

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 14 September 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), S Ellis, A Crawford, C Merrick and G Coombs. Also present Miss L Roslyn, Parish Clerk.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr C Walker (work). The resignation of Nick Baillie was **noted**.

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

No interests were declared.

033⁽²⁰⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No matters were raised.

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

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 10 August 2020.

035⁽²⁰⁾ **Planning / Development Control**

It was **noted** that the Councillors agreed, via email consultation, to continue with the Objections to the (amended) planning application 20/P/0437/FUL - Land To West Of Castle Farm Main Road Flax Bourton BS48 3RG - Formation of vehicular access onto A370.

036⁽²⁰⁾ **North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038 – Challenges Consultation 2020**

Councillor A Crawford reported that a leaflet had been delivered to all households in Flax Bourton giving residents the opportunity to respond to the NSC Local Plan Challenges Consultation. We received 14 replies and, following extensive discussions on these responses, it was **resolved to approve** the Council's LP Representations (v1) to the consultation, subject to a few minor additions. The Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllrs A Crawford for her hard work in the production and delivery of the leaflet and collation of the responses and to Cllrs J Moss and G Coombs for their hard work in preparing the Council's Representations. The Clerk agreed to submit the response on 15th September 2020.

037⁽²⁰⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts & budget statements and new invoices totalling £976.72 for payment by cheque.
- b) It was **resolved to approve, in principle**, expenditure up to £60.00 for costs associated with the works of the dust campaign working group.
- c) The NJC Pay Award of 2.75% for the Parish Clerk and Village Orderly and Increase of 1 day's Annual leave for the Parish Clerk, effective from 1 April 2020, was **noted**.

038⁽²⁰⁾ **Highways**

- a) **A370 Traffic Calming and VAS** – Cllr G Coombs reported that we had been granted £2,000 from the Bristol Airport Fund for the VAS and that locations for them had been agreed.

- b) **Dust Working Group** – Cllr A Crawford reported that the Working Group were continuing to make good progress but that there had been some communication issues between the quarry and the contractors resulting in some dust not being collected.
- c) **Drainage/Flooding** – the Clerk advised that she had not received a reply from Gregg Brake at NSC to her request for a progress report – she agreed to chase it up.

039⁽²⁰⁾ **Designated Community Land**

Cllr J Moss reported she finally heard from the Agents acting on behalf of Network Rail to arrange a meeting in early October.

040⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr G Coombs reported that due to illness, etc they still had 3 of the 4 sectors to complete. Cllr A Crawford reported that she was continuing to chase-up the landowners with overgrown hedges and verges along the A370 to make the pavement more accessible. Cllr C Merrick agreed to contact the Cricket Club to request they cut back their section of hedging.

041⁽²⁰⁾ **Website Accessibility**

It was **resolved to approve** the adoption of the Website Accessibility Statement (v1.0) for the Council's new website. The Clerk advised that she was liaising with Siserone to go live with the new website on 23 September 2020 but would require some extra hours to ensure all the documents on the site were accessible.

042⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

043⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 12 October 2020 commencing at 7.30pm (to be held remotely via Zoom).

044⁽²⁰⁾ **Village Hall**

It was **agreed** that this part of the meeting remain confidential¹ to discuss matters pertaining to the Village Hall.

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

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