

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 7 December 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, G Coombs (Chair), A Crawford and C Walker (arrived 19:50) and also, Miss L Roslyn, Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr C Merrick (unwell).

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

No interests were declared.

075⁽²⁰⁾ **Public Forum Session**

One member of the public gave details of his responses to the North Somerset Council Local Plan Choices Consultation.

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

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9 November 2020.

077⁽²⁰⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts & budget statements and new invoices totalling £186.33 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to defer the approval** of the provision of a new swing set, accessible roundabout and wetpour surfacing repairs at the Farleigh Green Play Area until 2021.

078⁽²⁰⁾ **Planning**

It was resolved to respond to new planning applications as follows:

- a) 20/P/2655/TPO - The Grange BS48 3QH – Works to various trees with TPOs – **No objections.**
- b) 20/P/2824/FUH - 1 Parsons Mead BS48 1UH - Proposed erection of a first-floor side extension over existing attached double garage - **No objections.**
- c) 20/P/2896/APPCON - Bristol Airport North Side Road Felton Wrington BS48 3DP - Submission of addendum to Environmental Statement and associated documents by Bristol Airport Limited in relation to its appeal against the decision of North Somerset Council on 13.3.2020 to refuse planning application 18/P/5118/OUT for outline planning permission (with reserved matters details for some elements included and some elements reserved for subsequent approval) for the development of Bristol Airport to enable a throughput of 12 million terminal passengers in any 12 month calendar period and operating within a rolling annualised cap of 4,000 night flights between the hours of 23:30 and 06:00 with no seasonal restrictions (see North Somerset Council website for full description of development) – **Object** (as per previous objections).
- d) 20/P/2648/FUL - Land West of Peel And Graham Old Weston Road - Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with associated parking and landscaping - **Object** (preservation of Green Belt).

079⁽²⁰⁾ **North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038 – Choices Consultation**

Cllr J Moss reported on the process for completing the online consultation by Monday 14 December 2020 and extensive discussions took place on the Council's responses to proposed development, the preservation of the green belt, transport corridors and infrastructure. Cllr J Moss agreed to circulate the Council's responses for final approval before submission via the NSC portal by the Clerk.

080⁽²⁰⁾ **Highways**

- a) **A370 Traffic Calming and VAS** – Cllr G Coombs reported that the Road Safety Working Group unanimously supported the installation of the ElanCity Evolis Solar VAS. He has contacted NSC Highways to obtain their final approval before we order the VAS in the new year. He further reported that NSC will be carrying 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 Ed Watson had been doing a great job co-ordinating the group and that arrangements had been made with Tarmac to remove the 'bulk' bags of dust collected. She also asked that thanks be passed on to a resident for clearing leaves off the roads to allow dust to be more easily collected.

(19:50 Cllr C Walker arrived)

- c) **Hedges/Overgrown Verges** – Cllr A Crawford reported that the bottom of some of the hedges along the A370 still needed clearing and that the pavement between Flax and Backwell has been cleared and is navigable with a pram but not a mobility scooter (as requested). The Clerk agreed to re-submit the request to NSC again to try and resolve the matter.
- d) **Drainage/Flooding** – The Clerk reported that she had received no reply from Gregg Brake at NSC. Cllr G Coombs advised that he had raised the issue of dust blocking the drains with NSC's Chief Executive. The Clerk agreed to raise the issue via the NSC online reporting system.

081⁽²⁰⁾ **Designated Community Land**

Cllr J Moss reported that no further progress had been made with Network Rail. Cllr A Crawford asked if the Council could have temporary use of the land, but Cllr J Moss advised that as Network Rail had not been in contact this would probably not be possible.

082⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr G Coombs reported that the walking working party had proposed several ideas for submission to the Improvements of the Rights of Way Network Survey, including a separate walking path parallel to the shared walking/cycle path alongside the railway line and the reinstatement of the (recently removed) permissive right of way signs.

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

No update report was received. Cllr G Coombs noted that a 'Chair's Update' could be posted on social media to help communications.

084⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

085⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was **noted** as 11 January 2021 commencing at 7.30pm (to be held remotely via Zoom).

086⁽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. It was **resolved to agree** to send a copy of the Council's submission to the CIC Regulator to the CIC's Solicitors.

Meeting ended 21:20

Chair **Date**.....

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