

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at 7pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs F Biederman (Chairman), R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs J Flynn, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer.

**In Attendance:** 1 Member of the public

1710/01

**Apologies**

Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom, A Rennles, Miss L Goodger and D Brailey.

1710/02

**Declarations of Interest**

None.

1710/03

**Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that the Parish Council had been awarded the Quality level of the Local Council Award Scheme.

The Quality Award demonstrates that a council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Quality councils go above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

To achieve the Quality Award a council demonstrates that it meets all requirements of the Foundation Award and has additional evidence of good governance, effective community engagement and council improvement.

When considering the Quality award the panel drew particular attention to the strength of the Parish Council's Health & Safety policy and to the comprehensive and detailed agendas, minutes and council meeting papers.

The Chairman congratulated the staff and councillors on the achievement.

1710/04

**To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential)**

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (Confidential).

1710/05

**To receive a report from the Police**

None.

1710/06

**Public Participation Period**

None.

1710/07

**To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Copies were circulated with the agenda.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Biederman duly signed the minutes.

1710/08

**Highways issues – update**

None.

1710/09

**Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order 2017 (Footpath No.31 Fremington) Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Monday 16 April 2018 (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

- 1710/10 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.  
Cllr Biederman reported that Devon County Council is seeking more foster homes and adoptive parents.
- 1710/11 **To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Chalmers to report)  
Cllr Chalmers reported that most of the questionnaires had been distributed and will be collected back or returned through the various drop off points within the parish.
- 1710/12 **To consider recommendation from the Working Party for Devon Air Ambulance Community Landing Sites**  
The Working Party recommended that the Beechfield Playing Field is put forward for consideration and the Air Ambulance is asked where it requires landing sites within the parish.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the Working Party's recommendation.

- 1710/13 **To consider Christmas Tree Festival 2017**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to enter this year's Christmas Tree Festival and to purchase decorations which could be used for the same display each year.

- 1710/14 **North Devon Council – Planning Applications**  
North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Parish Council on the following planning applications:  
*It was formally noted that participation of the Councillors who are also members of NDC in both the debate and subsequent vote (in respect of any of the above, were preliminary taking account of the information matters) was on the basis that the views expressed made available at the time to the Parish Council. The District Councillors were reserving their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against*

The Parish Council declared an Interest as the applicant in the following item.

- 63535 Proposal: Demolition of existing & erection of new community building with Parish Council offices  
Location: Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Fremington Parish Council

The Parish Council is writing in support of this application as the applicant. The portacabin, which played a strong part within the community, is no longer fit for purpose.

- 63681 Proposal: Removal of Condition 10 (programme of monitoring bat activity during and post construction) attached to planning permission 62750 (reserved matters application in respect of erection of 2 dwellings with garages (outline approval 50083)) to allow the removal of a pre commencement condition  
Location: Land to the rear of 33-35 Yelland Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs D Sinclair

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

- 63772 Proposal: Erection of conservatory  
Location: Rooks Nest Cottage, Rooks Nest, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Anglian Home Improvements

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

1710/15

**North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed:

- 62444 Proposal: Erection of 4 No. dwellings (amended layout & design)  
Location: Workshop, Glenwood Farm, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: John a Stromski & Associates
- 63333 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 82 Taw View, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: R J Contracts
- 63356 Proposal: Variations 4 (approved) & 10 (access) attached to planning permission 60985 (outline application for the erection of up to 61 dwellings, including affordable housing, areas of open space & landscaping, new vehicular access & associated site infrastructure) to allow revised parameters (access, building heights, site areas & density)  
Location: Land west of Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Boyer
- 63369 Proposal: Retrospective application for erection of Balcony  
Location: 84 Beards Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Executive Management Assist Ltd
- 63370 Proposal: Listed building application for conversion of outbuilding to ancillary living accommodation, erection of porch, erection of Lychgate & replacement of front gates  
Location: The Homestead Cottage, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates
- 63395 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling together with erection of garage  
Location: 50 Merrythorn Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr T Walker
- 63405 Proposal: Advertisement consent for 1 No. internally illuminated totem, 3 No. non-illuminated pedestrian totems, 2 internally illuminated concession signs, 2 non-illuminated welcome walls  
Location: Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd, Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd
- 63406 Proposal: Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling (Class Q(A)(B))  
Location: Barn at Hillside, Bickleton, Lydacott, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Ltd

To note that North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has REFUSED the following application:

- 63470 Proposal: Prior notification application for proposed development by telecommunication code system operators in respect of installation of a 15m 'telegraph pole' mast with 3 antenna & 2 equipment cables & ancillary development  
Location: Bus Shelter, Redlands Road & Broady Strap, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Sinclair Dalby Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

1710/16 **Councillors Questions**

Cllr Cann noted that Devon County Council had taken a decision to support a new school at Tews Lane and asked what plans DCC has for improvements to the road network in the area.

Cllr Biederman informed members that DCC's cabinet had agreed the funding for the school which will be delivered by the government and will be a free school. The school will be subject to planning permission which will include a detailed transport assessment, there will also be a school travel plan.

1710/17 **Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.21pm.

Signed Biederman Dated 6.11.17