

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 13 January 2020 at the Village Hall, Flax Bourton

- 041⁽¹⁹⁾ **To note those in attendance and receive apologies** - Members present were noted as Councillors: J Moss (Chair), G Coombs, S Ellis, A Crawford and C Walker. **Apologies** were received from Cllr N Baillie (arriving late). Also present: L Roslyn, Clerk and 6 members of the public.
- 042⁽¹⁹⁾ **To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda and to consider any written applications for dispensations** - There were no declarations of interest received.
- 043⁽¹⁹⁾ It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 25 November 2019 and they were duly signed by the Chair.
- 044⁽¹⁹⁾ **Public Forum Session** – matters raised included the traffic issues on the A370 from a representative of the Working Party with a request to be updated more regularly; could anything be done about the lights on at night at the Primary School and the Quarry – Cllr J Moss agreed to speak to the School Head and the works being carried out at the old Esso Tank Site.

045⁽¹⁹⁾ Planning, Licensing and Development

- a) It was **resolved to respond** to one planning application as follows:

	Planning Ref:	Details	PC Decision
i	19/P/2726/FUH	Flaxmead, Main Road, BS48 3QA - Proposed rear dormer and single storey rear extension to enlarge existing kitchen	No Comment

- b) **West of England Joint Spatial Plan (JSP)** - Cllr J Moss advised that North Somerset Council (NSC) had formally withdrawn from the JSP and will be moving forward with a Local Plan. She is arranging a meeting with the local JSP Group and James Tonkin, District Councillor for Planning. The Clerk agreed to write a letter to James Tonkin for more details.
- c) Other planning matters – planning enforcement have been contacted about possible unauthorised works at the old Esso Tank Site and the Clerk was asked to chase-up what action was being taken.

(20:00 – Cllr N Baillie arrived).

046⁽¹⁹⁾ Finance Reports and Budget

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £789.15 and the cheques were duly signed.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** to change from Weekly to Quarterly Inspections by GB Sport & Leisure of the Farleigh Green Play Area.
- c) The Clerk gave an update on the issues with the dog waste bin emptying and advised that she had contacted the contractor, Greenways, in an effort to resolve the matter. It was noted that the Clerk will be meeting with John Carson, Recycling & Waste Contracts Manager at NSC to discuss possible changes to the bins to include the installation of new, bigger bins to take both litter and dog waste.
- d) It was **resolved to approve** the 2020-2021 Budget (v1.3) and it was further **resolved to approve** that the Precept for 2020-2021 remain at £26,500, with no increase to the parish.

047⁽¹⁹⁾ **Highways**

- a) **A370 Speed Limit and Traffic Calming Measures** - Cllr G Coombs gave an update on the meeting he had with James Tonkin, Executive for Highways at NSC and apologised to the Working Party and agreed to keep them informed in future. It was **agreed** to move forward with the initial proposals for the A370 to reposition the speed limit signs at either end of the village and to install vehicle indicator speed signs and to request that the 20mph limit on Station Road be extended to include the narrow bridges.
- b) It was **agreed** to approve the location of the 20mph road markings on Parsons Mead by North Somerset Council.
- c) The proposal to North Somerset Council to extend the 20mph limit on Station Road to include the narrow bridges was **agreed** under 047⁽¹⁹⁾a.

048⁽¹⁹⁾ **Designated Community Land** – Cllr J Moss advised that before we proceed any further with the proposed Lease of Land from NSC a further meeting was necessary with Network Rail.

049⁽¹⁹⁾ The **Clerk's Report** was received. (Forms part of these minutes and is available on request from the Clerk).

050⁽¹⁹⁾ The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was noted as **Monday 10 February 2020** in the Village Hall, starting at **7.30pm**.

Chairman.....

Date.....