

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, D Brailey, R Cann (from Minute No. 1711/01), D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Miss L Goodger, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, Ms M Scott, B Sherborne, G Turner and T Wood  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer.

**In Attendance:** 5 Members of the public  
Mr Andrew Cattermole and Miss Alice Jenkins on behalf of Barratt  
David Wilson Homes

1711/01

**Apologies**

Cllr Mrs J Flynn.

Cllr Cann entered the meeting.

1711/02

**Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared an Interest in Item 1711/17 planning application 63999 as she lives next door.

Cllr Mrs Kingdom declared a Personal Interest in Item 1711/16 as a member of the Parish Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1711/16 as a member of the Parish Hall Management Committee.

1711/03

**Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman informed members that this year's Remembrance Service would take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and would start at the War Memorial at 10.50am. Cllr Brailey and Rennles gave their apologies for the service.

1711/04

**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).

1711/05

**To receive a report from the Police**

The Police report was circulated and is attached as appendix one.

1711/06

**Public Participation Period**

Members of the public raised concerns about the changes to the frequency of the green bin collections from fortnightly to monthly for three months. Members of the public felt the frequency had changed too early and at a time when as much garden waste, if not more, was being collected as in the summer months. Members of the public also felt that the notification of the change in service was not clear before making payment.

Cllr Cann explained that he is the lead member for the service but as an individual has no authority on the District Council, he also felt that the frequency had been changed too early but explained that members of the public had paid £36 for the year and for three months of that year during the winter months the collection would be monthly.

Members of the public asked for clarification on why food waste is separated. Cllr Cann explained that this was for several reasons, separating the food waste would allow it to be sent to generate electricity and food waste cannot be spread on the land.

Cllr Mrs Kingdom asked if a letter could be sent to NDC with reference to the green waste collection service.

A member of the public asked, if when writing, the Parish Council could ask about the green waste collection for people with mobility issues. Cllr Cann confirmed that NDC does provide assisted collections and to contact him direct, and felt he had provided a sufficient response to the queries relating to the green waste service.

Cllr Ms Scott raised concerns on behalf of residents about the lack of information on the change in frequency to the service on the original paperwork and that members of the public were not told until after payment had been made. Cllr Brailey confirmed that it was on the permit information and members of the public were informed on the telephone and online.

A member of the public raised concerns about the length of time the traffic lights had been in situ near the Muddlebridge Allotment Site. Cllr Biederman confirmed that two separate utility companies had been working in the area one after the other.

A member of the public asked why there was a need for a new Parish Council Office. The Chairman explained that in her opinion the current office is not fit for purpose and does not comply with DDA requirements.

1711/07

**To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

Cllr Cann and a member of the public left the meeting.

1711/08

**To receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

- Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
- Parks & Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- Parks & Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Parks and Playing Fields Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

1711/09

**Highways issues – update**

Cllr Biederman was concerned about the length of time road works are in situ and the lack of control the highway authority has over utility companies.

Cllr Chalmers reported that a lot of work to the pavements and roads has taken place in Mead Park lately, probably as part of the development, and members of the public have been concerned by the lack of notification.

Cllr Cann returned to the meeting.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole left the meeting.

Cllr Biederman confirmed he would pursue.

1711/10

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

- DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic & Parking – Pottery Lane, Yelland, from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Healthwatch Voices – Autumn 2017 issue
- Press release from the NHS in Devon with details of a new ground-breaking hospital collaboration (information enclosed)
- DALC Annual Report 2016-2017

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

1711/11

**County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.

Cllr Brailey reported that there would be a site visit to the Medical Centre car park and NDC ward members would be invited in due course.

Cllr Biederman confirmed that the change to the green waste service had caused concern. He had recently attended a Police conference and the force is facing reduced resources and extra work. The Police are asking people to be aware of new challenges facing the area and report any suspicious behaviour. Cllr Biederman has a motion going to DCC Cabinet as part of the Surfers Against Sewage campaign to reduce the use of single use plastics.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole returned to the meeting.

1711/12

**To receive presentation from Barratt David Wilson Homes on amendments for planning application 63468, Reserved Matters for land adjacent to B3233 West Yelland**

Mr Cattermole and Ms Jenkins explained that some amendments had been made to the design to try and address the Parish Council's comments and residents' concerns about the loss of views from both existing and proposed properties. The far right pod had been completely redesigned and plot 90 the position of the house and garage had been swapped. It was noted that none of the houses had moved closer but had actually moved further back as a result of the alterations and the developers have written to the residents to notify them of the amendments.

Members thanked Mr Cattermole and Ms Jenkins and they left the meeting.

