

*Fremington Parish
Council*



*Annual Report
2010-2011*

Chairman's Annual Report - Cllr. John Gill

An extract from a report made by Cllr. John Gill at the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, 7th March 2011

'May you live in interesting times' is a Chinese curse, and in this last year the Parish has not been short of interesting times.

There will be reports to follow, but I feel it is worth mentioning the good work that has been done over the past year at Tews Lane, on the allotments at Muddlebridge and Babbages, by Fremington & District Community Group and, last but by no means least, by Fremington in Bloom.

Furthermore, I would also like to thank PC Terry Hodgson and PCSO Jess Meaker for their support and calming influence.

There are some major challenges ahead: the development at Fremington Army Camp, proposed development at Yelland Quay and at Chilpark, and further development of Sampson's Plantation, all of which are likely to place strains on our infrastructure and change the nature of the Parish. These are the challenges that a new Council elected this May will have to rise to.

Finally I would like to thank Clare, Eileen and Liz for their hard work and dedication, and being such a pleasure to work with.

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Footpaths Committee - Cllr. Mrs. Jackie Flynn

Of the intended projects for 2010/11, I am happy to say that many have been completed or are in the process of completion.

As in previous years, we elected to employ one person to conduct full surveys of all footpaths, bridleways and byways within the Parish. By employing the services of one person we feel we are ensuring a consistent, non-biased assessment of the conditions of our footpaths, bridleways and byways with reference to vegetation, overhanging obstructions and general surface condition.

All relevant footpath signage, with colour coordinated and numbered discs, corresponding to those within the footpaths leaflet have been erected thus making it much easier for anyone using the circular walks.

A small sleeper footbridge has been installed on footpath 17 at the pinch point in the field, which previously had the flooding problem. The bridge at the Combrew Lane end of footpath 20 has been replaced.

The general clearance and maintenance of the footpaths has been carried out, as in previous years, by a small group of councillors, volunteers and members of North Devon Coast and Countryside Service. We are grateful for all this assistance. We would also like to thank Mr. Simon Houghton, Public Rights of Way Warden whose help and assistance has been invaluable.



Fremington Quay Landlord Committee - Clr. John Gill

Sometime between the night of Sunday, 26th September 2010, and the following Monday morning, Fremington Quay Café was subject to wanton destruction, vandalism and graffiti. The large photographs that adorned the walls were ripped down, electrical appliances ripped off the walls and smashed, large amounts of butter had been smeared across the walls.

The keys to the Café were handed in to the then Parish Chairman; the tenant, Mrs Sue Harty, had absconded. The Police were informed, the building shored up and the locks were changed. Full praise to the Parish Clerk for the promptness in all these actions. As the ten year lease of the Quay Café was due for renewal in the following January 2011, a lengthy process to find new tenants started.

Finally, after a meticulous tender process Ms Charlotte Lock was deemed to be the outright winner and duly ratified by Full Council. The Committee wish her and her partner, Paul Duffy, every success in this new venture.

Parks & Playing Fields Committee - Cllr. Wayne Silver

It has been a busy year for the Committee, starting with numerous repairs to play equipment following the annual independent inspections.

New fitness equipment has been installed at Beechfield Playing Field following the fund raising efforts of Fremington and District Community Group, and Fremington Football Club has brought football back to the playing field.

A section of gravel path was laid in Griggs Field and has proven successful, it is hoped that this path will be continued in the coming year.

The allotments are continuing to be a success with an ever expanding waiting list.

As a trial, the Parish Council undertook the cutting of the grass verges in Fremington and Yelland, which proved highly successful. Due to this I am pleased to report that the scheme has now been extended to include the whole Parish for 2011/2012.

We would like to thank the Fremington and District Environment Group for their continued assistance throughout the year.

Finance and Personnel Committee - Cllr. Peter David

As you are aware, the Finance and Personnel Committee meets on the fourth Monday of every month in the Fremington Parish Hall at 6.45 pm.

I have been Chairman of the Committee for a very short period and as such I am not in a position to provide a comprehensive written report. However, despite my aforementioned lack of time as Chairman, I am aware of the hard work and dedication of Mrs Clare Dalley the Parish Clerk, in monitoring and preparing the 2010-2011 Income and Expenditure Account, a copy of which is shown over the page.

As with any Finance Committee, be it within the private or public sector, it is our job to ensure that all financial transactions are closely scrutinised in order to ensure that the Parish Council's commitment to continually provide value for money for all Parish residents is met and achieved at all times. This is particularly prevalent given the extraordinary financial circumstances that the country as a whole finds itself in. However, rest assured that under my Chairmanship, the Finance and Personnel Committee will endeavour to ensure that we get the best for your money on each and every occasion.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members, Councillors Tony Wood, Jacqueline Flynn, Jan Storer and Bob Leggett for their support and advice during my short tenure to date.

