

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.00pm at Fremington Parish Hall,  
Higher Road, Fremington**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), F Biederman, D Brailey, R Cann, D Chalmers, Miss L Goodger, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott, A Rennles and B Sherborne  
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

Co-option candidates Mr P Thorn, Mr D Harris, Mr S Adams and Mr P Davies

Mr Ben Eardley and Tom Furness, Energy Analysis (from Minute No. 1806/12)

**In Attendance:** 6 members of the public

1806/01 **Apologies**  
None.

1806/02 **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in Items 1806/15 as a member of Devon County Council and 1806/13 as a member of the North Devon Council 1806/13.

Cllr Brailey declared a Personal Interest in Item 1806/13 as a member of the North Devon Council.

Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Item 1806/26 as her family lives at the Quay.

Cllr Chalmers declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Item 1806/22 application 64895 as a Governor of Petroc.

1806/03 **Chairman's Announcements**  
None.

1806/04 **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).

1806/05 **To receive a report from the Police**  
None.

1806/06 **Public Participation Period**  
None.

1806/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1806/08 **To receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings**

- Parks & Playing Fields Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
- Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

1806/09 **Highways issues – update**

Cllr Chalmers asked Cllr Biederman for an update on the outcome of a meeting to discuss the traffic lights in Fremington. Cllr Biederman was unaware of a meeting but explained that nothing would progress until the landownership issue was resolved.

1806/10 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)

- Email from DCC re Devon Work Hubs Grant Funding
- DCC Temporary Closure Notice – Footpath 17 – 11<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> November 201
- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of North Devon: Final Recommendations

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

1806/11 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.

Cllr Brailey reported that the executive committee had agreed the release of the £12,300.30 S106 money for the replacement of the Beechfield Centre project and a cross party committee is looking at the Pannier Market and how to make it more attractive.

Cllr Biederman thanked the executive for agreeing the funds.

1806/12 **To receive and consider Applications for Co-option for Fremington/Yelland Ward**

Four applications for co-option were received and circulated to members before the meeting and as follows:

Fremington/Yelland  
Mr Peter Thorn  
Mr David Harris  
Mr Samuel Adams  
Mr Peter Davies

Each candidate was asked to speak in support of their application and answer questions.

Mr B Eardley and Mr T Furness entered the meeting at 7.20pm.

The Chairman proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Biederman that voting on this item should be undertaken by a Secret Ballot. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to vote by Secret Ballot.

Voting slips were issued to all Councillors and voting was as follows:

1 Spoilt  
4 Peter Thorn  
1 David Harris  
5 Samuel Adams  
0 Peter Davies

It was therefore **resolved** to co-opt Mr Samuel Adams onto Fremington Parish Council to represent the Fremington/Yelland Ward. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and delivered.

The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed to move item 18 on the Agenda forward to this point followed by item 19.

1806/13

**To receive presentation on the findings and feasibility of Community Renewable Energy** (Energy Analysis to report)

Mr Eardley outlined the findings from the feasibility report for Community Renewable Energy within the parish. He explained that the Solar PV on the Brynsworthy Environment Centre would be the most feasible project, however, the District Council has indicated that it would wish to take this project forward and would not want it to be part of a community scheme.

Cllrs Brailey and Biederman declared a Personal Interest as members of the North Devon Council.

Mr Eardley spoke further on the Brynsworthy site and other sites that had been considered, including Petroc (although it is not in the Parish it could provide benefit to the Parish), there was either not high enough day time demand for the alternative locations or landowners would not permit a scheme.

There is a technically viable scheme at Fremington Quay but not financially viable at the moment, however, it could be a medium to long-term project as costs reduce.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to keep the document under review for such a time when a scheme may become viable.

Mr Eardley and Furness left the meeting.

1806/14

**To consider representations on cuts to Mental Health** (item requested by Cllr Ms Scott)

Cllr Ms Scott gave members details of waiting times for access to children's mental health services and the implications this can cause for families and the children. Cllr Ms Scott was concerned about the wait times and lack of professional help for young people.

Cllr Biederman explained that it is a major problem in the area and Devon County Council is undertaking a lot of work around raising awareness, he felt it would be useful for Cllr Ms Scott to address DCC at County Hall.

Members discussed the issues around children's mental health care and the responsibilities, it was mooted that schools should take more responsibility but also noted that their resources for dealing with these situations are limited and reduced.

