

# Flax Bourton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 10 August 2020 remotely via Zoom

In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, this meeting was held remotely using the Zoom platform enabling both Council members and the public to hear and be heard.

Those present were noted as Councillors J Moss (Chair), G Coombs, C Walker, S Ellis and A Crawford. Also present Miss L Roslyn, Parish Clerk and Claire Merrick.

017<sup>(20)</sup> **Apologies and reasons for absence**

No apologies were received. Cllr N Baillie's absence was noted.

018<sup>(20)</sup> **Declarations of interests from members regarding the agenda**

Cllrs J Moss and S Ellis declared an interest in item 022<sup>(20)</sup>ai) planning application as they are neighbours of the applicant.

019<sup>(20)</sup> **Public Forum Session**

No matters were raised.

020<sup>(20)</sup> **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2020.

021<sup>(20)</sup> **Co-option of new Parish Councillor**

It was **resolved to approve** the co-option of Claire Merrick as Parish Councillor and following signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office she was invited to join the meeting.

022<sup>(20)</sup> **Planning / Development Control**

a) **New Planning Applications**

It was **resolved to agree** the responses to new planning applications:

- i. 20/P/1603/FUH - Lyndale Church Lane Flax Bourton Bristol BS48 3QF - Proposed erection of a double storey side extension and single storey rear extension – **Neutral**.
- ii. 20/P/1716/FUH - 56 Rosemount Road, BS48 1UQ – Proposed loft conversion with two pitched roof dormers to rear elevation – **Neutral**.

b) **North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038 – Challenges Consultation 2020**

- i. It was **agreed** to request a 2-week extension, to 16 September 2020, from North Somerset Council on the response date to allow time to consult with our Community.
- ii. It was **agreed** that Cllrs A Crawford, G Coombs and C Walker would put together the Council's responses on the consultation to present to the Community to give them the opportunity to express their views.

023<sup>(20)</sup> **Finance**

It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts and budget statements and new invoices totalling £937.43 for online payment.

024<sup>(20)</sup> **Highways**

- a) **A370 Traffic Calming and VAS** – Cllr G Coombs reported that applications had been submitted to the Stancombe Quarry Fund and the Bristol Airport Fund for the VAS.

- b) **Dust Working Group** – Cllr A Crawford reported that the Working Group had made good progress on the removal of the dust along the A370 and that Cllr G Coombs had liaised with Tarmac on its collection. She also advised that they had submitted an application to the Stancombe Quarry Fund for portable Air Quality Monitors. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to the group.
- c) **Drainage Issues** – Cllr J Moss reported that the NSC Drainage team had identified several blockages and would be using cameras to try and identify the problems. The Clerk was asked to contact Gregg Brake at NSC to request a progress report.
- d) **Overgrown Hedges** – Cllr J Moss reported that there were several overgrown hedges along the Main Road, and it was **agreed** to send a letter to landowners requesting that they cut them back. Cllr C Merrick advised that the Cricket Club had already agreed to cut back their section along the Main Road. Cllrs A Crawford and G Coombs agreed to take some photos showing the encroachment onto the pavement of the hedges and grass verges. The Clerk was asked to contact Gregg Brake at NSC to request that the pavements be cleared. Cllr A Crawford advised that the dust working group had volunteered to clear some of the footpaths.

025<sup>(20)</sup> **Designated Community Land**

Cllr J Moss reported she had now contacted the Agents acting on behalf of Network Rail to request a meeting.

026<sup>(20)</sup> **Communicating with the Community**

Cllr C Merrick **agreed** to liaise with the Clerk on how the Council could improve communication with the Community and the Clerk was asked to contact Cllr N Baillie and EW to seek further advice.

027<sup>(20)</sup> **Rights of Way**

Cllr G Coombs reported that he had received a map from NSC showing the designated footpaths in the Parish and that, together with 2 volunteers, they would be walking them before responding to the NSC survey by the end of September.

028<sup>(20)</sup> **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received and forms part of these minutes and is available on request.

029<sup>(20)</sup> **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 14 September 2020 commencing at 7.30pm (to be held remotely via Zoom).

030<sup>(20)</sup> **Village Hall**

It was **agreed** that this part of the meeting remain confidential<sup>1</sup> to discuss matters pertaining to the Village Hall. It was **resolved to approve** expenditure of £500.00 to seek initial legal advice. It was further **resolved to approve in principal and subject to 3 quotes being obtained**, expenditure up to £1,500.00 for a Survey of Dilapidation and for the amount to be allocated from Section 11 of the 2020-2021 Budget (v1.4).

**Chairman**..... **Date**.....

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<sup>1</sup> Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12a, Section 4 and 5