1711/13

**To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan** (Cllr Rennles to report)

Cllr Rennles thanked all those that had helped to distribute the survey and explained it had taken longer than he had anticipated and he did not envisage the problems he had encountered. Cllr Rennles invited all Councillors to attend the Steering Group meeting with Devon Communities Together on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 11am in the Parish Council Offices, Cllr Ms Scott gave her apologies. Cllr Rennles reported that he had experienced a significant amount of apathy on the doorstep.

Cllr Chalmers explained that he had received a totally opposite response and those that he had spoken to were grateful for the opportunity to express their views and opinions.

Cllr Ms Scott agreed that she had found the delivering of the surveys to be a good experience although people were confused about the role of the Parish Council.

- 1711/14 **To receive report from DALC AGM and Conference 2017** (Cllr Chalmers to report)  
Cllr Chalmers reported that 88% of Devon Town and Parish Councils belong to DALC which represents their views. There are presentations from the event which covered a range of subjects and these will be circulated to Councillors. There are Councillor Advocates through DALC and Mr Richard Martin is the Advocate for North Devon.
- 1711/15 **To note conclusion of Audit for 2016-2017 and receive External Auditor's Report**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the conclusion of Audit and External Auditor's Report for 2016-2017 with thanks to the Clerk for the manner in which the information and accounts have been produced.
- 1711/16 **To consider consultation on Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to discuss the consultation following the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- 1711/17 **To consider Community Priorities for Section 106 Expression of Interest**  
Cllrs Mrs Kingdom and Biederman declared a Personal Interest as members of the Parish Hall Management Committee.  
  
Members considered the current list of priorities and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to remove the completed projects of Mulberry Way – Play Equipment and Cemetery Extension, to amend BMX/Skate park in Griggs Field to read BMX/Skatepark/Wheeled sports area, to roll the two projects relating to the completion of the Tews Lane pavilion into one project, to obtain clarification on the project listed as "Sampsons Plantation", whether or not there are further works for the Interpretation at Lead Meadow and to add the Tomlin Hall Project and other identified projects.
- 1711/18 **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*
- 63905 Proposal: Retrospective application for the continued siting of one storage container  
Location: Little Bridge House, Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr J Webber
- It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

63917 Proposal: Extension to garage  
Location: Fieldon, Bickington Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Limited

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the property not being used for commercial purposes and an appropriate design.

63964 Proposal: Change of use of first floor domestic dwelling to form extension to nursery together with erection of trellis above the existing wall & erection of covered walkway  
Location: 1A Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs S Bongartz, Fremington's Bright Stars Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to adequate soundproofing being installed.

63981 Proposal: Installation of a 3.75MW energy storage system & associated electrical infrastructure  
Location: Philip Dennis Foodservice Ltd, Brannam Crescent, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Dennis

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle and subject to the planning officers being satisfied that the proposed is not constitute over-intensification of the site, not visually intrusive and does not impact adversely on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared an interest and left the meeting for the following item.

63999 Proposal: Alterations to access, erection of carport together with alterations to dwelling  
Location: Old School House, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr Capner, Capner Property Developments Ltd

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend REFUSAL the Parish Council does not believe that the vehicular access is adequate or safe, it will adversely impact on the character of the property. The Parish Council would request that enforcement action is taken to ensure there is no unauthorised vehicular access from the B3233.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole returned to the meeting.

1711/19

### **North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

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

62094 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of coppicing of one Willow & one Elm Tree  
Location: Land to the south of 6 Griggs Gardens, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Arbmark Tree Care

63433 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of felling of two Sycamore (703/704) & two Poplar trees (701/702)  
Location: Fremington Village Green, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Fremington Parish Council

- 63540 Proposal: Expansion & alteration of existing groceries online hub (GOL), including alterations to existing store service yard, erection of new canopy over loading area, relocation of access steps, diversion of existing footpath/cycleway to accommodate parking for 20 No. vans & associated alterations  
Location: Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd, Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Gratton Way, Roundswell, Barnstaple
- 63570 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 60645 (erection of two dwellings) to allow change of design on plot 2  
Location: Land off Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Ltd
- 63577 Proposal: Insertion of dormer window & conversion of void to provide additional living accommodation together with widening of vehicular access  
Location: Staplecroft, Church Hill, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

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

- 63378 Proposal: Erection of raised deck & car port  
Location: 1 Penhill Farm Cottages, Fremington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: NPAS Devon Ltd
- 63396 Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for erection of one dwelling & garage  
Location: 50 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mrs J Southwick

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

1711/20

**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole explained the press release from the NHS in Devon with details of a new ground-breaking hospital collaboration. The hospitals had mooted that there was going to be a change to services following a review. It has been announced that the four hospitals in the area will amalgamate to deliver services, clinicians will travel to us.

Cllr Groves asked if the Parish Council would write to NDC with reference to the alteration to the green waste collection service.

Cllr Cann left the meeting.

It was agreed to ask the Clerk if an item could be placed on the next agenda to consider making representations to NDC on the changes to the green waste service.

1711/21

**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.24pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....