

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 12 October 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 A Crawford, C Walker, J Moss, G Coombs and C Merrick and Miss L Roslyn, Parish Clerk.

045⁽²⁰⁾ Election of Chair

It was **resolved to approve** to elect Geoff Coombs as Chair and the declaration of acceptance of office would be duly signed as soon as is practicable (due to Covid19 restrictions). The Councillors and Clerk expressed their sincere thanks to Jane Moss for all her hard work during her time as Chair.

046⁽²⁰⁾ Apologies and reasons for absence

No apologies were received.

047⁽²⁰⁾ Declarations of interests from members regarding the agenda

No interests were declared.

048⁽²⁰⁾ Public Forum Session

No matters were raised.

049⁽²⁰⁾ Minutes of previous meeting

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14 September 2020.

050⁽²⁰⁾ Finance

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts & budget statements and new invoices totalling £645.42 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** a donation of £500 to the PCAA to assist them with legal expenses for the Bristol Airport Appeal.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** a donation of £20 to the Royal British Legion in lieu of purchasing a poppy wreath to commemorate Remembrance Sunday.

051⁽²⁰⁾ North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038 – Call for sites

No sites were proposed at this time, but the Council continue to review all details of the Local Plan.

052⁽²⁰⁾ Highways

- a) **A370 Traffic Calming and VAS** – Cllr G Coombs reported that had received the £2,000 from the Bristol Airport Fund for the VAS and that the application to the Stancombe Quarry Fund would be considered at their meeting on 14 October 2020.
- b) **Dust Working Group** – Cllr A Crawford reported that the Working Group had been less active in recent weeks due to the rain. Cllr G Coombs agreed to raise the possibility of the quarry collecting a 'stockpile' of the dust at the SQ LLG Meeting along with the group's application for funds for 3 portable air quality monitors.

- c) **Hedges/Overgrown Verges** – Cllr A Crawford reported that the Cricket Club had now cut back their hedge but hadn't cleared the overgrowth onto the footpath. She will chase-up the landowners about the hedge and overgrowth further along that had still not been cut back as requested. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Clerk to Backwell PC.
- d) **Drainage/Flooding** – Cllr J Moss and the Clerk advised that they had still not received a reply from Gregg Brake at NSC. Cllr C Merrick advised that no flooding had been reported following the recent heavy rainfall.

053⁽²⁰⁾ **Designated Community Land**

Cllr J Moss reported that the Agents acting on behalf of Network Rail had postponed their meeting as Network Rail were once again reviewing their plans.

054⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr G Coombs reported that no recent progress had been made on the rights of way survey and asked the Clerk to contact NSC to advise that our response would be completed by the end of October.

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

Cllr C Merrick reported on the recent meetings for the Comms Working Group and asked the Clerk to put an item on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss their proposed plan. It was agreed that a 'quick win' would be to give some feedback on the responses to the NSC Challenges Consultation and Cllr G Coombs agreed to put together a broad response.

056⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

057⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 9 November 2020 commencing at 7.30pm (to be held remotely via Zoom).

*It was **agreed** by all Councillors to move item 059 up the Agenda.*

059⁽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. The Chair, Cllr G Coombs, requested an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 22 October 2020 to agree the cost of dilapidations prior to termination of the lease and all Councillors **agreed** to this.

058⁽²⁰⁾ **Personnel – matters relating to the Parish Clerk and Village Orderly (CONFIDENTIAL)**

- c) It was **resolved not to approve** changes to the Village Orderly's Contract of Employment.

(21:25 - L Roslyn, Clerk left the meeting – Zoom Hosting was passed to Cllr C Merrick).

- a) Cllr J Moss reported on the Clerk's appraisal of 30 September 2020.
- b) It was **resolved not to approve** an incremental salary increase for the Clerk.

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

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