	880.36
GB Sport and Leisure	96.00	16.00	80.00
Greenways Grounds Maintenance	125.00	0.00	125.00
ICO	40.00	0.00	40.00
HMRC PAYE	124.03	0.00	124.03
NSC interim bin emptying	90.00	0.00	90.00
TOTAL	1,924.14	16.00	1,908.14

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

It was noted the Clerk will cancel the regular standing order to the Youth Group due to its imminent closure. The last payment will be in July.

Clerk requested approval to pay the invoice to Thrings (for work on the DCL) once the final amount is agreed. (The Council will not meet now until September.) It was resolved to allow the Clerk to pay the invoice up to an amount of £3,468 subject to the Financial Regulations. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Mrs Ellis. Vote taken and all in favour.

7. To review and adopt the updated Communications Policy.

It was resolved to approve the updated Communications Policy. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Mrs Crawford.

8. Farleigh Green Play Area

- To review the annual play area inspection report from ROSPA.

The annual play area inspection report provided by ROSPA was discussed. It was observed there have been some medium risks flagged by the Inspector which need to be addressed. These include shrinkage of wetpour underneath the equipment which can create a trip hazard and strimmer damage on some of the wooden equipment which could cause rotting in the future.

Clerk to obtain quotes for the repair of the wetpour and suitable surfaces under the overhead wooden ladders. Clerk to ask if the grass can be filled in rather than the wetpour extended.

Clerk to speak to Glendale re: strimmer damage to the wooden play area equipment.

It was also noted the annual play area inspector did not highlight the corrosion on the cross bar of the swing as a risk. This has previously been highlighted as a low risk by GB Sport and is being checked weekly. The Inspector at GB Sport has advised the Council that if this risk rating changes, it will be informed immediately. The Clerk noted there have been issues with this type of structure collapsing in the past.

Given the low risk rating by GB Sport and the fact it has not been highlighted by the annual ROSPA trained inspector, the Council resolved not to replace the swings at this stage but will respond immediately if the risk rating should change. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Moss and seconded by Councillor Walker. Vote taken and all in favour.

- To discuss the 3 quotes for replacement swings and agree the way forward with regards to replacement play area equipment including funding.

Clerk to check the use of the section 106 money for future funding but given the previous resolution, the quotes were not discussed.

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

Councillor Mrs Moss reported that Network Rail were proposing to build flood ponds on the DCL. A boundary fence has been drawn between Wraxall and North Somerset Council land and Network Rail have stated they do not have enough room to complete the work. Network Rail has approached the Parish re:needing additional land. The project is planned for 2024. If there are any important updates before the September meetings, Councillor Mrs Moss will inform Councillors.

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

Councillor Coombs reported the progress of the traffic calming investigation is now back with North Somerset Council to confirm when this will take place and to see if it can be prioritised in this year's work schedule.

11. To discuss the closure of the Youth Club

It was reported the Youth Club is no longer viable due to attendance levels and will close this month, hopefully for a sabbatical. Other options for youths in the village will be explored.

Clerk to cancel standing order for the monthly standing order to the Youth Club and ask about the closing accounts. Is there any money left and what will be done with this?

Clerk to ask about any equipment used/purchased by the Youth Club and what will be done with this.

The Council expressed its sincerest thanks to all the Trustees, Volunteers and Committee members along with everyone in the village who had been involved with the Youth Club for the many years it has been in existence.

12. To discuss the impact of dust pollution within the village

Having been highlighted as an ongoing problem in the village, the Clerk was asked to contact the Quarry to arrange a meeting to discuss the efforts to reduce pollution and ongoing work that can be done with regards to regularly cleaning the lorries along with the roads and pavements.

13. Project roles and responsibilities

Now the Council has filled all seats, projects and responsibilities need to be allocated. Councillor Mrs Moss to circulate latest list of projects for Councillors to consider. Ideally 2 people per project.

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

Already addressed throughout the meeting.

15. The next meeting of Flax Bourton Parish Council is planned for 7.30pm on Monday 9th September 2019 at Flax Bourton Village Hall, but may be subject to change.

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

Signed Dated