

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 5th March 2018 at 8.03pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, R Cann, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, A Rennles, B Sherborne and G Turner
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer and Mrs L Steer, Deputy Services Officer.

In Attendance: 2 members of the public

1803/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs Mrs F Flynn, Miss L Goodger, Ms M Scott, D Brailey and T Wood.

1803/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1803/08 as a member of Devon County Council.

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal Interest in Item 1803/21 applications 64492 and 64493 as the applicant is a colleague of his on Barnstaple Town Council and application 64548 as his family own the house adjacent.

1803/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
Cllr Mrs Kingdom thanked Cllrs Biederman and Cann for spreading and distributing salt during the recent adverse weather conditions.

1803/04 **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).

1803/05 **To receive a report from the Police**
The report was circulated and is attached as Appendix One.

1803/06 **Public Participation Period**
A member of the public raised concerns about item 1803/14, the residents of Fremington Quay would prefer that the rights of the Fishermen are not interfered with and the amenity area for them is retained. There is already a problem with people working on boats etc. parking in laybys and this problem will be exacerbated if the amenity area is removed.

Another member of the public congratulated the snow warden and helpers on the spreading of the salt during the adverse weather conditions, he had never seen such a "sterling job". It was noted that members of the public had also helped and they were thanked for their help.

1803/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018**

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 5th February 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

A member of the public left the meeting.

1803/08 **To receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

- Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Burial Authority Meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018.

- Footpaths Committee Meeting held on Friday 2nd February 2018
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Footpaths Committee Meeting held on 2nd February 2018.
- Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2018
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held 22nd February 2018.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2018
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held 22nd February 2018.
- Tews Lane Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2018
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Tews Lane Committee Meeting held 22nd February 2018.

Cllr Cann wished to draw members' attention to the significant problem that is being experienced on the site from water run-off from the development site and the County Council's aspirations to put a road through the area. Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest as a County Councillor.

- Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2018
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and ratify the decisions therein the minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held 22nd February 2018.

Cllr Biederman thanked the Clerk for the accurate account of the meeting.

1803/09

Highways issues – update

Cllr Cann asked if the traffic lights on the B3233 could be altered so that priority is given to traffic on the main road and the lights on the side road only go green when there are vehicles. Cllr Biederman explained that this should be the case but the lights might need some adjustment and he will report.

1803/10

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

- Email from NDC re Barnstaple and North Devon's Pop-up Museum (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Small Grants Scheme (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)

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

1803/11

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

Cllr Cann reported that the North Devon Council has agreed not to reduce the parish grants this year and to maintain the grants to other organisations at the same level. A working party has been set up for the plastic free campaign and Cllr Cann hopes to introduce two minute litter picks in various locations. NDC will become plastic free once it has used its current plastic supply.

Cllr Biederman reported that NDC's budget meeting was a good meeting and they hope to look for other ways to save and fund the grants. DCC has increased its precept by 4.99% and this is mainly due to further cuts from central government.

- 1803/12 **To receive feedback from the Community Survey Report for Fremington Parish Neighbourhood Plan and complete Aims and Objectives**
It was noted that a presentation had been given to the Annual Parish Meeting and members were asked to complete the template provided with aims, objectives and themes for discussion by the Steering Group. It was agreed to note thanks to Cllr Rennles for his commitment and enthusiasm to the plan and delivering the survey.
- Cllr Cann was concerned by the lack of awareness that people appear to have of what is available within the parish which was clear from the presentation.
- Cllr Rennles felt there was a degree of apathy.
- Cllr Turner felt the main theme from the survey results was the lack of community and sporting facilities and he felt this could be addressed with the plans for Tews Lane.
- It was noted that significant refurbishment plans for the Tomlin Hall were also being investigated.
- 1803/13 **To consider a request to place a kerbset on a burial plot in Fremington Cemetery**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to approve the request.
- 1803/14 **To consider request to use the Fisherman's car park at Fremington Quay as part of the strategy for implementing the proposed Potter's Studio**
It was felt that as an authority the Parish Council was looking at the issue of parking on the Quay as a whole and a Master Plan for the area had been commissioned. It was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to approve the request to use the Fisherman's car park but to continue to pursue a management plan for the whole Quay area.
- 1803/15 **To receive information on the Local Art Collaboration from the Creative Producer for Noir Carnival**
It was noted that this item would be deferred due to a family emergency.
- 1803/16 **To receive and consider Tarka Learning Partnership MAT Consultation**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.
- 1803/17 **To receive and consider consultation for the traffic sensitive street network review**
Members considered the draft proposals, members felt it was important for road works and traffic lights along the B3233 to be co-ordinated and along the Old Bideford Road and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support these proposals.
- 1803/18 **To consider future responsibility of the replacement bus shelter at Yelland**
Members were asked by the developer to consider the future responsibility of the bus shelter and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to accept responsibility and to ask that responsibility be given to Fernbank.
- Cllr Biederman left the meeting at 8.40pm and did not return.
- 1803/19 **To consider details and design of the Allotment Welfare building and soil requirements for the allotments associated with the West Yelland Development**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the proposals in principle and refer the item to the Parks and Playing Fields Committee to consider the detail.

