

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 10th January 2022 commencing at **7.30pm** at the Flax Bourton Hub (formerly known as the Village Hall).

Those present were noted as Councillors: Geoff Coombs (Chair), Alison Crawford, Jane Moss, and Mrs Clare Melton, Parish Clerk.

070⁽²¹⁾ **Apologies and reasons for absence**

No apologies were received. Cllr Chris Walker (unavoidably absent).

071⁽²¹⁾ **Declarations of interests from members regarding the agenda**

Declaration of non-pecuniary interest as Trustee of the Flax Bourton Hub Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) by Cllr Coombs.

072⁽²¹⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No members of the public were present.

073⁽²¹⁾ **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th December 2021 subject to non material deletions agreed at meeting. **Deferred** signing to the next meeting.

074⁽²¹⁾ **Finance and Personnel**

The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Merrick due to work commitments. The Council thanked Cllr Merrick for her contribution

- a) After lengthy discussion, **it was agreed** to set the Precept at £28,000 and for Cllr Crawford to make amendments to the draft Budget and redistribute to the Council for further discussion
- b) No payments were made other than the Clerk's salary. **It was resolved** in future to pay the Clerk's salary by standing order. **Duly approved**
- c) Exceptionally **it was resolved** to accept the amended quote for the new dog bins as it is from an engaged contractor
- d) **Noted** to continue investigation
- e) **It was resolved** to re-join CPRE
- f) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £623.75 for online payment.

075⁽²¹⁾ **Planning**

It was resolved to respond as follows:

- a) 21/P/3424/NMA- Land West Of Peel & Graham – **No comment**
- b) 21/P/3282/FUH- 6 Bourton Mead, BS48 1UB – **Object with comments.**

076⁽²¹⁾ **North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038**

No progress since last month's update.

077⁽²¹⁾ **Flax Bourton Hub**

- a) Cllr Coombs provided an update following a recent productive meeting with the Chair of the Hub Trustees. Cllr Coombs would discuss the apportionment of costs to date

with the Trustees

- b) The Hub have taken out Contents insurance so when Zurich renewal comes up- 31st May 2022- the Parish Council will be responsible for Buildings Insurance only
- c) Cllr Coombs reported that after extensive discussions with the Chair of the Hub, it was decided that the Hub are not currently in a position to spend the Lottery Grant as it was intended to be spent. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council would contact the Lottery for guidance
- d) Cllr Moss reported that there has been no progress. Further discussions with the Hub Trustees are ongoing.

078⁽²¹⁾ **Farleigh Green Play equipment maintenance report**

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would continue investigations begun by the previous Clerk for a replacement swing

079⁽²¹⁾ **Scribe Accounts Finance Package**

After discussion, **it was agreed** that the Clerk would contact Scribe with further questions and investigate other finance packages.

080⁽²¹⁾ **Highways**

- a) Cllr Coombs reported that the Police Officer responsible for Highways has agreed in principle with North Somerset Council that Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) recommended by him can be installed in North Somerset. **It was also noted** that a speed watch group is being set up in the village by some residents
- b) **It was agreed** that the Parish Council would still be happy to consider speed control equipment once North Somerset Council confirm
- c) Cllr Crawford reported that there has been no progress and footways are almost impassable in places. **It was agreed** that Cllr Crawford would follow this up with North Somerset Council
- d) Cllr Coombs reported that the Highways Officer had suggested the option of holding ponds on farm land above Bourton Combe. **It was noted** that North Somerset Highways would approach the landowners.

081⁽²¹⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next **Parish Council Meeting** was noted as **Monday 14th February 2022** at the Flax Bourton Hub (formerly known as the Village Hall) at **7.30pm**.

Meeting ended 21:15

Chair **Date**.....