

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 1 February 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 and Miss L Roslyn, Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr C Merrick (personal).

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

No interests were declared.

102⁽²⁰⁾ **Public Forum Session**

One matter discussed – the improvements made to the footpath alongside the graveyard including a new stile and gate.

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

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 January 2021.

104⁽²⁰⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** transferring the £3,500 from Section 7c – DCL Maintenance & Professional Fees from the Approved Budget 2020-2021 (v1.4) to a new Section: 7f – Village Hall to cover running costs to 31 March 2021.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts & budget statements and new invoices totalling £288.95 for online payment.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the Budget (v3.1) for 2021-2022 and a Precept of £28,904.22 for 2021-2022.

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

Cllr J Moss reported that she had been unable to access responses received by NSC to the Challenges Consultation but would pursue this and access to the responses to the Choices Consultation. She advised that NSC are hoping to publish a Draft Plan in March-April. There was a brief discussion on the leaflet posted to all residents concerning the proposed development in Failand.

106⁽²⁰⁾ **Highways**

- a) **A370 Traffic Calming and VAS** – Cllr G Coombs reported that NSC Highways have stated that they will not support in the installation of the ElanCity Evolis VAS. He said that he will take the matter to the Executive Committee. It was noted that £2,000 had been allocated in the 2021-2022 budget for the traffic survey.
- b) **Dust Working Group** – Cllr A Crawford had no update.
- c) **Drainage/Flooding** – Cllr J Moss reported that she had been in contact with Gregg Brake who advised her that there were no funds left in the 2020-2021 budget for further drainage works and that he couldn't comment on works in 2021-2022 as he didn't have

details of the allocated budget. Cllr G Coombs agreed to discuss the matter with the Executive Committee.

107⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr G Coombs reported that the Proposal for the Improvements of the Rights of Way Network in Flax Bourton had been submitted to NSC.

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

a) No update report received.

b) It was **resolved to approve** up to 20 additional hours for the Clerk to configure and add content to the new website. It was noted that there would be no requirement for a support contract going forward with Siserone as the Clerk would take on the responsibility as Administrator for the site.

109⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

110⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 8 March 2021 commencing at 7.30pm (to be held remotely via Zoom).

111⁽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 20:53

Chair **Date**.....

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