

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd July 2018 at 7.30pm at Fremington Parish Hall,
Higher Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Kingdom (Chairman), S Adams, Mrs J Cann, R Cann, D Chalmers, I Crawford, Miss L Goodger, K Groves, Mrs C McCormack-Hole, Ms M Scott and A Rennles
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and Mrs E Badcock, Services Officer

1807/01 **Apologies**
Cllrs Biederman and Sherborne.

1807/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in Item 1807/16 planning application 65011 and 1807/09, correspondence from RGP Architects reference planning application for proposed kitchen extension at Fremington Quay, and Item 1807/22 as her family lives at the Quay. Cllr Ms Scott declared a Personal Interest in Item 1807/16 planning application 65014 as her employer is the applicant.

Cllr Mrs Cann declared a Personal Interest in Item 1807/16 planning application 65011 and 1807/09, correspondence from RGP Architects reference planning application for proposed kitchen extension at Fremington Quay, as the Chef is a personal friend.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole declared a Personal Interest in Item 1807/09, email from NDC re Planning Appeal - Old School House, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple, Application ref: 63999, as the property is next-door.

1807/03 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman welcomed the newly elected and co-opted Councillors to the meeting.

1807/04 **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).

1807/05 **To receive a report from the Police**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the report which is attached as Appendix one.

1807/06 **Public Participation Period**
None.

1807/07 **To approve and sign the minutes of Fremington Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th June 2018**
Copies were circulated with the agenda.
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting on the 4th June 2018 as a correct record. Cllr Mrs Kingdom duly signed the minutes.

1807/08 **Highways issues – update**
Cllr Cann raised concerns that the full impact of all the developments and proposed developments on the highway system was not known and the support that had been given from the County Councillor towards a school in Tews Lane, and that it was unrealistic to think that parents would not drive their children to school. These concerns were shared by members and Cllr Mrs Cann informed the Council that members of the public had raised similar concerns with her and that parents will not walk to drop their children off at the new school. Cllr Ms Scott felt that the school would have some responsibility to ensure there are drop off procedures.

- 1807/09 **Matters to Note** (all held in the office unless specified as enclosed)
- Email from NDC re Planning Appeal - Old School House, Bickington Road, Bickington, Barnstaple, Application ref: 63999 (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
 - North Devon Record Office – Archive Report 2017/18 and Annual Forward Plan (Copies already circulated to Cllrs)
 - DCC – Traffic Sensitive Streets Consultation – 2018 (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)
 - Correspondence from RGP Architects reference planning application for proposed kitchen extension at Fremington Quay (Copy enclosed for Cllrs)

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

- 1807/10 **County and District Councillors' Reports** - To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillors for information only.
Cllr Cann reported that the three weekly collections in the trial areas had been a success and had seen recycling rates increase, in the next two years there will not be any landfill from North Devon Council it will be going to the waste to energy plant.

- 1807/11 **To receive completed Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to receive and note Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms from Cllrs Crawford and Mrs Cann, it was noted that Cllr Adam's Declaration of Acceptance of Office form had been received at the previous meeting.

- 1807/12 **To consider response on Consultation on ways to improve library services to rural and isolated communities**
Members were keen to see the service retained and improved as the consultation suggested and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for members to respond to the consultation as individuals and not as a Council.

- 1807/13 **To volunteer a council working party to work with the community champion on a specific community job** (item requested by Cllr Groves a similar item was also requested by Cllr Biederman)
Cllr Groves explained that he felt the clearance of vegetation along the BOAT Road refuse areas could be a project for the community champion from Asda and any Councillors that are available could attend to assist. It was also felt that the pathways around the nature reserve could be a project for the community champion and a litter picking event around the parish. It was **resolved**, with no votes to suggest these projects to the community champion and to ask any Councillors available to attend.

- 1807/14 **To seek council support to contact the local MP with regards to the cost of holidays during school holidays, and request feedback on how the government is planning to address the issue of the disproportionate impact on poorer families within our parish that the current system has** (item requested by Cllr Groves)
Cllr Groves explained the impact of not being able to take children on holiday during school terms and the expense families face of having to take holidays during the school holiday periods. He explained that a number of parents do take their children out of school with a larger number considering taking their children out of school to enable them to take affordable family holidays. He further explained that some parents are applying for loans to be able to take family holidays and the effects this can have on mental health and family breakdowns. Members sympathised with the situation but was unsure what the Parish Council could do to resolve a national problem. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the MP asking for his comments on the matter.

