

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Parks and Playing Fields Committee  
held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 10.00am  
at the Parish Council Offices, 12 Higher Road, Fremington**

- Present:** Cllrs T Wood (Chairman), F Biederman, D Chalmers, Mrs J Dyson, Miss L Goodger, Cllr A Rennles and Cllr G Turner  
Mrs Victoria Woodhouse, Parish Clerk
- 1802/45      **Apologies for Absence**  
None.
- 1802/46      **Declarations of interests**  
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Item 1802/52 as the Chairman of the Fremington & District Community Group.  
  
Cllr Wood declared a Personal Interest in Item 1802/56.
- 1802/47      **To agree the agenda as published**  
Agreed.
- 1802/48      **Chairman's Announcements**  
None.
- 1802/49      **Public Participation Period**  
None.
- 1802/50      **To approve and sign the minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as a correct record**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Wood duly signed the minutes.
- 1802/51      **To receive subsequent information from the Byeways Bowling Club in relation to the size of the proposed area to play Petanque (also known as Boules)**  
Members were informed that the stated sizes in the original request were not correct and the area required was in fact a larger area and the correct sizes had now been given. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the creation of the larger area to play Petanque at the Byeways Bowling Club.
- 1802/52      **To receive costings to undertake works to the pathway at Griggs**  
Members considered the costings which they felt to be prohibitive at this time. Cllr Biederman indicated that he would commit £2,500 from next year's Investing in Devon fund towards the cost. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item and seek further quotations to undertake the works required, to include clearing the ditch on the Aspen Grove side of the field and the reinstatement of the pathway around the BMX track. The Committee would like the works completed by September 2018.
- 1802/53      **To receive notification of start date from the Fremington and District Community Group for the Village Green Enhancement Project**  
Members were informed that the Fremington & District Community Group had appointed a builder and Project Manager and proposed to commence the work on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. It was noted that the works should take around six weeks to complete depending on weather conditions, the site would be securely fenced to prevent unauthorised access and an Access Statement, Risk Assessment and Public Liability Insurance had been received from the contractor. The Community Group had been asked to confirm the guarantee that would be provided once the works are

completed and the contractor had confirmed that the work has a standard guarantee arising from faults of theirs, the work follows local building control regulations and all materials are purchased locally with a guarantee, however, they could not guarantee against wear and tear, vandalism and acts of nature. It was noted that the cover for the Public Liability Insurance was only for £1million and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to agree to the start date subject to the Public Liability being increased to a minimum of £5million and a copy being provided to the Parish Council prior to commencing the work.

- 1802/54      **To consider request to use the Village Green for a Duck Race and erect associated advertisement banner**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the request subject to appropriate Public Liability Insurance and a Risk Assessment being provided to the Council prior to the event and the organisers obtaining any necessary licences.
- 1802/55      **To consider appointment of Project Manager for the Replacement of the Beechfield Centre Project**  
Members were informed that the contractor that was dealing with the Building Regulations application had been taken ill and therefore a replacement would have to be instructed. In light of the situation it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate the appointment of a replacement contractor/architect and Project Manager to the Clerk in conjunction with Cllrs Wood, Chalmers and Rennles.
- 1802/56      **To consider request to use the Beechfield Playing Field Thursday evenings from April to September for fitness classes and bootcamp**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the request subject to appropriate Public Liability Insurance and a Risk Assessment being provided to the Council prior to the event and the hire not conflicting with other uses.
- 1802/57      **To consider issues relating to empty plots on the Babbages allotment site**  
Members were informed that there are now four empty plots on the Babbages allotment site and nobody on the waiting list. Two of the plots had been strimmed and covered as they have been vacant for some time. Members of staff had publicised the availability. The Committee was asked to consider the future maintenance of the two recently vacated plots and were advised of costings to strim and cover. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to publicise further and investigate a flame weed killer system.
- 1802/58      **To receive update on the replacement of the Roundabout in the Beechfield Playing Area and consider costs**  
Members were informed that the replacement of the broken Roundabout in the Beechfield Play Area with another inclusive roundabout had been investigated. The play installation company had provided a written report on the probable issues with the original piece of equipment installed by a different company and the differences in design with the new roundabout. Indication had been given that the Fremington & District Community Group would contribute £1,500 towards the replacement, although this commitment had not been received in writing; a TAP application had been submitted and there would be just over a £1,400 deficit, members were informed that the £1,500 budget for new equipment had not been spent and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to replace the roundabout with another inclusive roundabout and to fund the gap from the new equipment budget.
- 1802/59      **Close**  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.55am.

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