Flax Bourton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2025 commencing at 7:30pm in the Hall at Flax Bourton Primary School

Those present were noted as Councillors: Coombs, Andersson, Crawford, Walker and Seaver
Also present Mrs H Nelson (Parish Clerk)

184(24) **Apologies and Reasons for Absence**
Received from District Councillor Waite.

185(24) **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.

186(24) **Councillor Co-option**
A member of the public has shown interest.

187(24) **Public Forum Session**

188(24) **Minutes for Approval**
It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th February 2025.

189(24) **Finance and Personnel**

a) It was resolved to ratify the payments made since the meeting on 10th February 2025 totalling £0
b) Lloyds Bank savings account interest reduction was acknowledged
c) **It was resolved** to approve the new invoices totalling £2111.44 for online payment. The Bank Reconciliation, monthly accounts statement and the Payments and Receipts Schedule were also **received and approved**.

190(24) **Planning**
To receive and comment on planning application/s as Support, Object or Neutral:

a) 24/P/1185/OUT - Planning Appeal Inquiry - Land off Dark Lane, Backwell

Action: if able Clerk to comment on the inquiry objecting to the planning application based on cumulative impact of traffic

b) 25/P/0266/FUL – Farleigh Church, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton
Action: Clerk to comment supporting the planning officer's view

c) 25/P/0267/LBC - Farleigh Church, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton
Action: Clerk to comment supporting the planning officer's view

d) 25/P/0338/TPO – Pavilion, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton
Action: Clerk to put notice on Noticeboard if appropriate

191(24) **North Somerset Council Local Plan 2039/40**
Cllr Seaver gave an update. Because of the greenbelt Flax Bourton is low priority for development. It was proposed that we should make Flax Bourton's residents aware of the Council's comment. Cllr Seaver suggested devising a survey to try to get a better idea of residents' views after which he will reply to NSC concentrating on the cumulative effect of the proposals on traffic levels in the village.
Action: Cllr Seaver to comment on the plan regarding the 950 proposed houses near the railway line in Backwell regarding sustainable transport, the knock-on effect to traffic from the development, the new proposed road by the lake potentially being a bus link and to propose a station at Long Ashton.

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Clerk to put the council's proposed comments on the website.

192(24) **North Somerset Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)**
No update.

193(24) **Biodiversity Duty**
No update.

194(24) **Flooding**
No update.

195(24) **Flax Bourton Hub**
The work to replace the gutters is going ahead next week. The fascias are going to be covered with PVC cladding and the hub will contribute half. The hub is keen to create an externally accessed WC for those using the playing fields. We should receive a quote soon from an architect for the plans. We are waiting to see if planning permission is required. Separately a resident has enquired if CCTV can be attached to the hub due to the increase in crime in the area.

196(24) **Farleigh Green playing fields and playground**
There was discussion regarding replacing the Common Lime tree which is being removed. We are waiting for the tree surgeon to do the works.
Action: Cllr Andersson to look into replacement trees. Clerk to give Cllr Andersson the contact details of the tree surveyor.

197(24) **Highways**

a) **A370 Safety Scheme** – no update.
b) **Pavements and Footpaths** – waiting to hear back from quarry regarding paying for the siding out of the section to Backwell Farleigh. Clerk commented that the VO had found nitrous oxide canisters near the Coroner's Office.
c) **Public Rights of Way** – No update.
d) **Stancombe Lane waste bin** – Clerk confirmed that the VO is still part emptying the bins.
e) **Belmont crossroads signage** – following an update from District Cllr Waite she confirmed that the new signage has been programmed into the work schedule but has not been given an exact date for it to be carried out.
f) **Safe route to school** – steps at the cricket ground have been repaired as mentioned previously.
g) **Community Land –** we are awaiting response from the law firm we have been liaising with.
Action: Clerk to contact previous law firm for a quote for the works.
h) **Request for parking restrictions** – no update.
i) **Parish Boundary sign** – we received a response from NSC asking for us to pay for the sign. We have confirmed we will make a contribution.

198(24) **Quarry (Tarmac)**
No update

199(24) **Defibrillator**
We are awaiting the results from our application to Stancombe Quarry Fund. Clerk to contact Hub to see if they might know anyone who works for Lloyds so funds can be raised via the PTA and any Lloyds employees can apply for matched funding for the future requirements to replace the ones at the school and at the Hub.
Action: Clerk

200(24) **Clerk's Report**

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Noted

201(24) **To review policies and procedures**

a) The Standing Orders were reviewed and will be approved at the next meeting.

202(24) **Community Governance Review 2025**

There's a survey for everyone to fill in.

Action: Cllr Crawford to put the notice on the noticeboard.

203(24) **Date of the next Meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next **Parish Council Meeting** is **14 April 2025** (in the **School Hall** at **Flax Bourton Primary School**) at 7:30pm.

Meeting ended at 9:09pm

Chair ……. **Date**……..

FLAX BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS FOR MARCH 2025

Receipts

Name	Receipt no	Details	Date received	Method	Net Amount	VAT	Total	Notes	Minute agreed
Lloyds Bank	24:R17	Bank Interest	10/2/2025	BACS	£48.60	£0.00	£48.60		
				TOTAL	**£48.60**	**£0.00**	**£48.60**		

Payments

Name	Invoice no	Details	Payment date	Method	Net Amount	VAT	Total	Notes	Minute agreed
Corporate Cleaning Services	24:139	Dog Bin and Farleigh Green Collections Feb 25	11/3/2025	BACS	£110.00	£0.00	£110.00		
CPS Grounds	24:138	Grounds Maintenance-field- Mar 25 (S106)	11/3/2025	BACS	£311.87	£62.37	£374.24		
HP Instant Ink	24:140	Printer ink cartridge	11/3/2025	DD	£4.57	£0.92	£5.49		
Google Workspace	24:137	Google Workspace 1-28 Feb 25	8/3/2025	DD	£8.40	£0.00	£8.40		
Helen Nelson	24:136	Clerk's Salary Mar 25	28/2/2025	BACS	[redacted]				
Helen Nelson	24:133	Stamps for VO's payslips	11/3/2025	BACS	£6.80	£0.00	£6.80		
VO Salary	24:141	VO's hours Mar 25 (Feb hrs)	11/3/2025	BACS	[redacted]				
Somerset Playing Fields Association	24:134	Membership	11/3/2025	BACS	£15.00	£0.00	£15.00		
Siserone	24:135	Website hosting and email	11/3/2025	BACS	£228.00	£45.60	£273.60		
Tesco Mobile	24:142	Monthly charge for phone	22/3/2025	DD	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00		
	24:144	HMRC	11/3/2025	BACS	£47.11	£0.00	£47.11		
Tom Wooldridge	24:143	Shrub trimming - Farleigh Green	11/3/2025	BACS	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00		
				TOTAL	**£2,002.55**	**£108.89**	**£2,111.44**		

Transfers Commercial Instant Access Account to Treasurer's Account

Details	Date transferred	Amount	Notes
For bills	10/03/2025	2200	
		TOTAL	**£2,200.00**

Invoices out

Name	Invoice no	Details	Invoice sent	Due date	Net Amount	VAT	Total	Notes