

Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 14th March 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, Clare Andersson and Jane Moss. Also present Mrs Clare Melton, Parish Clerk, and District Councillor Hugh Gregor.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Walker (work).

096⁽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.

097⁽²¹⁾ **Public Forum Session**

No members of the public were present.

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

It was **resolved to approve** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14th February 2022.

099⁽²¹⁾ **Finance and Personnel**

- a) No payments to approve since last meeting
- b) The Clerk provided an update on continued investigations into the Maintel contract. A further update will be made at the next meeting
- c) Cllr Coombs proposed that a request be made to North Somerset Council to extend the Farleigh Green Endowment Fund to include the Village Hall. After discussion, **it was agreed** that Cllr Coombs would open discussions with North Somerset Council
- d) After discussion, **it was resolved** to accept the quote from GoPak
- e) After discussion, **it was resolved** to agree in principle to proceed with a quote up to a limit of £1,700.00 plus VAT due to the urgent nature of the work. The Clerk will seek another quote for the replacement of both the fire alarm and intruder alarm for comparison
- f) **It was resolved** to accept the new quote from Playdale for delivery only of the replacement beam. The Clerk will seek another quote for the installation of the beam
- g) After discussion, **it was agreed** that Cllr Andersson would continue discussions with Flax Bourton Primary School regarding the Queen's Jubilee and will provide a further update at the next meeting
- h) **It was resolved** to accept and approve arrears payments to both the current and previous Clerk
- i) **It was resolved** to approve the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £570.09 for online payment.

100⁽²¹⁾ **Planning**

It was resolved to respond as follows:

- a) **22/P/0327/AOC- Gilbert Scott House, BS48 1UL**– Neutral
- b) **22/P/0364/NMA- Land Adj to Graham and Sumachs** – Neutral
- c) **22/P/0343/FUH- The Haven, BS48 1UG** – Neutral with the following comment:
Neutral with the restriction that it should not be used as a separate dwelling.

101⁽²¹⁾ **Enforcement Matters - Flax Bourton Former Railway Station**

Cllr Coombs reported that this matter has been drawn to the attention of the Enforcement Officer who has confirmed that it is unauthorised development and that they are taking enforcement action. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will notify the resident who previously raised concerns, of this latest development.

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

Cllr Moss provided an update. Cllr Moss circulated a proposed statement for the website, social media and residents email list. **It was agreed** that the Clerk would circulate this statement. The working group will meet again before the next Parish Council Meeting at which a full discussion on the Council's response to the Local Plan will take place. **It was further agreed** that the Parish Council would delegate to the working group final wording for the agreed response to the Local Plan.

103⁽²¹⁾ **Flax Bourton Hub**

- a) No update from Cllr Moss. Cllr Coombs reported that reimbursement from the Hub to the Parish Council has been agreed with the Hub Trustees in principle subject to the resolution of the investigations into the high final gas bill
- b) Cllr Coombs proposed proceeding with the conversion of the referees changing room to toilets. **It was agreed** that this would be covered by the Lottery grant.
Cllr Coombs reported on an enquiry via Flax Bourton Primary School for a Horsebox Café to rent an area close to the cycle path. After discussion, **it was agreed** not to pursue this enquiry at this time as there is not an appropriate site.

104⁽²¹⁾ **Highways**

- a) Cllr Coombs reported that the Neighbourhood Traffic and Road Safety Place Directorate at North Somerset Council have confirmed that their policy does not permit permanent Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). Cllr Coombs has asked the Executive Member to come and walk through the village to see why the signs are necessary. District Cllr Gregor offered to write to the Executive Member about this issue
- b) Cllr Crawford reported that the path has been cleared. Cllr Andersson reported a large pothole on Station Road. Clerk will report this via North Somerset Council website
- c) After discussion, **it was agreed** that Cllr Andersson and Cllr Moss will make contact with the Belmont Estate owners to discuss a possible permissive footpath.

105⁽²¹⁾ **Clerk's Report**

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

106⁽²¹⁾ **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next **Parish Council Meeting** was noted as **Monday 11th April 2022** at the Flax Bourton Hub (formerly known as the Village Hall) at **7.30pm**.

Meeting ended 21:35

Chair **Date**.....