

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 8 March 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 Merrick and Miss L Roslyn, Parish Clerk and 10 members of the public.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr C Walker (work).

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

No interests were declared.

114⁽²⁰⁾ **Public Forum Session**

Matters discussed included updating the Parish Plan – Clerk to make contact and discuss, and parking issues causing access problems for residents and emergency vehicles on Bourton Combe Lane and the poor condition of the road. Cllr G Coombs advised residents to report the issues to North Somerset Council and that the Parish Council will contact NSC Highways to discuss the matter further.

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

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 1 February 2021.

117⁽²⁰⁾ **Village Hall Re-opening**

It was **agreed** to move this item up the Agenda. Cllr G Coombs briefed the meeting on the current situation with regards to the Hall's closure and that responsibility had been passed back to the Parish Council. He explained the reasons why the Parish Council are not in a position to take on the running of the Hall and the need for a new committee of volunteers to take it on. He reported that all houses in the village had received a flyer to this effect and invited them to attend the Parish Council Meeting. Cllr C Merrick agreed to put together an information pack and to 'spread the word' via Social Media to encourage more volunteers. Cllr J Moss was looking into the different options for the structure of a new management team.

116⁽²⁰⁾ **Finance**

- a) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts & budget statements and new invoices totalling £1,100.59 for online payment.
- b) It was **resolved to approve** refunding the sum of £3,417.00 to the Flax Bourton Village Hall CIC, such sum being the balance of the community funds held in reserve by the Parish Council.
- c) It was **resolved to approve** the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the Farleigh Green Playing Field and Play Area for 2021-2022 to Greenways Grounds Maintenance, subject to a request to provide a small discount and agreement for fixed terms for 3 years.
- d) It was **resolved to approve** the 16 hours worked by the Clerk on configuring the new website, to be taken as Time Off in Lieu during 2021-2022.

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

Cllr J Moss advised that there was nothing to report.

119⁽²⁰⁾ **National Planning Policy Framework**

The Clerk provided a brief update on the proposed changes to the planning system currently being consulted on by the Government.

120⁽²⁰⁾ **Highways**

- a) **A370 Traffic Calming and VAS** – Cllr G Coombs reported that he had received no response from NSC Highways on their support in the installation of the ElanCity Evolis VAS. He said that he will take the matter to the Executive Committee.
- b) **Dust Working Group** – Cllr A Crawford reported that the Quarry pick-up was working well and asked if they would be returning the dust collection bags for re-use. It was agreed that she could purchase more bags as necessary.
- c) **Drainage/Flooding** – Cllr J Moss reported that drainage issues needed to be raised with the NSC Executive Committee and Cllr G Coombs agreed to do this.
- d) **Bourton Combe Lane** – following the extensive discussions on this during the Public Forum Session, Cllr A Crawford agreed to draft an email to send to NSC Highways to raise the issues and the possibility of a Public Space Protection Order.

121⁽²⁰⁾ **Rights of Way**

Cllr G Coombs reported that we had responded to NSC's request for funding for repairs to stiles, etc and advised that we would be seeking funds from the Stancombe Quarry for the stoning-up of the restricted by-way.

122⁽²⁰⁾ **Communications/Social Media/Website**

Cllr C Merrick reported on the successful leaflet drop of the Village Hall flyer and Cllr G Coombs advised that the Clerk had been asked to provide a reimbursement figure for printing costs.

123⁽²⁰⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

124⁽²⁰⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was noted as 12 April 2021 commencing at 7.30pm (to be held remotely via Zoom). The Clerk asked that a contingency meeting be considered for the Annual Meeting in May if the Government don't extend the Regulations allowing face-to-face meetings beyond 7 May 2021.

125⁽²⁰⁾ **Village Hall – Confidential Matters**

No further matters were raised in respect of the Village Hall.

Meeting ended 21.:15

Chair **Date**.....