1807/15

To consider the adoption and management of the Multi Use Games Area on the former Army Camp Development site

Members were informed that the MUGA was nearing transfer from the developer to the Parish Council and the Council had agreed in principle to accept the community facilities on the development site. It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr Biederman were instructed to visit a MUGA with an entry system, however, they had been unable to co-ordinate a date and Cllr Biederman had been in touch with the provider who was known to him and ascertained the details which had already been circulated to members and had been re-circulated for consideration. Members did not feel that this had followed what was agreed at the previous meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, for the Clerk and Cllrs Chalmers and Rennles to visit a working system and to delegate authority to proceed with this matter to the Clerk in consultation with Cllrs Chalmers and Rennles.

Members raised concerns that members of the public had been using the MUGA and some residents appear to have been appointed as key holders for the site. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write to the developer to express concerns about the allegations and the safety of those using the facility.

1807/16

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

64951 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: Milchester Lodge, Hopperstyle, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Fairley

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

64998 Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: 8 Dewberry Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr Lowdon

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to recommend REFUSAL the proposal is over intensification of the site and an intrusion onto the public highway.

65011 Proposal: Extension to building to provide a larger kitchen for Café
Location: Fremington Quay Café, Fremington Quay, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr P Duffy

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to comment on this application as the Parish Council leases the land and is the landlord.

65014 Proposal: Reserved matters application for erection of Enterprise Centre Building together with car parking, access road & associated hard & soft landscaping (outline planning permission 62879
Location: Plot 5, Roundswell South Business Park, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Devon County Council

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to express the Council's dismay, the proposal is a visual intrusion, the emerging local plan is yet to be adopted and there is not enough parking proposed for the facility. If the application does proceed the Parish Council would request that the landscaping is implemented first.

Cllrs Mrs Cann and Crawford raised the issue of being unable to hear other members of the Council, members agreed that this was an issue and options should be investigated. Unfortunately the raising of the concerns became heated and the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the situation to calm and regain control of the meeting. Once this had been achieved the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Cllr Mrs McCormack-Hole left the meeting at 8.33pm and did not return.

65016 Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 6 Welchs Lane, Yelland, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr I Frazer

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

65028 Proposal: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order in respect of removal of one Ash tree & selective branch removal of one Ash tree
Location: Anchorwood, Sticklepath, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr I Honnor

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, that the Parish Council would only support the application and any works to the trees if it was in the interest of good tree management and/or safety.

65059 Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 53147 (residential development of 277 dwellings with associated public space, affordable housing, recreational facilities, landscaping & access following the demolition of existing buildings & the refurbishment of 2 former military buildings for community uses) in respect of northern footpath
Location: Former Army Camp, Hill Top, Fremington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Barratt Homes

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

65100 Proposal: Erection of first floor extension
Location: 46 Lower Cross Road, Bickington, Barnstaple
Applicant/Agent: Mr & Mrs Dymond

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

1807/17

Devon County Council – Planning Decision

Devon County Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following application with conditions as filed:

Application ref: DCC/4051/2018

Application Number: PD/64816

Proposal: Removal of old dilapidated “Devon Lady” classroom block and replacement with a permanent modular classroom building

Location: Fremington Community Primary School, Beechfield Road, Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Dale Walker, NPS SW Ltd

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

1807/18

North Devon Council – Planning Decisions

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

64300 Proposal: Erection of 31 commercial units comprising 27 use class B1 (business) units & 4 use class B8 (storage & distribution) units together with associated access, parking & landscaping

Location: Land off Fishleigh Road, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Fearnley Lott Architects

64513 Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of Condition 5 (tree and hedgerow protection), Condition 6 (ecological impact assessment), Condition 7 (surface water drainage), Condition 8 (archaeological work) and Condition 10 (construction & layout works) attached to planning permission 63356

Location: Land west of Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Boyer

64691 Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling

Location: Farm View (former Penhill Nursery), Fremington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr R Bedner, Research+Design

64730 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling

Location: 1 Cornflower Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: Mr W Smith

64917 Proposal: Extensions to dwelling together with alterations to driveway

Location: 16 Mead Park, Bickington, Barnstaple

Applicant/Agent: D & J May Architectural Services

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

1807/19

Councillors Questions

Cllr Groves asked who is responsible for maintaining the Tarka Trail as the Instow crossing through is almost impassable, it was noted that it is the responsibility of Devon County Council and this would be reported to the County Councillor.

1807/20 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.

PART B

1807/21 **To receive further information from the Fremington Quay Tenants and consider request for approval of a Warden on the lease**
The information had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree to the request for the named person to be a Warden on the lease.

1807/22 **Close**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

Signed Dated