After much discussion and debate it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Parish Council to write to Devon County Council, the Healthcare Trust and the MP to express the concerns raised and request a meeting with the three parties and Cllrs Ms Scott and Biederman.

Cllr Biederman declared a Personal Interest in the following item.

1806/15      **To consider request from DCC to store materials at Fremington Quay**

Members considered the request and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to delegate negotiations and a decision to the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman of the Council.

1806/16      **To consider a request to place a bench in Fremington Cemetery**

Members considered the request and it was resolved, with no votes to the contrary, to delegate a decision to the Clerk and Services Officer in consultation with the Burial Superintendent.

Cllr Ms Scott left the meeting at 8.25pm.

1806/17      **To discuss and agree the Annual Governance Statement detailed in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/2018**

Copies of the documentation had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to agree the Annual Governance Statement detailed in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/2018.

Cllr Biederman left the meeting.

1806/18      **To receive and agree the Accounting Statements contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/2018 along with the Internal Auditor's Report**

Copies of the documentation had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to agree the Accounting Statements contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/2018 and to note the Internal Auditor's Report.

1806/19      **To consider and agree the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2017/2018**

Copies of the documentation had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to agree the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/2018.

Cllr Biederman returned to the meeting.

1806/20      **To consider three street names for housing development of further 44 plots on land to west of Mead Park**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to suggest the names:

Penhill View  
Saltmarsh Meadow  
Wood Close

1806/21      **To consider Two Minute Clean Scheme** (item requested by Cllr Cann)  
Cllr Cann explained that a scheme had been introduced where a board that holds black bags and a litter picker is placed in a public area to encourage those visiting to litter pick the area. The scheme requires a guardian of the board and Cllr Cann offered to fund a board along with Cllr Mrs Flynn if the Council would support a board at Fremington Quay and/or Tews Lane once the building had been completed. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support a board at Fremington Quay.

1806/22      **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*

64785 Proposal: Demolition of garage & extension to dwelling  
Location: 8 Deptford Villas, Sticklepath, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr C Dunham

In principle the Parish Council would support this application but it must not be used as a separate dwelling.

64801 Proposal: Extension to dwelling  
Location: 3 Wester-Moor Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Akers

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

Cllr Chalmers declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in the following item and left the meeting.

64895 Proposal: Relocation of music venue within campus  
Location: Petroc, Brannams Campus, Oakwood Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Woodward Smith Chartered Architects

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL in principle subject to the size and scale being appropriate for the site, appropriate measures being taken to mitigate the noise, the demonstration of a parking management plan for the site and appropriate air conditioning within the facility.

Cllr Chalmers returned to the meeting.

Cllr Groves left the meeting at 8.55pm

64917 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling together with alterations to driveway  
Location: 16 Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple  
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Cushion

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

1806/23

**North Devon Council – Planning Decisions**

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

64682 Proposal: Approval of details reserved by Conditions 3 (build phase plan), 4 (materials), 11 (construction management plan), 9 (archaeological scheme of investigation), 13 (general arrangement plan), 15 (build phasing programme) & 21 (drainage maintenance plan) attached to planning permission 62783 (construction of 44 open market & affordable dwellings, including associated highways, drainage & landscaping) amended description

Location: Land adjacent Mead Park (Phase II), Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr J Grant, Wainhomes (SW) Holdings Ltd

64697 Proposal: Formation of new access road to lane allocated for new primary school

Location: Land off Tews Lane, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr N Pateman, Built Environment Teams

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

1806/24

**Councillors Questions**

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole informed everyone that North Lane was due to be re-surfaced and this would affect access to the car park in Bickington.

1806/25

It was **resolved** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information.

Members of the public left the meeting.

**PART B**

1806/26

**To receive recommendation from the Fremington Quay Working Party and consider request to clarify the Warden Duties in the new lease**

It was **resolved**, with one vote against and one abstention that the Parish Council does require someone to stay in the Warden's Accommodation, there must be a presence at all times, the Parish Council will not permit sub-letting and any appointment of a Warden must be approved by the Parish Council. There should not be any amendments to the current duties of the Warden and if the Warden duties are not being completed to the satisfaction of the Council, the Council will review the situation and reserves the right to alter the agreement.

1806/27

**Close**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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