

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 14th February 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, Chris Walker. Also present Mrs Clare Melton, Parish Clerk, Dr C Andersson and one member of the public.

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

No apologies were received.

083⁽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.

084⁽²¹⁾ **Public Forum Session**

A member of the public suggested a change of route for one of the footpaths following a conversation with the new owner. Cllr Coombs thanked the resident for the suggestion.

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

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th January 2022. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th December 2021 were duly signed following non material deletions as agreed at the meeting on 10th January 2022.

086⁽²¹⁾ **Co-option of New Parish Councillor**

It was **resolved to approve** the co-option of Clare Andersson as Parish Councillor and following signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office she was invited to join the meeting.

087⁽²¹⁾ **Finance and Personnel**

- a) **It was resolved** to approve the Budget for 2022-2023. Cllr Coombs thanked Cllr Crawford for her efforts
- b) No payments were made
- c) The Clerk provided an update on investigations into the Maintel contract. **It was agreed** that further investigation is necessary
- d) After discussion, **it was agreed** to seek alternative quotes for the replacement of the decaying post. Cllr Coombs and the Clerk will investigate options for replacement of the top tube of the double swing
- e) Exceptionally, **it was resolved** to accept the quote from CPS Grounds for the maintenance of Farleigh Green Playing Field, Sports Pitch, Curtilage of Hub and Play Area as tenders were only sought six months ago. **It was further agreed** that new tenders would be explored at the end of the contract with CPS (March 2023)
- f) It was **resolved to approve** the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £1,249.27 for online payment.

088⁽²¹⁾ **Planning**

It was **resolved to respond** as follows:

- a) **22/P/0089/FUH- 72 Rosemount Road, BS48 1UQ** – Neutral
- b) **22/P/0106/NMA- Land West of Peel And Graham, BS48 1UL** – Neutral.

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

Cllr Moss provided an update. Following extensive discussions, **it was resolved** to form a working group to further understand the potential impact of the Local Plan. Cllrs Coombs, Moss, Andersson and Walker **agreed** to be part of the working group and Cllr Moss will circulate the relevant documents. Cllr Coombs and Cllr Moss will make contact with Backwell Parish Council. Cllr Moss will also provide a summary for the Flax Bourton Parish Council website.

090⁽²¹⁾ **Flax Bourton Hub**

- a) Cllr Coombs provided an update
- b) Cllr Coombs is in discussions with the Chair of the Hub regarding the apportionment of costs to date. It is suggested that the Parish Council covers the maintenance costs and the Hub will repay the running costs from the date that they took over
- c) The Hub Trustees are proposing to use the Lottery Grant to refurbish an old shower room in the Hub to provide separate toilet/changing room linked to recently refurbished rooms
- d) Cllr Coombs provided an update on heating options. Hub Trustees met with consultants who advised that unfortunately, ‘green’ options, such as ground source heating, would not be feasible for a building such as the Hub. The Consultants recommended a new gas boiler should be installed which is ready for conversion to hydrogen when it comes in in 2025. Cllr Andersson raised the possibility of electric heaters as an alternative
- e) After discussion, **it was resolved to defer** the proposed lease until the end of the Memorandum of Understanding (June 2024).

091⁽²¹⁾ **Accounts Packages**

After discussion, **it was agreed** to accept the quote from Scribe.

092⁽²¹⁾ **Highways**

- a) Cllr Coombs reported that there is still no agreement from North Somerset Council regarding the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and the Parish Council cannot move forward without their agreement
- b) Cllr Crawford reported that she had spoken with North Somerset Council who claimed that she could not find a record linked to Cllr Crawford’s name and could therefore not discuss anything with her due to data protection. Cllr Crawford will continue her efforts and Cllr Coombs will contact the Senior Officer at the Council again.

093⁽²¹⁾ **Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk’s Report was received and forms part of these minutes.

094⁽²¹⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

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

Meeting ended 21:32

Chair **Date**.....