(Last) Year Ended
31st. March 2010

**Fremington Parish Council
Income & Expenditure Account
1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011**

(Current) Year
Ended
31st. March 2011

Income

1,942.68
107,338.55
326.20
5,543.00
9,057.84
2,114.80
5,809.85
655.00

109,675.00
18,941.00
2,608.00
800.00
59,409.55

324,221.47

Administration 981.33
Parks & Playing Fields 22,603.82
Beechfield Youth Club 192.83
Cemetery 9,384.00
Fremington Quay 6,263.62
Salaries 2,275.95
Tews Lane 7,237.08
Foothpaths 1,500.00
Fremington In Flower 100.00
Precept 111,869.00
Grants 19,041.00
DLO 1,304.00
War Memorial Fund 0.00
adjustments 0.00

182,752.63

Expenditure

34,160.70
133,105.45
3,533.85
445.98
11,701.05
75,118.21
250.00
7,186.97
1,382.83
0.00
0.00
4,282.62
6,600.62
654.00
1,342.00
0.00
800.00

280,564.28

Administration 30,213.89
Parks & Playing Fields 33,786.88
Beechfield Youth Club 5,203.14
Cemetery 606.89
Fremington Quay 17,651.71
Salaries 65,625.64
Other Payments 0.00
Tews Lane 7,708.83
Foothpaths 449.00
Fremington In Flower 541.00
Tenancies - Council 500.00
Loans 4,282.62
Insurance 4,780.15
Training Clerk & Cllrs 0.00
Subs & AGM's 0.00
Parish Enhancements 159.30
War Memorial Fund 0.00

171,509.05

General Fund

75,906.62

324,221.47
400,128.09

280,564.28
119,563.81
0.00

119,563.71

Balance at 1st April 2009 119,563.71
ADD Total Income

182,752.63

Deduct Total Expenditure

171,509.05

Transfer to/from reserves

130,807.29
Balance at 31st March 2010

62,527.32

Parish Councillors

The following Councillors were elected on the 5th May 2011

Cllr. Mr. Cliff Bell
Harepie, Tawstock, EX31 3JE
01271

Cllr. Mr. James Bell
The Conifers, 38 West Yelland,
EX31 3HF
01271 860989

Cllr. Mrs. Joanne Bell
The Conifers, 38 West Yelland,
EX31 3HF
01271 860989

Cllr. Mr. Frank Biederman
8 Broadway, Fremington
EX31 2NR
01271

Cllr. Des Brailey MBE
31 Maple Grove, Roundswell,
EX31 3QP
01271 329796

Cllr. Mr. Rodney Cann
Kimberley, Bickington Road,
Bickington, EX31 2HB

Cllr. Mrs. Jacqueline Flynn
7 Elmfield Road, Bickington,
EX31 2LX
01271 370546

Cllr. Mr. David Harris
2 Thornlea Avenue, Fremington
EX31 3DA
07866 110810

Cllr. Mr. Brian Hockin
Hillside Cottage, Bickington,
EX31 2JG
01271 324913

Cllr. Mrs. Carol McCormack-
Hole
The Plough Inn, 7 The Hill,
Bickington, EX31 2JG
01271 343176

Cllr. Ms. Myka Scott
3 Byeways Close, Fremington,
EX31 2PL
01271

Cllr. Mr. Bill Sherborne
5 Woodville Close, Sticklepath,
EX31 2HN
01271 344816

Cllr. Mr. Tony Wood
1 Griggs Garden, Fremington,
EX31 3BQ
01271 321424

Upcoming Meetings of the Council and its Committees

July

11th - Fremington Quay Landlord Committee and Full Council

21st - Parks & Playing Fields Committee

25th - Finance & Personnel Committee

August

22nd - Finance & Personnel Committee

September

5th - Fremington Quay Landlord Committee and Full Council

15th - Parks & Playing Fields Committee

19th - Finance and Personnel Committee

October

10th - Fremington Quay Landlord Committee and Full Council

20th - Parks & Playing Fields Committee

24th - Finance and Personnel Committee

November

11th - Fremington Quay Landlord Committee and Full Council

21st - Parks & Playing Fields Committee

25th - Finance & Personnel Committee

December

12th - Full Council

Parish Council Officers

Mrs. Clare Dalley

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Mrs. Eileen Badcock

Services Officer

Mrs. Liz Steer

Deputy Services Officer



QUALITY
PARISH
COUNCIL

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