Flax Bourton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 11th April 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 seven members of the public.

001(22) **Apologies and reasons for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Walker (family commitments) and District Councillor Hugh Gregor (attending Winford Parish Council Meeting).

002(22) **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.

003(22) **Public Forum Session**

1. A resident raised concerns over changes to bus services by First Bus. Resident has written to First Bus and has emailed letter to the Clerk. Cllr Coombs thanked the resident for the comments and letter and noted that the Parish Council supports the concerns
2. A resident re-stated concerns previously raised regarding waste disposal at land at Flax Bourton Former Railway Station. Occupier was instructed on 4th April 2022 by North Somerset Council to clear the site within 12 weeks. Cllr Coombs thanked the resident for the update and explained that the Parish Council is still in contact with the Enforcement Officer who has stressed that there are complexities with this case
3. A resident explained request for a keep clear line in front of the gates of their property (Agenda item 010)
4. Other residents present for further information about the North Somerset Local Plan.

004(22) **Minutes of previous meeting**

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

010(22) **Keep Clear request- Agenda item brought forward as resident present**

After discussion, **it was recommended** that the resident first try putting up a sign on their gate stating that access is required at all times to deter parking across the driveway. **It was advised** that if all reasonable means were taken and access became an issue, then the resident should gather evidence to support an application and contact the Parish Council again. Resident agreed and left the meeting.

007(22) **North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038- Agenda item brought forward**

Cllr Coombs asked the residents present for any questions and extensive discussions commenced. At the end of this, the residents all left the meeting. After further extensive discussion, **it was agreed** that Cllr Moss would continue to work on the Parish Council's response to the Local Plan and will circulate to the rest of the working party.

005(22) **Finance and Personnel**

a) **It was resolved to ratify** the payments made since last meeting totalling £1,488.35
b) **Maintel contract-** The Clerk reported that a further email has been sent requesting a full refund. No response from Maintel so far. A further update will be made at the next meeting
c) **The Playing Field Section 106 reserve fund-** Cllr Coombs reported that contact has been made with North Somerset Council. There is no objection in principle but it is potentially complicated and is currently being looked at by North Somerset Council solicitors
d) **Jubilee gift-** Cllr Andersson reported that following discussions **it was agreed** that the Parish Council would purchase a Tree Water Feature from Renee Kilburn Ceramics at a cost of £350.00. The Water Feature will be presented to Flax Bourton Primary School for their new quiet space. Cllr Andersson will liaise with Ms Kilburn regarding the presentation plaque. **It was further agreed** to pay an additional £20.00 for the plaque if necessary

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e) **Insurance-** After discussion, **it was agreed** that the Clerk would go back to Aviva and Zurich and ask for a new quote without Contents Insurance. **It was resolved in principle** to proceed with the quote from Aviva

f) **Beam for play area-** After discussion, **it was agreed** that the Clerk will contact Signet Signs for a quote and a final decision will be deferred to the next meeting

g) After discussion, **it was agreed** that the Laser Alarms invoice for renewal of maintenance should be forwarded to the Hub. Cllr Andersson suggested that it may be an option for the Fire Service to visit and advice on the Fire alarm system. **It was agreed** that Cllr Andersson would look into this

h) **It was resolved** to approve the monthly accounts statement and new invoices totalling £1486.20 for online payment.

006(22) **Planning**

It was resolved to respond as follows:

a) **22/P/0565/ADV - Gilbert Scott House, BS48 1UL** – Object with comment- sign is large for proximity to a listed building

b) **22/P/0633/FUL - Court House, HM Public Mortuary, BS48 1UL** – Support

c) **22/P/0640/LBC - Court House, HM Public Mortuary, BS48 1UL** – Support

d) **22/P/0635/FUL - Land West Of Peel House And Graham House** – Neutral

008(22) **Flax Bourton Hub**

a) Cllr Coombs reported that that the Hub Committee are applying to the Community Renewal Fund which may cover items such as the Intruder Alarm, boilers, CCTV, electrics etc.

b) Cllr Coombs updated on a scaled back event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee proposed by the Hub Committee. Cllr Coombs noted that an enquiry had been made as to whether there could be an extension until midnight for the proposed event in the Village Hall. After discussion, **it was agreed** that any music/band should stop at 11.00pm as usual. Cllr Crawford suggested that further detail on the insurance conditions for the event is needed and **it was agreed** that the Parish Council would advise the Hub.

009(22) **Highways**

a) **Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) -** Cllr Coombs reported that he has suggested to North Somerset Highways that there is a trial of VAS in the village. No response to date

b) **Possible Permissive path** - Cllr Moss to contact the Belmont Estate Manager

c) **Pavements and Footpaths** – Cllr Crawford reported that dust levels on the pavements are particularly bad at the moment. Cllr Crawford will put a request in the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers for a working group.

011(22) **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's Report was received and noted.

012(22) **Date of the next meeting**

It was noted that the **Annual Residents Meeting** will be held on **Monday 9th May 2022** at the Flax Bourton Hub (formerly known as the Village Hall) at **7.00pm** followed afterwards by the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** at **7.30pm**.

Meeting ended 22:10

Chair ………… **Date**……..

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Clare Melton

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