

# Flax Bourton Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Attending:** Councillors Crawford, Moss, Merrick, Coombs (chair)

**050 Apologies:** Councillor Walker (work)

**051 Declarations of Interest.** Declaration of non pecuniary interest as Trustees of the Flax Bourton Hub Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) by Cllrs Merrick and Coombs.

**052 Public Forum.** one members of the public in attendance.

**053 Approval of Minutes.** Resolved to **Approve** without amendment. Duly signed.

### **054 Finance and Personnel**

- a) **Appointment of new Parish Clerk.** The appointment of Clare Melton to the position of Parish Clerk was **Ratified** unanimously. Cllr Walker had conveyed his support to the Chairman. Clare is expected to take up post on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- b) **To Ratify payments made since last meeting.** There were none.
- c) **Finance.** The accounting statement prepared by Cllr Crawford in the absence of a Parish Clerk was **Approved**. Invoices for approval were reviewed and **Agreed** for payment. It was **Agreed** to fund garden bulbs being planted by a resident in public areas up to a limit of £20.
- d) It was **Agreed** to fund the recommended essential remedial works to the electrical system in the Hall up to an amount not exceeding £2995 ex vat subject to further tenders being obtained.

### **055. Planning.**

**21/P/2931/FUH - 3 Church Lane End** Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed erection of a single storey side extension. After discussion resolved to **Support**.

### **056. North Somerset Local Plan**

Councillor Moss reported that a briefing was to be held by North Somerset Council in December. Cllrs Moss and Coombs to attend.

### **057. Flax Bourton Hub** (formerly village hall)

Cllr Merrick reported that bookings for the newly opened Hub were encouraging. Enquiries were ongoing relating to the damaged goalpost. It is necessary to agree with the CIO the date of transfer of responsibility for the running costs of the Hall from the Parish Council to the CIO. (Cllrs. Merrick and Coombs)

Councillor Moss is continuing to lead on the preparation of a draft lease along the lines of the ACRE model lease.

**058. Highways**

- a) **Vehicle Activated Signs** We are still awaiting approval from North Somerset Highways. It was noted that similar Speed Indicating Signs (SID) have been installed recently in Nailsea and Failand.
- b) **Pavements and Footways** Cllr. Crawford reported that there has been no action with the proposed surface repair in Bourton Combe. The cricket ground will be contacted again regarding the cutting back of hedges along the A370. There had been no progress with the edging out of the pavement and the cutting back of the verges by North Somerset Highways. There had been two complaints from residents and a report of an injury. The danger to schoolchildren walking on the verge in icy conditions was a cause for serious concern. The Chairman agreed to write again to a senior officer and to District Cllr Petty. There had been reports of exceptional levels of flooding in Bourton Combe. It was agreed that Flooding should be reintroduced as a regular agenda item.
- c) **Dust Clearance** The arrangements for dust clearance along the A370 had been raised at the Stancombe Quarry liaison meeting, also the issue of lorry speed within the village. Cllr. Crawford will make contact with the newly appointed Quarry Manager.

**059. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of next meeting was provisionally set for **Monday the 13th of December 2021, 7.30pm** at The Flax Bourton Hub.

The meeting closed at 8:40 PM.

**Chair** ..... **Date**.....