1803/20

North Devon Council – Planning Appeal Decisions

The Planning Inspectorate has advised that the following Appeal has been ALLOWED:

Appeal A: APP/X1118/W/17/3182870
 Appeal by: Vodafone Ltd
 Application Ref: 63024
 Proposal: 15m shrouded monopole – grey
 Location: Redlands Road, Mill, Fremington, Barnstaple

Appeal B: APP/X1118/W/17/3185730
 Appeal by: Vodafone Ltd
 Application Ref: 63470
 Proposal: 15m “Telegraph Pole” mast – dark brown
 Location: Redlands Road SW, Mill, Fremington, Barnstaple

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

A member of the public left the meeting.

1803/21

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

64431 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
 Location: 14 Ballards Crescent, Yelland, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr J & Mrs C Collins

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle subject to an appropriate design, no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and no loss of parking.

64446 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling together with erection of detached garage
 Location: Three Gables, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mrs L Davey

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle subject to no adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and the window overlooking the adjacent property being obscured glass.

64480 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
 Location: 30 Bickington Lodge, Bickington, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Langmead

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposal not being an over development of the site.

64485 Proposal: Change of use of land & formation of menage for private use
 Location: Blackthorn Stables, Lower Yelland Farm, Yelland, Barnstaple
 Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs M Pyke

The Parish Council is concerned about the continuous proposals received for development in this area and would like to see a comprehensive plan for the area.

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal Interest in the following two applications.

- 64492 Proposal: Extension & alterations to building to include full height glazing, the formation of a third drive thru booth, reconfiguration of drive thru lane, car park & patio area together with associated works
Location: McDonalds Restaurant, John Penrose Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: McDonalds Restaurants Ltd

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

- 64493 Proposal: Installation of 2 No. customer order displays with associated overhead canopies & a goal post height restrictor, relocation of existing & installation of new drive thru signage, together with retention & relocation of existing signs & installation of new to accommodate the new drive thru layout, 6 No. internally illuminated totem, 3 No. internally illuminated freestanding signs, 2 No. non-illuminated banner signs & 1 No. non-illuminated side-by-side directional
Location: McDonalds Restaurant, John Penrose Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: McDonalds Restaurants Ltd

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

- 64514 Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 62444 (erection of 4 dwellings (amended layout & design)) to allow a change of design
Location: Plot 4 Glenwood Farm, Brynsworthy Lane, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr M Chapple, Cargo Homes Ltd

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

- 64536 Proposal: Notification of prior approval for change of use from storage shed to 1 dwelling with amenity space & parking
Location: Little Knightacott Farm, Lydacott, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent:

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend REFUSAL the building does not lend itself to be converted into a residential dwelling, the location is rurally isolated and would result in the loss of an agriculture building. The Parish Council also has concerns about vehicular access given the location.

Cllr Rennles declared a Personal Interest in the following application.

- 64548 Proposal: Erection of new garage & alterations to existing gateway
Location: Elmsleigh, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Wharton

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to recommend APPROVAL subject to the proposal being in keeping with the design and character of the property.

64561 Proposal: Erection of a coffee shop pod (floor area of 167.2 square metres) with outdoor seating area
Location: Roundswell Retail Park, John Penrose Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Canada Life Investments

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

1803/22

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

64231 Proposal: Extension & Alterations to dwelling
Location: 15 Allenstyle Road, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr N Gale

64234 Proposal: Reserved matters application for erection of one dwelling with integral garage together with erection of detached garage for existing dwelling (outline planning permission 62093)
Location: Land adjacent to 1 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

64259 Proposal: Erection of covered walkway & tranquillity area
Location: Longmead, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

64324 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 30 Lagoon View, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: John A Stromski & Associates

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

1803/23

Councillors Questions

Cllr Cann hoped that in due course the Parish Council would support the plastic free campaign and he would submitted the details in due course.

Cllr Mrs Kingdom asked why NDC's litter bins do not include a recycling bin. Cllr Cann confirmed that he would like to see sponsored bins and hoped to look at this during the process.

1803/24

Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed Dated