

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 11 January 2021 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 G Coombs (Chair), A Crawford, J Moss, C Walker, C Merrick and Miss L Roslyn, Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

087⁽²⁰⁾ **Apologies and reasons for absence**

No apologies were received.

088⁽²⁰⁾ **Declarations of interests from members regarding the agenda**

No interests were declared.

089⁽²⁰⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No matters raised.

090⁽²⁰⁾ **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7 December 2020. (19:35 Cllr C Walker arrived).

091⁽²⁰⁾ **Finance**

a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts & budget statements and new invoices totalling £470.44 for online payment.

(19:45 Cllr C Merrick arrived).

b) It was **resolved to defer the approval** of the Budget and Precept for 2021-2022 until the next Parish Council Meeting to allow the Clerk to make the necessary adjustments to allow for the running costs of the Village Hall.

092⁽²⁰⁾ **North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038**

Cllr J Moss had nothing to report. She agreed to circulate the responses received by NSC to the Challenges Consultation once they had been released. Cllr G Coombs thanked her for all the work in putting together with responses to the Choices Consultation.

093⁽²⁰⁾ **Highways**

a) **A370 Traffic Calming and VAS** – Cllr G Coombs advised that he was still awaiting final approval from NSC on the purchase of the ElanCity Evolis VAS. He also advised that he is hoping NSC will carry out a full survey in 2021-2022 to look at further road safety measures including improving footways and crossing points.

b) **Dust Working Group** – Cllr A Crawford reported that the group were continuing with their efforts to remove the dust from the Main Road. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Ed Watson on the use of the Air Quality Monitors.

c) **Drainage/Flooding** – Cllr J Moss reported that no further progress had been made with NSC and that she had reported recent flooding affecting the A370 via NSC's online reporting system. She agreed to contact Gregg Brake again to try and resolve the matter of the blocked drains.

094⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr G Coombs reported on the Proposal for the Improvements of the Rights of Way Network in Flax Bourton and following detailed discussions the list of improvements was agreed for submission to NSC.

095⁽²⁰⁾ **Communications/Social Media**

- a) Cllr C Merrick had nothing to report.
- b) The Clerk reported that a ready-to-go template would be available from Siserone for the new website on 12 January 2021 and she would update the Council once she'd had a chance to look at it.

096⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk's Report**

A brief Clerk's report was received.

097⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

It was **agreed** to change the date of the next Parish Council Meeting to 1 February 2021 commencing at 7.30pm (to be held remotely via Zoom).

098⁽²⁰⁾ **Village Hall**

It was **agreed** that this part of the meeting remain confidential¹ to discuss matters pertaining to the future management of the Village Hall and members of the public were asked to leave.

Meeting ended 21:32

Chair **Date**.....

¹ Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12a, Section 4 and 5