

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 9 November 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 C Walker, J Moss, G Coombs (Chair) and C Merrick and also, Miss L Roslyn, Parish Clerk, Ed Watson of the Comms Working Group and 2 members of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr A Crawford (unwell).

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

No interests were declared.

062⁽²⁰⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No matters were raised.

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

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12 October 2020.

064⁽²⁰⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts & budget statements and new invoices totalling £3,177.12 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the purchase of 3x Air Quality Monitors at a cost of £429.60 (excl VAT) to be funded by the grant from the Stancombe Quarry Fund.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the purchase of 2x Vehicle Activated Signs from ElanCity at a cost of £3,551.32 (excl VAT) to be funded by the grants from the Stancombe Quarry Fund (£4,000) and the Bristol Airport Fund (£2,000) subject to Cllr G Coombs apprising the Road Safety Working Group of the details.
- d) It was **resolved to approve** the cost of installation of 2x Poles for the VAS from Nailsea Construction at a cost of £500.00 (excl VAT) to be funded by the grants from the Stancombe Quarry Fund (£4,000) and the Bristol Airport Fund (£2,000) subject to Cllr G Coombs apprising the Road Safety Working Group of the details.

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

Cllr C Merrick reported on the work of the Comms Working Group and the positive feedback on the new format of the Newsletter and Vacancy Poster created by the Clerk. She advised that there had been one expression of interest in the Councillor vacancies. Ed Watson was invited to give a presentation on the Communications Strategy, and it was agreed that a plan would be put in place to promote the Parish Council's key messages.

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

Cllr J Moss reported on the update from NSC on the responses to the Challenges Consultation. She went on to advise that the Choices Consultation had now been received. Detailed discussions took place on how best to consult with our residents and respond in the best interests of the community by the response date of 14 December 2020. It was **agreed**

to move the date of the next Parish Council Meeting to Monday 7 December 2020 to allow us to formally agree the responses.

067⁽²⁰⁾ **Highways**

- a) **A370 Traffic Calming and VAS** – Cllr G Coombs confirmed that he would meet with the Road Safety Working Group to apprise them of the installation of the VASs.
- b) **Dust Working Group** – Cllr G Coombs invited Ed Watson to give an update in Cllr Crawford’s absence. Cllr G Coombs reported that Tarmac had agreed in principle to collecting a ‘stockpile’ of the dust and it was agreed that the working group could purchase some garden waste bags to use for this purpose. Ed Watson said that he would put a message out on the WhatsApp Group advising residents when the bags were available. Cllr G Coombs agreed to arrange for Tarmac to liaise directly with Ed Watson on the collection.
- c) **Hedges/Overgrown Verges** – Cllr G Coombs reported that the hedges along some sections of the A370 had now been cut back as requested by Cllr A Crawford. The Clerk reported that despite her report to NSC, the pavement between Flax and Backwell had still not been cleared and she agreed to contact NSC again to try and resolve the matter.
- d) **Drainage/Flooding** – Cllr J Moss and the Clerk advised that they had still not received a reply from Gregg Brake at NSC on drainage works in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr G Coombs to try and get the matter escalated.

068⁽²⁰⁾ **Designated Community Land**

Cllr J Moss reported that no further progress had been made with Network Rail.

069⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr G Coombs reported that NSC had extended their deadline for our response to the Improvements of the Rights of Way Network Survey until the end of the year.

070⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk’s Report**

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

071⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was **noted as a change to** 7 December 2020 commencing at 7.30pm (to be held remotely via Zoom).

072⁽²⁰⁾ **Village Hall**

Cllr G Coombs reported that, with effect from 1 November 2020, responsibility for the Village Hall had now passed back to the Parish Council and that we were considering how to take forward the running of the Hall to take us through the next six months before putting in a new Management structure. He acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the CIC team that had been responsible for the management of the Hall over the last 20 years.

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.

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

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